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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):
  - Certain plants for planting (of Corylus avellana, Glycine max, Vaccinium, Vitis, Rubus, Malus, Prunus and Pelargonium).
  - Wood, bark, and plants, other than fruit and seeds, of *Juglans ailantifolia*, *J. mandshurica*, *Pterocarya rhoifolia* and *Chionanthus virginicus*.
  - Plants, other than fruit and seeds, of Pinopsida.
  - Parts of plants, other than fruit and seeds, of Acer, Aesculus, Arbutus menziesii, Betula, Carpinus, Carya illinoinensis, Ceanothus, Cercis, Cercocarpus montanus, Cornus, Corylus, Crataegus, Eriobotrya japonica, Fagus sylvatica, Ficus carica, Frangula californica, Heteromeles arbutifolia, Juglans, Malus, Ostrya virginiana, Pickeringia montana, Platanus, Populus, Prunus, Pyrus, Quercus, Ribes, Rosa, Salix, Sorbus aucuparia, Tilia, Ulmus, and Vaccinium.
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 10

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- **6. Description of content:** The following amendments are being made to England, Scotland, and Wales (Great Britain) assimilated (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072):
  - 1. The addition of Neodiprion abietis to the Quarantine Pest list.
  - 2. The addition of *Pseudomonas avellanae* to the Quarantine Pest list, including the need to meet the associated import requirements.
  - 3. The removal of the pest Tobacco ringspot virus from the Quarantine Pest list, instead adding it to the Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest list with specified host plants for planting.
  - 4. An update to the plants regulated in relation to the Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest Tomato ringspot virus.
  - 5. An update to the plants regulated in relation to the Quarantine Pest Agrilus planipennis.

- 6. The extension of certain import requirements to cover all conifer plants due to taxonomy changes.
- 7. Add Pochazia shantungensis as a GB provisional quarantine pest.
- 8. Consequential amendments to Annex 11 to ensure that regulated commodities are pre-notified and inspected at a rate higher than 1%.

More information on the measures can be found in the attached Q&A in section 9.

- Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
  - [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

ISPM 02 - Framework for pest risk analysis

ISPM 11 - Pest risk analysis for guarantine pests

ISPM 16 - Regulated non-quarantine pests: concept and application

ISPM 20 - Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

More information on the specific changes to the legislation are included in the attachment to this notification.

More information on the planned measures can be found in the Q&A attached (available in English)

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 May 2025

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 8 May 2025

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The extension of certain import requirements to cover all conifer plants, outlined in bullet 6 of section 6, is subject to a six- month implementation period and will enter into force on 8th November 2025.

All other measures will enter into force on 30th May 2025.

[ ] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2025

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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