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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED KINGDOM 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): Plants for planting (HS Codes: 06 02 10, 06 02 20, 06 02 90, 06 04 20, 06 04 90, 12 11 90, 14 04 90), wood (HS Codes: 44 01 12, 44 01 40, 44 01 22, 44 03 12, 44 03 91, 44 03 99, 44 04 20, 44 06 12, 44 06 92, 44 07 91, 44 07 99, 44 08 90, 44 16 00, 94 06 10, 14 04 90)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Canada; China; Japan; Korea, Democratic People's Republic of; Korea, Republic of; Russian Federation; Chinese Taipei; Turkey; United States of America; Viet Nam
5.	Title of the notified document: The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2021. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/GBR/21_2447_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This instrument amends the retained Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 ("the Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation") pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and European Union (Withdrawal Agreement Act 2020). It will introduce measures in England, Scotland and Wales (Great Britain) for certain pests (<i>Neocerambyx raddei</i> and <i>Agrilus bilineatus</i>) against the import of host plants and other relevant regulated goods of <i>Quercus</i> , <i>Castanea</i> , and <i>Castaniopsis</i> from certain countries. Pest Risk Analyses (PRAs), conducted by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO), have recommended both pests for regulation and suggested the approach that Great Britain are introducing to tackle these risks to biosecurity. Based on these PRAs, these pests were added in January 2021 as provisional quarantine pests (PQPs) in GB legislation (The Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020). No objections were raised by the countries concerned. This PQP listing means there is already an obligation to ensure freedom from these pests, but no specific requirements about how this must be achieved or a mechanism to monitor compliance through declarations on the phytosanitary certificate. The measures being notified define the requirements, to provide clarity to National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPOs) and industry and set in place the process by which we can be assured that pest freedom will be achieved. Further, a failure to implement the legislation as soon as possible extends the period that Great Britain is exposed to the serious biosecurity threat presented by these two pests as set out in the EPPO PRAs.

<p>For these reasons, the measures will be laid following closure of the comment period and will come in to force 21 days later. This will limit the period in which specific requirements are not in place, and therefore provide biosecurity assurances for the United Kingdom.</p> <p>In addition, this instrument amends the Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation to make provision that in effect re-instates a derogation as referenced in the Commission Decision (EU) 2002/499/EC, that expired on 31 December 2020, in respect to bonsai plants from the Republic of Korea.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISPM 4 on the requirements for establishment of pest free areas - ISPM 10 on the requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Regulations come into force on 17 June 2021.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Laying these Regulations on 27 May 2021.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 May 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>
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