

TRADER NOTICE No. 5 OF 2015

To: All registered Importers of plant and plant produce

Subject: Discontinuance of issuing Colorado Beetle (CB) Licences by post

With effect from Tuesday, 5th May 2015, the practice of issuing Colorado Beetle Licences by post to Registered Importers of Plant and Plant Produce granted under the applicable EU and National Legislation will be discontinued.

Reflecting the changeover to the paperless process under which Registered Importers submit Plant Importation Request (PIR) Forms introduced in June 2014, the elimination of issuing hard copy versions of CB Licences by this Office will result in the implementation of a fully paperless system for PIR applications and CB Licences from the above date.

Registered Importers, and where applicable their handling agents, will continue to receive an electronic scanned copy of each CB Licence granted by this office.

The scanned version of the CB Licence issued by this office will continue to reference all applicable information necessary to complete an importation, including reference to phytosanitary requirements to be satisfied and the relevant notification processes with staff of the Horticulture and Plant Health Division based in the Border Inspection Posts at Dublin Airport and Dublin Port.

Registered Importers are obliged to retain these records for a minimum of one year from the date of issue.

In the event that you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact this office either by emailing plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie or alternatively by telephone (01)5058885.

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