

Guidance

Check if plants you want to import from the EU are high priority

From 1 January 2021, new requirements will apply to UK imports of high priority plants and plant products from the EU. This includes the requirement for:

- Goods to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate;
- Import pre-notification to be submitted to competent authority by the GB importer;
- Documentary and identity checks and physical inspection.

This list will come into effect from 1 January 2021.

List of EU-GB High Priority Plants from 01 January 2021		
Category	Legal requirement	Common name(s)
Machinery and vehicles	Machinery and vehicles which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes	Agricultural machinery and vehicles
Plants for planting	Plants for planting, other than seeds	All plants for planting
Potatoes	Tubers of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L. intended for planting	Seed potatoes
Potatoes	Tubers of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Ware potatoes
Seed	Seeds of <i>Castanea</i>	Chestnut seed
Seed	Seeds of <i>Capsicum</i> spp. L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.,	Chilli and tomato seed
Seed	Seeds of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Potato seed
Seed	Seed of <i>Helianthus annuus</i> L., <i>Medicago sativa</i> L., <i>Allium cepa</i> L., <i>Allium porrum</i> L., <i>Phaseolus cocineus</i> ., <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	Sunflower seed; Alfalfa seed; Onion seed, Leek seed; Runner bean seed; French bean seed
Seed	Vegetable seeds of <i>Pisum sativum</i> L. and <i>Vicia faba</i> L.	Green pea seed; broad bean seed
Seed	Seeds of oil and fibre plants of <i>Brassica napus</i> L. <i>Brassica rapa</i> L., <i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	Rapeseed; White mustard seed
Seed	Seeds of oil and fibre plants of <i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill and <i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	Soybean seed; flax seed or linseed

Plant parts	Cut trees/branches of Conifers (Pinales) over 3m	Conifer cut trees/branches
Bark	Isolated bark of Castanea	Chestnut bark
Bark	Isolated bark of Conifers (Pinales)	Conifer bark
Bark	Isolated bark of Juglans L. and Pterocarya Kunth .	Walnut bark; Wingnut bark
Wood	Wood of Platanus L., including wood which has not kept its natural round surface	Plane wood
Wood	Wood of Castanea Mill., excluding wood which is bark-free	Chestnut wood, aside from bark free chestnut wood
Wood	Wood of Conifers (Pinales), excluding wood which is bark-free	Conifer wood, aside from bark free conifer wood
Wood *	Wood of Conifers (Pinales), including wood which has not kept its natural round surface, originating in Portugal or Spain	Conifer wood
Wood *	Wood of Prunus L. including wood which has not kept its natural round surface with the exception of Prunus laurocerasus L.; originating in Germany or Italy	Wood of Plum, Peach, Nectarine, Apricot etc. Does not include wood of English laurel
Wood *	Wood of Acer L., Aesculus L., Alnus L., Betula L., Carpinus L., Cercidiphyllum Siebold & Zucc., Corylus L., Fagus L., Fraxinus L., Koelreuteria Medikus., Platanus L., Populus L., Salix L., Tilia L. and Ulmus L., including wood which has not kept its natural round surface, originating in Austria, France, Finland, Germany and Italy	Wood of Maple; Horse Chestnut; Alder; Birch; Hornbeam; Katsura; Hazel; Beech; Ash; Golden-rain; Plane; Poplar; Willow; Lime; Elm
Wood	Wood of Juglans L. and Pterocarya Kunth.	Walnut; Wingnuts

* We will require phytosanitary certificates from these countries listed, based on current information (i.e. those where the named pests are present).

In other cases the requirement for a phytosanitary certificate applies to the EU as a whole.