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| Acronym      | Meaning  |
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| <b>AD</b>    | Additional Declaration - Actions that need to be taken prior to import/export for pests and diseases of particular concern to the European Union, the details of which may appear on the Phytosanitary Certificate accompanying the consignment. May also be known as special requirement. |
| <b>ALB</b>   | Asian Longhorn Beetle ( <i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> ) –invasive pest listed in the Plant Health Directive  |
| <b>ALVS</b>  | Automatic License Verification System - Links PEACH and CHIEF together   |
| <b>AWB</b>   | Air Way Bill – Waybill for goods transported by air  |
| <b>BCP</b>   | Border Control Post  |
| <b>BCMP</b>  | Biosecurity Control Management Plant (required for PHEATS)   |
| <b>BR</b>    | Brown Rot – of potato is caused by the bacterium <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> and is listed in the EC Plant Health Directive and is notifiable in the UK  |
| <b>CA</b>    | Competent Authority – The central authority responsible for the organisation of official controls and of other official activities.  |
| <b>CB</b>    | Colorado Beetle ( <i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i> ) – Notifiable quarantine pest whose introduction is prohibited under the EC Single Market Protected Zone arrangements  |
| <b>CEO</b>   | Chief Executive Officer – The most senior corporate officer of the Agency responsible for overall operations and performance   |
| <b>CHIEF</b> | Customs Handling of Import/Export Freight system - Customs clearance system  |
| <b>CLB</b>   | Citrus Longhorn Beetle ( <i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> ) – Non-native pest; a quarantine pest for the EU  |

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| <b>CMR</b>  | Convention relative au contrat de transport international de marchandises par route. It's a waybill for goods transported by road   |
| <b>CRN</b>  | Client Reference Number - unique number for each client generated by eDomero  |
| <b>DED</b>  | Dutch Elm Disease – a fungus ( <i>Ophiostoma novo-ulmi</i> ) which has affected most mature elms across Britain   |
| <b>DUCR</b> | Declaration Unique Consignment Reference - used by the customs system as the main consignment identity code   |
| <b>DUS</b>  | Distinctness, uniformity and stability – requirements as set out in Commission Directive for certain agricultural and vegetable species.  |
| <b>EPPO</b> | European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization – Responsible for cooperation across member countries to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests                          |
| <b>ETSF</b> | External Temporary Storage Facility - bonded warehouse without airside access   |
| <b>EU</b>   | European Union  |
| <b>FC</b>   | Forestry Commission – A devolved body to protect and expand forests and woodland  |
| <b>FERA</b> | Formerly the Food and Environment Research Agency, now FSL (see below)  |
| <b>FSL</b>  | Fera Science Limited – privatised agency who diagnose the PHSI's samples  |
| <b>GB</b>   | Great Britain   |
| <b>GSI</b>  | Growing Season Inspection – Physical inspections during active growth   |
| <b>GQI</b>  | General Quarantine Inspection – Physical inspections of intra-trade community material  |
| <b>HMI</b>  | – Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate - inspectorate of the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) with responsibility for the enforcement of the EU Marketing Standards for fresh fruit and vegetables |

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| <b>HMRC</b>    | HM Revenue & Customs - the UK's tax, payments and customs authority   |
| <b>HO</b>      | Harmful Organism  |
| <b>HONS</b>    | Hardy Ornamental Nursery Stock – fruit stock, roses, ornamental trees, shrubs, conifers, hedging plants   |
| <b>HSVd</b>    | Hop Stunt Viroid – the cause of hop stunt in <i>Humulus lupulus</i>   |
| <b>IP</b>      | Import Permit – Additional requirements stated by importing authorities of actions that need to be taken prior to export; it should accompany the Phytosanitary Certificate and the consignment |
| <b>IPPC</b>    | International Plant Protection Convention – Agreement on plant health to prevent the introduction and spread of pests   |
| <b>LFD</b>     | Lateral Flow Device – used to detect the presence/absence of a specific analyte   |
| <b>MS</b>      | Member State – Countries belonging to the EU  |
| <b>NIAB</b>    | National Institute of Agricultural Botany – Provide research and information to the horticultural and agricultural industries   |
| <b>NPPO</b>    | National Plant Protection Organisation  |
| <b>ONS</b>     | Ornamental Nursery Stock – (See HONS)   |
| <b>P&amp;D</b> | Pest and Disease  |
| <b>PBR</b>     | Plant Breeder's Rights – A breeder's exclusive control and legal protection over plant material and new varieties   |
| <b>PC</b>      | Phytosanitary Certificate   |
| <b>PCN</b>     | Potato Cyst Nematodes ( <i>Globodera pallida/rostochiensis</i> ) – found in the soil and attack solanaceous plants  |
| <b>PEACH</b>   | Procedure for Electronic Application for Certificates from the HMI  |
| <b>PHA</b>     | Port Health Authorities – entrusted with preventing the introduction into the country of dangerous epidemic, contagious and infectious diseases and   |

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|               | ensuring the wholesomeness of imported food<br>PHIT – Plant Health Import Task - work represented by a single entry (PEACH application) on the eDomero status screen             |
| <b>PHEATS</b> | Plant Health Exports Audited Trader Scheme   |
| <b>POE</b>    | Point of Entry - Approved places where import consignments are located when it completes HMRC clearance procedures.  |
| <b>PP</b>     | Plant Passport – controls the movement of high risk material within the EU, following the creation of the European single market   |
| <b>PRA</b>    | Pest Risk Analysis – the process of evaluating a range of evidence to determine whether a pest should be regulated and the strength of any measures to be taken against it       |
| <b>PRS</b>    | Pesticide Residue Sampling – sampling of ware potatoes by PHSI as part of the UK’s official monitoring programme, run by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE)                     |
| <b>PSTVd</b>  | Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid – affects tomatoes, potatoes and solanaceous ornamentals; considered absent from the EU  |
| <b>PVS</b>    | Plant Varieties and Seeds – A section of the Inspectorate focusing on the regulation of plant breeders, the National Listing of varieties and seed certification                 |
| <b>PWD</b>    | – Potato Wart Disease – caused by the soil-borne fungus <i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i> . Land is scheduled under Notice if intercepted and immune varieties have been developed |
| <b>QS</b>     | Quarantine Surveillance  |
| <b>QPD</b>    | Quarantine Pest & Disease – Pests and diseases as listed in the PHO that must be notified to DEFRA upon interception   |
| <b>SID</b>    | Sample ID – Refers to samples created on eDomero   |
| <b>SLA</b>    | Service Level Agreement – Part of a contract where aspects of the commitment are quantified  |
| <b>SOP</b>    | Standard Operating Procedure – Documented ways of working to ensure a standard approach  |

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| <b>RPA</b>   | Rural Payments Agency – the paying agency for the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) schemes in England (amongst other roles)  |
| <b>RR</b>    | Ring Rot – A quarantine disease of potato notifiable in the UK, caused by the bacterium <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> .  |
| <b>SOD</b>   | Sudden Oak Death – Caused by the fungus <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> , which now affects a range of hosts.   |
| <b>SPCS</b>  | Seed Potato Classification Scheme – statutory scheme to ensure seed potatoes meet set standards set by the EC Directive. Certification grades cover SE, E, A.   |
| <b>TARIC</b> | TARif Intégré Communautaire (Integrated Tariff of the European Communities) – shows the various rules applying to specific products imported into the EU  |
| <b>UK</b>    | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  |
| <b>UKBF</b>  | UK Border Force – A law enforcement command within the Home Office. Responsible for securing the UK border by carrying out immigration and customs controls for people and goods entering the UK                        |
| <b>WTO</b>   | World Trade Organisation  |
| <b>ZP</b>    | Zona Protecta (Protected Zone PZ) – Areas of the EU that are free from certain QPD that are established elsewhere in the EU; requires an authorised level of PP to allow the movement of host material into these zones |

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