

Stakeholder Engagement – PH/040

Frequency of Checks (Medium risk goods from EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland)

Future Policy and Legislative Changes

1. On 30th April 2024, we are intending to deliver risk-based checks on imports of [medium risk](#) plants, plant products and other objects from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland at BCPs. We propose to align documentary checks for these goods (currently suspended until 30th April 2024) with the frequency of ID and physical checks. Fees would also be aligned accordingly. This will require several legislative changes as detailed below.
 - a. Expand the Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022, to include those goods from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland currently categorised as medium risk, within their framework for determining the frequency of physical and ID checks.
 - b. Amend Annex 6 of the Official Controls Regulation to ensure that the ‘appropriate frequency rate’ for medium risk goods from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland is established by The Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022.
 - c. Expand the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (England) Regulations 2018; the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2018 and the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014, to include fees for risk-based levels of documentary checks on medium risk goods from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland (see Table 1) and to amend Schedule 2A to introduce fees for physical and identity checks on these goods.

Table 1. Fees for documentary checks on medium risk goods from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. In England and Wales, consignments with multiple PCs and mixed levels of checking frequencies, the highest applicable documentary check fee will be applied to all Phytosanitary Certificates (PCs). This is because, each PC in such a consignment will be checked at the highest applicable rate for that consignment.

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Documentary check fee (£) for England and Wales	Documentary check fee (£) for Scotland
Cut flowers			

<i>Dendranthema</i> (DC.) Des Moul. (<i>Chrysanthemum</i> L.)	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Eryngium</i> Tournier ex Linnaeus.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Lisianthus</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.52	0.60
<i>Rosa</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Solidago</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Other genera not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
Branches with foliage, parts of Conifers (other than bark or cut Christmas trees)			
<i>All genera</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
Fruit, vegetables, leaves			
<i>Momordica</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Ocimum</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Solanaceae</i> Juss. (other than <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.)	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Other genera or species of fruit or vegetables not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
<i>Other leaves not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18
Seeds (for sowing), tissue cultures			
<i>All genera, for trials or testing</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.52	0.60
<i>Other genera or species not specified or included elsewhere in this table</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.26	0.30
Cut Christmas trees (less than 3 metres in height)			
<i>All genera</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	0.15	0.18

Update to Schedule 1

2. In addition to the above, updates to schedule 1 of the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (England) Regulations 2018 and the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2018 are planned.

a. all plants for planting should fall under one category (i.e. the items listed below should be removed and replaced with one category of 'Plants intended for planting'. This is to ensure that only one flat rate fee is applied to consignments which consist of plants for planting from several of the below sub-categories. This was the policy intention.

- (i) Cuttings, seedlings, intended for planting, not specified or included elsewhere in this table
- (ii) Woody plant (other than any specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting

- (iii) Non-woody plants (other than any specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting, and intended for final users
 - (iv) Indoor plants
 - (v) Other plants intended for planting, not specified or included elsewhere in this table
- b. *Solanum melongena* imported from non-EU countries: currently included in the fees SI as a 5% fee. This should be updated to a 50% fee in line with the [published](#) inspection rates (July 2022).
- c. Tomatoes: currently fall under *Solanaceae Juss.* (other than *Solanum tuberosum* L.). They should be separated out with differing fees provided for tomatoes coming from Canary Islands and Morocco in line with the [published](#) inspection rates (July 2022).
3. Finally, we will be updating the associated fees for import inspections following changes in import inspection frequencies for certain goods from rest of world (see [here](#) for the updated frequencies). This will ensure that fees collected for import inspections of these goods maintain full cost recovery.

These changes are detailed in table 2.

Table 2. Indicative fees for Identity and physical inspections, applicable from 30th April 2024. Changes are highlighted in red text.

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers (other than tubers of potatoes), onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, dormant, not in substrate			
All genera intended for planting, other than commercial flower production, and not intended for final users ⁽¹⁾	Any third country	205.04	5.25
All genera intended for planting, and intended for commercial flower production, or for final users	Any third country	20.50	0.52
Cuttings, seedlings intended for planting, not specified or included anywhere else in this table			
All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
Plants for planting			
Woody plants ⁽²⁾ (other than specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting and intended for final users ⁽¹⁾ . All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
Non-woody plants ⁽³⁾ (other than specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting. All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
Indoor plants ⁽⁴⁾ . All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
Other plants (other than specified or included elsewhere in this table), intended for planting. All genera	Any third country	32.15	1.57
Cut flowers			
<i>Dendranthema (DC.) Des Moul. (Chrysanthemum L.)</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Columbia or Ecuador	21.37	2.62
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Columbia, Ecuador, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.13	0.26
<i>Eryngium Tournier ex Linnaeus.</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	4.27	0.52
<i>Lisianthus L.</i>	Any third country	4.27	0.52

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
<i>Rosa L.</i>	Any EU Member State, Colombia, Ecuador, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Canada, India, Mexico or the USA	21.37	2.62
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Switzerland or the USA	2.13	0.26
<i>Solidago L.</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	4.27	0.52
Other genera not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.28	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.13	0.26
Branches with foliage, parts of Conifers (other than bark or cut Christmas trees)			
All genera	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.01	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.69	0.26
Fruit, vegetables, leaves			
<i>Momordica L.</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	26.55	2.62
<i>Ocimum L.</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.15	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member	35.84	2.62

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
	State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland		
<i>Solanaceae</i> Juss. (other than <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L. <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> , <i>Solanum melongena</i> L. and <i>Capsicum</i> sp.)	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	26.55	2.62
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Morocco	2.65	0.26
	Canary Islands	13.27	1.31
	Any third country other than the Canary Islands, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Morocco or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Turkey	15.93	1.57
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Turkey	26.55	2.62
<i>Capsicum</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
<i>Zea mays</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than Cameroon, an EU Member State,	2.65	0.26

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
	Liechtenstein or Switzerland		
	Cameroon	53.10	5.25
<i>Malus</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	European third countries ⁽⁵⁾	7.96	0.78
	Argentina	18.58	1.83
	Chile	2.65	0.26
	New Zealand	5.31	0.52
	South Africa	7.96	0.78
	Any third country other than Argentina, Chile, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland or European Third countries ⁽⁵⁾	53.10	5.25
<i>Pyrus</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Argentina	13.27	1.31
	Chile	7.96	0.78
	South Africa	5.31	0.52
	Any third country other than Argentina, Chile, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, South Africa or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
<i>Vaccinium</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	European third countries ⁽⁵⁾	26.55	2.62
	Argentina	13.27	1.31
	Chile	5.31	0.52
	Peru	5.31	0.52
	Any third country other than Argentina, Chile, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein, Peru, Switzerland or European Third Countries ⁽⁵⁾	53.10	5.25

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than Cameroon, an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
	Cameroon	53.10	5.25
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	53.10	5.25
Other genera or species of fruit or vegetables not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	1.59	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.65	0.26
Other leaves not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	2.15	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	3.58	0.26
Seeds (for sowing), tissue cultures			
All genera, for trials or testing	Any third country	12.81	0.52
<i>Brassicaceae</i> (other than for trials or testing)	Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	128.13	5.25
	Any third country other than Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	6.40	0.26
<i>Capsicum</i> spp. L. (other than for trials or testing)	Any third country	128.13	5.25
<i>Poaceae</i> (other than for trials or testing)	Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	128.13	5.25

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
	Any third country other than Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	6.40	0.26
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. (other than for trials or testing)	Any third country	128.13	5.25
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L. (True seed) (other than for trials or testing)	Any third country	128.13	5.25
<i>Trifolium</i> spp. (other than for trials or testing)	Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	128.13	5.25
	Any third country other than Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay	6.40	0.26
Other genera or species not specified or included elsewhere in this table	Any third country	6.40	0.26
Grain (other than seeds for sowing)			
<i>Secale</i> L.	Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA	142.98	5.25
<i>Triticum</i> L.	Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA	142.98	5.25
<i>X Triticosecale</i> Wittm. ex A. Camus	Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa or the USA	142.98	5.25
Tubers of potatoes			
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L. (seed potatoes)	Any third country	156.69	5.25
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L. (ware potatoes)	Egypt, Poland, Portugal or Romania	78.34	2.62
	Spain	156.69	5.25
	Any third country other than Egypt, Poland, Portugal, Romania or Spain	4.70	0.15
Cut Christmas trees (less than 3 metres in height)			

Category and description of plant, plant product or other object	Country of origin	Fee: Physical check (£)	Fee: Identity check (£)
All genera	Any EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	3.58	0.15
	Any third country other than an EU Member State, Liechtenstein or Switzerland	5.98	0.26
Machinery or vehicles which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes			
	Any third country	5.98	0.26

⁽¹⁾ “Intended for final users” means intended, by evidence from the packaging, labelling or by other means, for direct supply to final users.

⁽²⁾ “woody plants” means plants which have a woody or partly woody stem, and includes all trees, forest reproductive material (other than seed), shrubs and palms, and those vines and perennial herbs with woody or partly woody stems; and for this purpose “perennial herbs” means herbs for which the average life exceeds two years.

⁽³⁾ “Non-woody plants” means plants that are not woody plants.

⁽⁴⁾ “Indoor plants” means plants which appear from their packaging, labelling or by other means to be intended for direct supply to final users for indoor use or use in aquaria.

⁽⁵⁾ “European third countries” means Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canary Islands, Faeroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Russia (only the following parts: Central Federal District (Tsentralny federalny okrug), Northwestern Federal District (Severo-Zapadny federalny okrug), Southern Federal District (Yuzhny federalny okrug), North Caucasian Federal District (Severo-Kavkazsky federalny okrug) and Volga Federal District (Privolzhsky federalny okrug)), San Marino, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine..

Not all updates set out in point 2 relate to Scotland and further adjustments are being made to align fees on certain produce as a result of the changes to import inspection frequencies. A link to Scottish indicative plant health import fees are available at the attached link [here](#).