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To:  
Mr. Samuel Bishop  
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Sand Hutton, York  
United Kingdom

**Re: Export of lavender, rosemary and olive plants from Israel to the UK, and Plant Health Declarations**

Dear Mr. Bishop,

I shall open by wishing you and your colleagues at DEFRA a peaceful and blissful new year.

This letter replies to your letter dated 22 December 2023, which concerned a consignment of rosemary and lavender rooted cuttings exported from Israel, which was held in the UK due a missing pre-declaration from Israel.

I would like to thank you for your clarification of the requirement for early provision of a list of pest free places of production (PFPPs) for the export of *Lavandula* sp. (lavender), *Salvia rosmarinus* (rosemary) and *Olea europaea* (olive) plants from Israel.

Indeed, as you mentioned in your letter, we export these products to the UK under options 4 (b) (lavender, rosemary) and 5 (b) (olive). This means that export is from the area in Israel, which is outside the limited area of *Xylella fastidiosa* infestation, and from places of production which are officially approved and inspected by PPIS for freedom from *X. fastidiosa*, and that the plant consignments are inspected prior to export.

We regret that the list of PFPPs has not been communicated to DEFRA in advance, and appreciate the opportunity to do so now. Please see in the table below, the list of PFPPs that export lavender, rosemary and olive plants from Israel to the UK.



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Further to this, please see attached to this letter (Annex I, II and III in a separate document) the up to date notifications of pests that require provision of technical information by Israel, including *X. fastidiosa*, for inclusion in the DEFRA "Country Declarations" database. The technical information provided for *X. fastidiosa* presents its limited area of distribution in Israel, on a map as well as a in a table of Israel's Natural Regions.

### Places of production of lavender, rosemary an olive plants for export from Israel to the UK as of January 2024

Place of production	Plants	IL Natural Region within the <i>X. fastidiosa</i> free area
Hishtil Afula	<i>Lavandula</i> sp. (lavender), <i>Salvia rosmarinus</i> (rosemary)	234
Hishtil Gederot	<i>Lavandula</i> sp. (lavender), <i>Salvia rosmarinus</i> (rosemary)	411
Shor Net She'arim	<i>Olea europaea</i> (olive)	235

I look forward to your response and to the continued cooperation between our organizations.

Best regards,  
Sincerely,

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