



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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All plants for planting;• Plants (except seeds) of <i>Abies</i>, <i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>, <i>Juniperus</i>, <i>Larix</i>, <i>Picea</i>, <i>Pinus</i>, <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>, <i>Thuja</i>;• Wood and isolated bark of <i>Abies</i>, <i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>, <i>Juniperus</i>, <i>Larix</i>, <i>Picea</i>, <i>Pinus</i>, <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>, <i>Thuja</i>;• Root and tubercle vegetables (other than <i>Solanum tuberosum</i>);• Fruits of <i>Fragaria</i> L., <i>Malus</i> Mill., <i>Persea americana</i> Mill., <i>Pyrus</i> L., <i>Rubus</i> L., <i>Vaccinium</i> L., and <i>Vitis</i> L.;• Plants of <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L. other than stems covered during their entire life by soil.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 21 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/GBR/24_05868_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The following amendments are being made to England, Scotland, and Wales (Great Britain) assimilated law (Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2019/2072): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing new specific import requirements following the completion of a full pest risk analysis (PRA) by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) which resulted in <i>Heterobasidion irregulare</i> being declared a GB quarantine pest (QP);• Introducing a requirement for certain plants for planting being imported into Great Britain to have been grown on a nursery. Following the completion of risk assessments under the UK Border Target Operating Model, the following plant products imported from the European Union and Switzerland will have their risk category changed. These changes will impact trade once the current EU fruit and vegetable easement has expired: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The below plant products will be deregulated:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Root and tubercle vegetables (other than <i>Solanum tuberosum</i>)○ Fruit of <i>Fragaria</i> L.○ Fruits of <i>Malus</i> Mill.○ Fruits of <i>Persea americana</i> Mill.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fruits of <i>Pyrus</i> L. ○ Fruits of <i>Rubus</i> L. ○ Fruits of <i>Vaccinium</i> L. ● Fruit of <i>Vitis</i> L. from the European Union and Switzerland will no longer require pre-notification and will be subject to a reduced level of checks; ● Plants of <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L. other than stems covered during their entire life by soil from the European Union, Switzerland and Liechtenstein will require pre-notification; ● Introducing new specific import requirements for the GB quarantine pest <i>Popillia japonica</i> Newton, taking into account the UK pest risk analysis (PRA); ● Adding an extra option for the import of certain plants of <i>Capsicum</i> spp.; ● Technical updates to clarify or correct the legislation. <p>More information on the measures can be found at: PH052-QA-for-Portal-0509.pdf (defra.gov.uk)</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 checked="" 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 02 - Framework for pest risk analysis - ISPM 11 - Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests - ISPM 16 - Regulated non-quarantine pests: concept and application - ISPM 20 - Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system <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: More information on the specific changes to the legislation are included in the attachment to this notification.</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2025 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 January 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 November 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building</p>

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