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Dear Plant Health Advisory Forum & Tree Health Policy Group

Subject of letter: No inspection fees for EU imports of plants and plant products until 1 April 2021 (England and Wales)

Correction of letter sent 23rd October 2020

As you know, we are continuing to prepare for the end of the Transition Period to ensure our biosecurity standards will continue to be met and strengthened in ways that support trade and the smooth flow of goods, whilst minimising new burdens on businesses.

Our plant health biosecurity arrangements will protect the environment from pests and diseases, and we will continue to protect the nation's plant health biosecurity after the end of the Transition Period.

From 1 January 2021, there will be the requirement for pre-notification and phytosanitary certificates for plants and plant products that pose the greatest potential risk to GB biosecurity and which are already subject to regulation within the EU. They will also be subject to import checks away from the border at places of destination, until July 2021 when checks will move to Border Control Posts.

We are describing this list of plants and plant products as 'high priority' and it includes all of those plants and plant products which are currently within scope of the EU plant passport regime, plus a small number of others which are otherwise subject to regulation.

[The full list can be found on gov.uk.](#)

DEFRA and Welsh Government have taken the decision to delay the introduction of inspection fees for these imports until 1 April 2021 in England and Wales only. This will give businesses time to adjust to the new fee arrangements and I wanted to inform you of this news as soon as possible so that you can factor it in to your financial planning for next year.

If you have any questions on the contents of this note, or other post-transition period arrangements please visit gov.uk or contact planthealthexitqueries@defra.gov.uk.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Spence', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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