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Ornamental grower survey: Deadline for replies extended

We invite you to take part in an important survey of ornamental commercial growers.

This will improve our understanding of the barriers to, and costs of, reporting notifiable pests and diseases and how reporting could be encouraged and supported.

The survey results will help us to identify any potential improvements to the reporting process and incident management. For example, these improvements could include helping you to detect and identify notifiable pests and diseases and providing support to businesses when incidents occur.

The link to the survey is: <https://www.online-host.solutions/ASP/P026120>. It should take around **20 minutes** to complete and participation is voluntary. The deadline for responding is **midnight on Monday 20 January 2025**.

The List of Authorised Distance Plant Sellers (LADPS)

The introduction of new Smarter Rules for Safer Food regulations in December 2019 brought the plant internet and mail order trade into the Plant Passporting (PP) scheme.

Since then, APHA has added over 1100 businesses to those authorised to issue Plant Passports. However, monitoring and regulating the internet for plant sales requires huge effort and must be fair to all traders.

The LADPS will become a publicly available list of all businesses that are authorised to issue plant passports for plants sold by distance contract. It is expected that in time it will encourage unauthorised traders to apply to be authorised to issue plant passports and so reduce the risk to GB's plant health biosecurity.

If you are authorised to issue plant passports and would like your company to be on the list, please use the guidance on GOV.UK at:

[Join the list of authorised distance plant sellers - GOV.UK](#)

UK interceptions of quarantine pests

You can find details of recent interceptions we've made on plants and plant material to date in [2024 Non-compliance data - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](#)

The data gives a good overview of current pests and diseases that could pose a threat to businesses, growers and traders.

[See our latest interceptions](#)

Get in touch

Always check your plants for symptoms. If you suspect disease, or have any queries, please speak to your local plant inspector or contact PHSI HQ (planthealth.info@apha.gov.uk or 0300 100 0313).

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