



Operational guidance of Statutory Instrument 2018/910, The Plant Health (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2018, that comes into force on 21st August 2018 to strengthen protection against Oak Processionary moth (*Thaumetopoea processionea*).

Below is an explanation of each aspect of the legislation and the operational requirements.

SI 2018/910 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/910/pdfs/ukxi_20180910_en.pdf

Extract from SI 2018/910 Column 1	explanation
<p>In Part C of Schedule 4— Interpretation of Part C - In this Part, in item 7, “excluded zone” means the area in England which is not within the OPM protected zone.”</p> <p>Article 7</p>	<p>These are the London boroughs and Local authority areas where OPM is either known to be present or at risk from OPM infestation due to the proximity of known infestations. See annex A.</p>
<p>Plants, other than fruit or seeds, of <i>Quercus</i> L., other than <i>Quercus suber</i>, intended for planting, whose girth at 1.2 m above the root collar is 8 cm or more, other than—</p>	<p>Oak trees for transplanting other than Cork oak (<i>Quercus suber</i>), whose girth at 1.2m from the root collar are 8cm or more. This equates to trees approx over 2m in height. Reason: Findings of OPM have been on older, larger trees over this height.</p>
<p>—any such plants entering England via a point of entry in the excluded zone which are not in the course of their consignment to the OPM protected zone, or</p>	<p>No restrictions on oak trees movement where they are imported into the excluded zone in England and are planted there.</p>
<p>—any such plants originating in the excluded zone which do not move from the excluded zone into the OPM protected zone</p>	<p>No restrictions on oak trees originating in the excluded zone which are to be planted in this zone. These trees can be moved to other EU member states where no movement restrictions on oak apply.</p>
Column 2	Explanation
<p>The plants must be accompanied by an official statement that:</p>	<p>England will accept a PZ plant passport with annex code a16, once the conditions are fully met.</p>



<p>(a) they have been grown throughout their life in places of production in countries in which <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L. is not known to occur;</p>	<p>No English nurseries can meet this requirement as OPM is known to occur.</p>
<p>(b) they have been grown throughout their life in a protected zone which is recognised as a protected zone for <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L. or in an area free from <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L., established by the national plant protection organisation in accordance with ISPM No. 4;</p>	<p>All English nurseries within the Protected Zone i.e. those not in the excluded zone can meet this requirement.</p> <p>Refer to Annex A for those boroughs in the excluded zone.</p>
<p>(c) they have been produced in nurseries which, along with their vicinity, have been found free from <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L. on the basis of official inspections carried out as close as practically possible to their movement and official surveys of the nurseries and their vicinity have been carried out at appropriate times since the beginning of the last complete cycle of vegetation to detect larvae and other symptoms of <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L.; or</p>	<p>This requirement will be relevant to sites in the excluded zone in England wishing to trade in oaks > 8cm in girth.</p> <p>Vicinity means 100m from the nursery or site boundary and includes oak trees on the boundary.</p> <p>Official inspections means by APHA's PHSI.</p> <p>As close as practically possible means within 7 working days provided trees are presented in a manner suitable for inspection.</p> <p>Official survey means inspection of oak trees onsite and within the vicinity looking for egg plaques, nests and larvae on traded trees and nests and larvae on other large oaks in the vicinity during inspections in Autumn and Spring.</p>
<p>(d) they have been grown throughout their life in a site with complete physical protection against the introduction of <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L. and have been inspected at appropriate times and found to be free from <i>Thaumetopoea processionea</i> L.”.</p>	<p>This means no OPM can access the growing area and the person responsible for plant passporting has inspected the growing area oak plants at the appropriate time of the year relative to when OPM could be present i.e. August to end September for adult moths.</p>



Existing requirements on OPM freedom continue to apply for oak trees with a smaller girth than 8cm

Annex A: Excluded zone

The local authority areas of Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Basildon Basingstoke and Dene, Bexley, Bracknell Forest, Brent, Brentwood, Bromley, Broxbourne, Camden, Chiltern, City of London, City of Westminster, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Crawley, Croydon, Dacorum, Dartford, Ealing, East Hertfordshire, Elmbridge Enfield, Epping Forest, Epsom and Ewell, Gravesham, Greenwich, Guilford, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Haringey, Harlow, Harrow, Hart, Havering, Hertsmere, Hillingdon, Horsham, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Littleford, Medway, Merton, Mid Sussex; Mole Valley, Newham, North Hertfordshire, Reading, Redbridge, Reigate and Banstead, Richmond upon Thames, Runnymede, Rushmoor, Sevenoaks, Slough, South Bedfordshire, South Bucks, South Oxfordshire, Southwark, Spelthorne, St Albans, Surrey Heath, Sutton, Tandridge, Three Rivers; Thurrock, Tonbridge and Malling, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Wandsworth, Watford, Waverley, Welwyn Hatfield, West Berkshire, Woking, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham and Wycombe.