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Dear Sir/Madam,

Stakeholder engagement on the technical review of plant health regulated goods in Annex 11

I am writing to notify you of the proposed changes to Annex 11 in the retained [Implementing Regulation 2019/2072](#). These changes should take effect by 30 April 2024.

Background

The phytosanitary import regime in Great Britain is not static and is kept under continuous review to ensure that it continues to address any biosecurity risk posed to the UK, and that it meets our WTO obligations by being risk-based. Under the [Border Target Operating Model](#) (BTOM), the aim is to ensure that risks are appropriately targeted, by assessing risks from all origins and ensuring that goods are subject to the most relevant and up to date category as regards their regulation (or deregulation).

Plant health controls apply to any goods that are regulated to prevent the introduction or movement of harmful pests into, and within, Great Britain:

Part A of Annex 11 lists goods that require a phytosanitary certificate and are subject to 100% checks on import (except where reduced checks are applied).

Part B of Annex 11 lists goods that require a phytosanitary certificate and are subject to 1% checks.

Part C of Annex 11 includes a list of plant products which are not subject to plant health controls, such as fruits of banana and pineapple, because they pose a negligible plant health risk.



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Issue

Based on a review of goods in Part A of Annex 11, we have identified goods, or goods from certain regions, that we believe pose a lower, or negligible, phytosanitary risk to Great Britain. We therefore plan to:

- Move goods assessed as lower phytosanitary risk (e.g., plums, cherries from certain regions) to Part B of Annex 11 so they have a lower level of checks, though still require a phytosanitary certificate,
- move goods of negligible risk (e.g., fresh coffee berries, papaya) to Part C of Annex 11; the list of plant products which are not subject to plant health controls,

A review of goods in Part B of Annex 11 is currently ongoing, as these are regulated within broad categories containing many different products, not all of which are easy to identify/assess individually. Assessments have currently been made for products which are identifiable, imported in substantial volumes and identified as priorities for review by UK industry, to establish where there is a technical case for deregulation or if the risk they pose justifies continued regulation. As such, we propose moving certain goods (e.g., spinach), or goods from a certain region, to Part A so they are subject to a higher rate of checks.

These proposals are part of an ongoing review of products included within Annex 11. Please note that fruit and vegetables from the EU are currently excluded from import controls, under transitional arrangements.

Please see Appendix A for the full list of goods and the proposed changes.

Any comments should be sent to plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk by **8 March 2024**.

Comments provided in response to this letter, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs)

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Yours faithfully

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