

Used Machinery Operated for Agricultural or Forestry Purposes for Export to the EU and Northern Ireland

Definitions

For export to the EU and movement to Northern Ireland (NI), a phytosanitary certificate (PC) is required for used machinery operated for agricultural or forestry purposes. The machinery in scope of this requirement are those covered by the commodity codes listed in point 1 of Annex XI to Regulation 2019/2072. These can also be found in the Annex to this guidance.

For exports to non-EU countries the appropriate requirements of the importing country must be complied with.

1. General Conditions

- 1.1. It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure that any used machinery complies with the conditions of the importing country. Used machinery that does not comply with the conditions described in this guidance will not be issued with a PC.

2. New Machinery or Equipment

- 2.1. There are no plant health conditions on the importation of new machinery into the EU and Northern Ireland.

3. Used Machinery

- 3.1. To be issued with a PC for export to the EU or NI, all used machinery must be washed and cleaned before shipping to ensure freedom from soil and other debris.

4. Inspection Before Export

- 4.1. Machinery must be thoroughly washed down on any external-facing panels as well as the undercarriage to ensure the machinery is visually free from soil and other debris that may have become lodged in the machinery. Particular attention should be paid to: the underside of the cab/machine, wheel arches, hydraulic pipes, front and rear axles, drive chain, PTO, sieves, straw walkers, panels and edges that can hold soil or plant debris. If the machinery has a cab/compartment this should be carefully vacuum cleaned and swept to remove any soil deposits or debris. Filters should also be checked for contaminants.
- 4.2. The machinery should be visually free from soil: that is to say there should be no appreciable signs of soil or other debris.
- 4.3. Used machinery shall be inspected by a plant health inspector before export.

- 4.4. The inspector will need the exact location of where to perform the inspection in a safe and secure manner, which should be included on the export application. It is the responsibility of the exporter to make sure that the machinery is easily accessible and safe to inspect.
- 4.5. The machinery must be ready for export at the time of inspection. This means that the machinery must have been cleaned. Should the machinery not meet the pre-export inspection requirements a re-inspection, at a later date and time may occur, but will be subject to additional inspection fees.
- 4.6. On the phytosanitary certificate, the exporter's name and address must be specified. The exporter must be based in GB. The importer's name and address must also be specified on the phytosanitary certificate.
- 4.7. Multiple pieces of machinery can be inspected at once, even if they are being exported to different locations, but will require their own separate phytosanitary certificate if going to multiple consignees.
- 4.8. The exporter must ensure that the machinery does not become contaminated after the inspection, such as during travel from the inspection area to the loading area.
- 4.9. The Movement Assistance Scheme means that fees for inspections and PCs will not be charged for exports of used machinery to Northern Ireland for as long as that scheme is operating.

Annex – list of machinery requiring a PC to enter the EU and NI:

Machinery and vehicles which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes:

Description	Code
Ploughs	ex 8432 10 00
Harrows, scarifiers, cultivators, weeders and hoes	ex 8432 21 00 ex 8432 29 10 ex 8432 29 30 ex 8432 29 50 ex 8432 29 90
Seeders, planters and transplanters	ex 8432 31 00 ex 8432 39 11 ex 8432 39 19 ex 8432 39 90
Manure spreaders and fertiliser distributors	ex 8432 41 00 ex 8432 42 00
Other machinery	ex 8432 80 00
Parts	ex 8432 90 00
<i>Harvesting or threshing machinery, including straw or fodder balers; grass or hay mowers; machines for cleaning, sorting or grading eggs, fruit or other agricultural produce, other than machinery of heading 8437 – already operated</i>	
Straw or fodder balers, including pick-up balers	ex 8433 40 00
Combine harvesters-threshers	ex 8433 51 00
Root or tuber harvesting machines	ex 8433 53 10 ex 8433 53 30 ex 8433 53 90
<i>Other agricultural, horticultural, forestry, poultry-keeping or bee-keeping machinery, including germination plant fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment; poultry incubators and brooders – already operated</i>	
Forestry machinery	ex 8436 80 10
Tractors (other than tractors of heading 8709) – already operated	
Road tractors for semi-trailers	ex 8701 20 90
Other than single axle tractors, road tractors or track-laying tractors	ex 8701 91 10 ex 8701 92 10
Agricultural tractors and forestry tractors, wheeled	ex 8701 93 10 ex 8701 94 10 ex 8701 95 10