



Animal & Plant Health Agency

## **Plant Passporting Updates No.25: February 2020**

Dear Plant passporters, in this edition are items on:

- *Xylella fastidiosa* consultation on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) and additional regulation – please comment
- The New Plant Health Law (SRSF) & changes to the plant passport format
- Protected Zones
- Pest and disease information sources

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### ***Xylella fastidiosa* consultation on PRA and additional regulation**

The UK Plant Health Services are seeking your views on an updated pest risk analysis for *Xylella fastidiosa*, including the need for additional regulations.

*Xylella fastidiosa* is a plant-pathogenic bacterium which infects a very wide range of plants. It is already heavily regulated to reduce the likelihood of it entering the UK. However, based on recent information some further strengthening of requirements for the import and movement of high risk host species should be considered. Genera covered in new regulation could be olive, almond, rosemary, lavender, *Polygala myrtifolia*, *Coffea* and *Nerium oleander*.

Please take time to read the covering letter and review the Pest Risk Analysis consultation document and send your views to

Defra by 20th March 2020, full details are available on the [plant health portal](#).

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## **New Plant Health Law – Smarter Rules for Safer Food (SRSF) and plant passport format**

Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, Official Registration and Authorisation to issue Plant Passports.

As of 14th December 2019 you now need to attach passport labels to the smallest tradeable unit for each species within your consignments. Examples of smallest tradeable unit include plant, tray, bundle etc.

In summary, the EU flag must be in top left hand corner; the words 'plant passport' in top right hand corner; then the letters A, B, C and D, where:

- A = plant botanical name
- B = use letters 'GB' followed by your client registration number issued to you by APHA, for example 'GB – 123456'
- C = traceability code e.g. week number, lot, batch etc, your choice
- D = EU country of origin or 3rd country origin, again using the ISO norm code e.g. for The Netherlands is NL.

To view examples of plant passport format, you can go to the [European Commission's website](#).

Further information on the SRSF plant passport regime, including useful guides, factsheets and Q&A, can be found on the Defra [plant health portal](#).

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## Protected Zones

To help with collating the information and easier reference for you, APHA has consolidated the PZ details onto [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) which brings together and includes the relevant host plants onto the list in annex III.

In order to issue a PZ plant passport your plants must have met certain requirements and inspection standards prior to issuing a PZ plant passport. Once PZ status is achieved, then the letters 'PZ' must be added just after the words 'plant passport' and then you must list the PZ codes immediately below the letters PZ.

- Content:  
The preferred option is to use the European Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) code or the scientific name of the pest or disease can also be used on the protected zone Plant Passport.
- Examples:  
Fireblight hosts (Malus, Pyrus, Cotoneaster, Crataegus etc) use:  
Pest name – *Erwinia amylovora* or the EPPO code – ERWIAM
- For Pine plants:  
Pest name – *Thaumetopoea pityocampa* or the EPPO code – THAUPI

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## New Pests added to the Plant Health Risk Register, added in January 2020

- [Agrilus granulatus subsp. granulatus](#): granulate poplar borer, a North American jewel beetle
- [Agrilus granulatus subsp. liragus](#): bronze poplar borer, a North American jewel beetle
- [Agrilus horni](#): aspen root girdler, another North American jewel beetle

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## 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](mailto:planthealth.info@apha.gov.uk) or 0300 100 0313).

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