

Annex A: Stakeholder engagement on changes to checks and fees relating to the import of plants, plant products, and other objects¹.

Section 1: Introduction

1.1. This stakeholder engagement seeks your views on the following proposed amendments to the Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022/739 “the Plant Health Frequency of Checks Regulations”), the Official Controls Regulation 2017/625 (“OCR”), Plant Health etc. (Fees) (England) Regulations 2018/289 and the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (“the English and Welsh fees regulations”), and the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014. The proposed changes are to deliver:

- 1.1.1. Risk-based documentary checks are currently conducted on certain goods from EU member states, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. We propose to expand these to include medium risk plants, plant products, and other objects from non-EU ‘third countries’. We would also ensure fees for documentary checks are aligned with the reduced frequency of checks.
- 1.1.2. Amendments to the associated fees for import inspections following changes to import inspection frequencies for certain goods from the rest of the world.
- 1.1.3. Delay the planned introduction of import checks, and associated fees, on medium risk fruit and vegetables from the European Union, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.
- 1.1.4. Delay the introduction of checks on goods from the European Union, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, entering GB via West Coast Ports from the Island of Ireland until the end of the Transitional Staging Period.

Section 2: Proposed Changes - Amendments to Fees and Documentary Checks

Amendments to Documentary Checks

2.1. Amendments to the Plant Health Frequency of Checks Regulations are proposed to expand risk-based documentary checks (currently conducted on certain goods from EU member states, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) to include prescribed medium risk plants, plant products and other objects from non-EU ‘third countries’.

¹ Other objects as described in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 of the Plant Health etc (Fees) (England) Regulations 2018/289, amendments to which are contained in this stakeholder engagement.

Amendments to Fees

2.2. The English and Welsh fees Regulations will be amended to ensure that, where goods are eligible for a reduced frequency of documentary check, then the proportionally reduced fee will also apply. For consignments with multiple Phytosanitary Certificates (PCs) the highest applicable documentary check fee will be applied to all PCs. This is because, each PC in such a consignment will be checked at the highest applicable rate for that consignment.

2.3. The proposed changes will replace the table in Schedule 2B of the English fees Regulations and the Welsh fees Regulations with the below table.

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Category and description of plant, plant product or other object</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Country of origin</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Fee: Documentary check (£)</i>
Cut flowers		
<i>Dendranthema</i> (DC.) Des Moul. (<i>Chrysanthemum</i> L.)	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Dianthus</i>	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Eryngium</i> Tournier ex Linnaeus.	Any third country other than an EU Member State, European third country, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.52
<i>Gypsophila</i> L.	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Lisianthus</i> L.	Any third country other than an EU member state, European third country, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.52
<i>Rosa</i> L.	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Solidago</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.52
<i>Other genera not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.26
Branches with foliage, parts of Conifers (other than bark or cut Christmas trees)		
<i>All genera</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.26
Fruit, vegetables, leaves		
<i>Momordica</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15

	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.62
<i>Ocimum L.</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Solanaceae Juss. (other than <i>Solanum tuberosum L. Solanum lycopersicum, Solanum melongena L. and Capsicum sp.</i>)</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.62
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Solanum melongena L.</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Turkey	1.57
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Turkey	2.62
<i>Capsicum</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Zea mays</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Persea americana</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Vitis</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Malus</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Pyrus</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Fragaria</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Rubus</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
<i>Vaccinium</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15

<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, or Switzerland	5.25
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
<i>Other genera or species of fruit or vegetables not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.25
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
<i>Other leaves not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.26
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.26
Cut Christmas trees (less than 3 metres in height)		
<i>All genera</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.26

2.4. We also propose to update the associated fees for import inspections following changes in import inspection frequencies for certain goods. This will ensure that fees collected for import inspections of these goods maintain full cost recovery. Additionally, fees for checks of seeds of *Triticum L.*, *Secale L.* and *x Triticosecale*, from certain third countries are re-inserted following incorrect removal via The Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024. These changes are **highlighted** in the table below.

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
<i>Category and description of plant, plant product or other object</i>	<i>Country of origin</i>	<i>Fee: Physical check (£)</i>	<i>Fee: Identity check (£)</i>
Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers (other than tubers of potatoes), onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, dormant, not in substrate			
All genera intended for planting, other than commercial flower production, and not intended for final users ⁽¹⁾	Any third country	205.04	5.25
All genera intended for planting, and intended for commercial flower production, or for final users	Any third country	20.50	0.52
Cuttings, seedlings intended for planting, not specified or			

included anywhere else in this table

All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
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Plants for planting

Woody plants ⁽³⁾ (other than specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting and intended for final users ⁽⁴⁾ . All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
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Non-woody plants ⁽³⁾ (other than specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting. All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
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Indoor plants ⁽⁴⁾ . All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
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Other plants (other than specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting. All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
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Cut flowers

Dendranthema (DC.) Des Moul. (Chrysanthemum L.)	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
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Columbia or Ecuador	21.37	2.62
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Any third country other than an EU Member State, Columbia, Ecuador, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	42.74	5.25
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Dianthus

<u>Columbia</u>	<u>2.13</u>	<u>0.26</u>
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<u>Ecuador</u>	<u>6.41</u>	<u>0.78</u>
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<u>Kenya</u>	<u>2.13</u>	<u>0.26</u>
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<u>Turkey</u>	<u>10.68</u>	<u>1.31</u>
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<u>Any third country other than Columbia, an EU Member State, Ecuador, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Turkey</u>	<u>42.74</u>	<u>5.25</u>
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Eryngium Tournier ex Linnaeus.	Any third country other than an EU Member State, European third country, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	4.27	0.52
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<u>Gypsophila L.</u>	<u>Ecuador</u>	<u>2.13</u>	<u>0.26</u>
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<u>Kenya</u>	<u>4.27</u>	<u>0.52</u>
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<u>Any third country other than an EU Member State, Ecuador, Kenya, Liechtenstein or Switzerland</u>	<u>42.74</u>	<u>5.25</u>
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Lisianthus L.	Any third country other than an EU Member State, European third country, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	4.27	0.52
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Rosa L.	Colombia or Ecuador	1.28	0.15
	Canada, India, Mexico or the USA	21.37	2.62
	Ethiopia and Kenya	10.68	1.31
	Zambia	21.37	2.62
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Canada , Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Kenya, India , Liechtenstein, Kenya , Mexico , Switzerland or the USA Zambia	42.74	5.25
Solidago L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	4.27	0.52
Other genera not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.13	0.26
Branches with foliage, parts of Conifers (other than bark or cut Christmas trees)			
All genera	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.01	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.69	0.26
Fruit, vegetables, leaves			
Momordica L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	26.55	2.62
Ocimum L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.15	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	71.60	5.25
Solanaceae Juss. (other than Solanum tuberosum L. Solanum lycopersicum L, Solanum melongena L. and Capsicum sp.)	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15

	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	26.55	2.62
Solanum lycopersicum L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Morocco	2.65	0.26
	Canary Islands	13.27	1.31
	Any third country other than the Canary Islands, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Morocco or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
Solanum melongena L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Turkey	15.93	1.57
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Turkey	26.55	2.62
Capsicum	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
Zea mays	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
Ipomoea batatas	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than Cameroon, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
	Cameroon	53.10	5.25
Persea americana	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
Vitis	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15

	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
Malus	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	European third countries ⁽⁵⁾	7.96	0.78
	Argentina	18.58	1.83
	Chile	2.65	0.26
	New Zealand	5.31	0.52
	South Africa	7.96	0.78
	Any third country other than Argentina, Chile, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland or European Third countries ⁽⁵⁾	53.10	5.25
Pyrus	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Argentina	13.27	1.31
	Chile	7.96	0.78
	South Africa	5.31	0.52
	<u>European third countries⁽⁵⁾</u>	<u>26.55</u>	<u>2.62</u>
	Any third country other than Argentina, Chile, an EU Member State, <u>European third countries⁽⁵⁾</u> , Liechtenstein, South Africa or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
Fragaria	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
Rubus	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
Vaccinium	European third countries ⁽⁵⁾	26.55	2.62

	Argentina	<u>26.55</u>	<u>2.62</u>
	Chile	5.31	0.52
	Peru	<u>2.65</u>	<u>0.26</u>
	Any third country other than Argentina, Chile, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Peru, Switzerland or European third countries ⁽⁵⁾	53.10	5.25
Zingiber officinale	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than Cameroon, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, <u>Peru</u> or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
	Cameroon <u>and Peru</u>	53.10	5.25
Asparagus officinalis	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
Other genera or species of fruit or vegetables not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
Other leaves not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.15	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	3.58	0.26
Seeds (for sowing), tissue cultures			
All genera, for trials or testing	Any third country	12.81	0.52
Brassicaceae (other than for trials or testing)	Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	128.13	5.25
Capsicum spp. L. (other than for trials or testing)	Any third country	128.13	5.25
Poaceae (other than for trials or testing)	Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	128.13	5.25
Solanum lycopersicum L. (other than for trials or testing)	Any third country	128.13	5.25

Solanum tuberosum L. (True seed) (other than for trials or testing)	Any third country	128.13	5.25
Trifolium spp. (other than for trials or testing)	Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	128.13	5.25
<u>Secale L.</u>	<u>Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA</u>	<u>128.13</u>	<u>5.25</u>
<u>Triticum L.</u>	<u>Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA</u>	<u>128.13</u>	<u>5.25</u>
<u>X Triticosecale Wittm. ex A. Camus</u>	<u>Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA</u>	<u>128.13</u>	<u>5.25</u>
Other genera or species not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any third country	6.40	0.26
Grain (other than seeds for sowing)			
Secale L.	Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA	142.98	5.25
Triticum L.	Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA	142.98	5.25
X Triticosecale Wittm. ex A. Camus	Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA	142.98	5.25
Tubers of potatoes			
Solanum tuberosum L. (seed potatoes)	Any third country	156.69	5.25
Solanum tuberosum L. (ware potatoes)	<u>Egypt</u> , Poland, Portugal or Romania	78.34	2.62
	<u>Egypt or</u> Spain	156.69	5.25
	Any third country other than Egypt, Poland, Portugal, Romania or Spain	4.70	0.15
Cut Christmas trees (less than 3 metres in height)			
All genera	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	3.58	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member	5.98	0.26

	State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland		
Machinery or vehicles which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes	Any third country	5.98	0.26

Similar but separate fees aligning will be made in Scotland, and indicative costs can be [viewed here](#)².

Section 3: Proposed Changes - Extension of Fruit and Vegetables and West Coast Port Easements (please provide comments by 3 June 2024 to plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk)

Extension of Fruit and Vegetables Easement

3.1. We propose to delay the implementation of import checks, and the application of associated fees, on medium risk fruit and vegetables imported from the European Union, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. These products are listed in the table in Schedule 2A to the Plant Health (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. It is proposed to delay these checks, and fees, until 31 January 2025.

Extension of West Coast Port Easements

3.2. We propose to delay the implementation of checks (and associated fees) on goods from the EU, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, entering GB via a listed West Coast Port, to align this with the end of the Transitional Staging Period. Additionally, Swansea port will be added to the listed West Coast Ports.

² <https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/plant-health-fees-indicative-fees-stakeholder-engagement-non-eu-countries>