

**TRADER NOTICE No. 4 OF 2015**

**To: All registered importers of plant and plant produce**

**Subject: Commencement of electronic issuing of Clearance Certificates for consignments of plant and plant produce from Third Countries (non EU countries), into Dublin Port.**

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plant or plant products and against their spread within the Community and Trader Notice No. 1 of 2015; the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is introducing the following procedural changes:

With effect from **Friday 01/05/15**, the practice of issuing hard copies of Clearance Certificates to registered importers or their handling agents will discontinue. From 01/05/15 Clearance Certificates will be forwarded by email to the registered importer or their handling agent and copied to Customs. This new procedure has been agreed with Customs.

The original Phytosanitary Certificate must be received at the address below within **5 working days** of DAFM issuing the associated Clearance Certificate. It is the responsibility of registered importers to ensure that each and every original Phytosanitary Certificate is delivered to the address below. A copy of the associated Clearance Certificate must be attached to and forwarded with the Phytosanitary Certificate. The original Phytosanitary Certificate will be retained by DAFM.

**Issuing of Colorado Beetle Licences for subsequent consignments will be dependent on the receipt of the original Phytosanitary Certificate together with the associated Clearance Certificate, within the timeline outlined above.**

Forwarding address: Port BIP Phytosanitary Certificates,  
Crop Policy, Production and Safety Division,  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Backweston Administration Building,  
Celbridge,  
Co. Kildare.

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

**These revised procedures apply only to Dublin  
Port.  
The existing arrangements for consignments  
into Dublin Airport remain unchanged.**

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