The tobacco whitefly, *Bemisia tabaci*, is a pest of a wide range of plants, including vegetables, salad crops and ornamentals, and is a vector of more than 110 viruses. It is unlikely to establish outdoors in the UK, but it could establish under protection.

*Bemisia tabaci* is frequently intercepted on ornamentals in the UK, particularly on poinsettia, *Nerium oleander* and *Mandevilla*. The number of these interceptions has risen in 2015.

If you see any signs of the whitefly, please inform the relevant authority.

**For England and Wales, contact your local APHA Plant Health and Seeds Inspector, or the PHSI headquarters, in York:**

Tel: 01904 405138  
Email: planthealth.info@apha.gsi.gov.uk  
Web: https://www.gov.uk/plant-health-controls

**For Scotland, contact the Scottish Government’s Horticulture and Marketing Unit:**

Tel: 0131 244 8935  
Email: hort.marketing@gov.scot  
Web: www.gov.scot

**For Northern Ireland, contact the DARD Plant Health Inspection Branch:**

Tel: 0300 200 7847  
Email: planthealth@dardni.gov.uk  
Web: www.dardni.gov.uk

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**Fig. 1.** Pupa (fourth larval stage) of *Bemisia tabaci*.  
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**Fig. 2.** Adult *Bemisia tabaci*.  
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