

EU EXIT - IMPORTS FOR SCOTTISH BASED BUSINESSES

From 1 January 2021, trading in plants and plant products from the EU will change.

This guidance is to set out what you need to do as a business based in Scotland, **please note aspects of this will differ to previous advice you will have received, and those sections will be highlighted.**

There will be new processes that importers must follow in 2021. These will start in 3 stages:

- **From 1 January 2021:** All 'high priority' plants and plants products must have a phytosanitary certificate and pre-notification. These will be subject to physical and identity checks that will occur at 'place of destination' (PoD).
- **From 1 April 2021:** All regulated plants and plant products must have a phytosanitary certificate and pre-notification. Physical checks will still only be required for 'high priority' priority goods at PoD's.
- **From 1 July 2021:** The number of physical and identity checks on regulated plant products will increase, and these checks will move to Border Control Posts (BCP's).

New For EU goods imported into Scotland both direct into Scottish ports or via England, goods will need to be entered onto [PEACH](#). All physical inspections will continue to be undertaken by the Scottish Government's Horticulture and Marketing Unit (HMU), therefore please direct any queries to hort.marketing@gov.scot

You are required to notify your consignment onto the PEACH system 4 working hours before arrival into the UK if arriving by air or via a RoRo port, or 1 working day if arriving by a sea port.

From 1 January 2021

Those items on the High Priority Plants List ([found here](#)) may be subject to a physical check.

For these goods you can use a PoD for plant health physical inspections on EU regulated plants and products until 30 June 2021.

From 1 July 2021, all physical checks on regulated goods will take place at Border Control Posts (BCP). Physical import checks on regulated EU goods at PoDs are not permitted from 1 July 2021.

Non-EU imports of plants and plant products will continue to be checked at BCPs.

If you wish to act as a PoD for plant health physical inspections on EU regulated high priority goods, please complete the [\[registration form\]](#) and email to hort.marketing@gov.scot.

New We are also asking you to register on the [PEACH](#) system and for those who have already registered with us as a PoD, you will be required to do the same and we will be in touch.

For PoDs in England and Wales, contact APHA by completing the [\[registration form\]](#) and email it to PoDRegistrations@apha.gov.uk. Contact the Forestry Commission by completing the [\[registration form\]](#) for regulated wood, wood products or bark.

From 1 April 2021

All regulated plants and plant products will need to be pre-notified on PEACH and require phytosanitary certificates from the EU. At this stage only those plants and products in the high-priority list will be subject to physical checks.

From 1 July 2021

All products will be subject to physical inspections at a BCP.