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Professor Nicola Spence
UK Chief Plant Health Officer

Dear Prof. Spence,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 26 November 2020 regarding “Update on UK departure from European union (EU): changes to imports of plants and plant products from 1 January 2021”.

1. Technical information requested to be provided before 01/01/2021

Firstly, I would like to provide you with information requested by your letter dated 26/11/2020 (Table 1 and 2 of Annex 2) for ensuring continued export from Japan to the UK. Please find attached technical information, with some complementary comments below.

(1) Point 97 in Table 1

Botryosphaeria kuwatsukai (Hara) G.Y. Sun and E. Tanaka, which is the pathogen of *Malus* Mill. and *Pyrus* L., is present in Japan. Japan will deal with the fruits of *Malus* Mill. and *Pyrus* L. in accordance with point 97 (c).

(2) Point 98 in Table 1

Anthonomus quadrigibbus Say is absent in Japan. Japan should be categorized into point 98 (a).

(3) Point 99 in Table 1

Grapholita prunivora (Walsh) and *Rhagoletis pomonella* (Walsh) are absent in Japan. Japan should be categorized into point 99 (a) for these pests. *Grapholita inopinata* (Heinrich), which infests fruits of *Malus* Mill., is present in Japan. Japan will treat the fruits of *Malus* Mill. in accordance with point 99 (c) for this pest.

(4) Point 101 in Table 1

Neoleucinodes elegantalis (Guenée) is absent in Japan. Japan should be categorized into point 101 (a).

(5) Point 2 in Table 2

Xylella fastidiosa is known not to be present in Japan. Japan should be categorized into point 2-pest free country.

2. Request for a transitional period

We recognise that the UK regulation employs more rigorous import conditions than those of EU for certain plant products (e.g. *Pinus* sp., *Rosa* sp. etc.). Hence, I would like to request you to implement a reasonable transitional period in the regulation so that the exporting countries could fulfill the additional phytosanitary requirements.

3. Requests for clarifications

Thirdly, I would like to seek your clarification concerning the UK regulation for the following points.

(1) In terms of the *Pinus* L. bonsai plants from Japan to EU, the import requirement has been based on the agreement with the EU (Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/1217 as of 25 August 2020). Please be clarified the *Pinus* L. bonsai plants to be exported from Japan to UK are continuously not required to establish the pest free place of production based on the relevant ISPM if they comply with the specific requirements of the EU?

(2) Please be clarified that under the UK's revised regulation, same format of additional declaration for phytosanitary certificate for the EU is continuously used? If "No", please let us know what type of declarations is used for consignments to UK?

(3) Please be clarified that a Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest is continuously not subject to additional declaration requirement in the same manner as for the EU?

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(4) According to point 83 in draft revised regulation, the genus *Rosa* spp. is needed to originate from Pest Free Area under ISPM 4. Point 15 in draft revised regulation of the UK, however, states that the trees and shrubs such as plants for planting of *Rosa* spp. must be accompanied only by an official statement that they are dormant and free from leaves. We thus believe that the visual inspection is a sufficient measure to detect *Anthonomus bisignifer* Schenkling.

We therefore suggest that genus *Rosa* spp., which is dormant and free from leaves, be only inspected by visual inspection instead of establishing Pest Free Area.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information.

Sincerely yours,



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Technical information which needs to be provided to the UK NPPO before 01/01/21

The following information needs to be provided by third countries exporting to the UK, it must be submitted before 01 January 2021.

Please chose one of the following option when completing the table:

y = information communicated to United Kingdom
 x = information not provided
 n/a = not applicable

Name of country submitting the information: Japan

Table 1: Please refer to Annex 7 part A of the [Plant Health \(Phytosanitary Conditions\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) when completing these tables

		<i>Agilus planipennis</i> Fairmaire			
		Plant species	50 – pest free areas	Date of latest communication	Review
50	Plants, other than fruit and seeds, of <i>Fraxinus</i> L., <i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carrière., <i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maximowicz., <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planchon. and <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zuccarini. originating in Belarus, Canada, China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine and the USA	<i>Fraxinus</i> L	n/a		
		<i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carrière.	n/a		
		<i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maximowicz.	n/a		
		<i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planchon	n/a		
		<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zuccarini.	n/a		

Note: *Fraxinus sp.*, *Juglans sp.* and *Ulmus sp.* are prohibited under Annex 6 part B of Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

		<i>Grapholita packardii</i> Zeller			
		Plant species	69 – pest free areas	Date of latest communication	Review
69	Plants for planting , other than plants in tissue culture and seeds, of <i>Crataegus L.</i> , <i>Cydonia Mill.</i> , <i>Malus Mill.</i> , <i>Prunus L.</i> , <i>Pyrus L.</i> and <i>Vaccinium L.</i> originating in Canada, Mexico and the USA Note: <i>Crataegus sp.</i>, <i>Malus sp.</i> and <i>Prunus sp.</i> prohibited under Annex 6 part B of Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	<i>Crataegus L.</i>,			
		<i>Cydonia Mill.</i>			
		<i>Malus Mill</i>			
		<i>Prunus L.</i>			
		<i>Pyrus L.</i>			
		<i>Vaccinium L.</i>			

<i>Thaumatotibia leucotreta</i> (Meyrick)							
		94 (a) – country freedom	94 (b) – pest free areas	94 (c)-systems approach + documentary evidence of effectiveness	62 (d)-post harvest treatment + documentary evidence of effectiveness	Date of latest communication	Review
94	Fruits of <i>Capsicum</i> (L.) originating in any country of the African continent, Cape Verde, Saint Helena, Madagascar, La Reunion, Mauritius, Israel						

<i>Grapholita packardi</i> Zeller							
		Plant species	96 (a) – pest free areas	96 (b) – pest free place of production	96 (c)-systems approach	Date of latest communication	Review
96	Fruits of <i>Malus</i> Mill., <i>Prunus</i> L., <i>Pyrus</i> L. and <i>Vaccinium</i> L. originating in Canada, Mexico and the USA	<i>Malus</i> Mill					
		<i>Prunus</i> L.					
		<i>Pyrus</i> L					
		<i>Vaccinium</i> L					

<i>Botryosphaeria kuwatsukai (Hara) G. Y. Sun and E. Tanaka</i>							
		Plant species	97 (a) –country freedom	97 (b) – pest free areas	97 (c) - pest free place of production	97 (d) - systems approach	Date of latest communication / Review
97	Fruits of <i>Malus</i> Mill., <i>Pyrus</i> L. originating in any third country other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland	<i>Malus</i> Mill	n/a	n/a	x	n/a	
		<i>Pyrus</i> L.	n/a	n/a	x	n/a	

<i>Anthonomus quadrigibbus Say</i>							
		Plant species	98 (a) –country freedom	98 (b) – pest free areas	98 (c) - pest free place of production	98 (d) - systems approach	Date of latest communication / Review
98	Fruits of <i>Malus</i> Mill., <i>Pyrus</i> L. originating in any third country other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland	<i>Malus</i> Mill	x	n/a	n/a	n/a	
		<i>Pyrus</i> L.	x	n/a	n/a	n/a	

		<i>Grapholita prunivora</i> (Walsh), <i>Grapholita inopinata</i> (Heinrich) and <i>Rhagoletis pomonella</i> (Walsh)						
			99 (a) – country freedom	99 (b) – pest free areas	99 (c) - pest free place of production	99 (d) - systems approach	Date of latest communication	Review
99	Fruits of <i>Malus</i> Mill., originating in any third country other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland	<i>Grapholita prunivora</i> (Walsh)	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		
		<i>Grapholita inopinata</i> (Heinrich)	n/a	n/a	x	n/a		
		<i>Rhagoletis pomonella</i> (Walsh)	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		

		<i>Bactericera cockerelli</i> (Šulc.)					
		100 (a) – country freedom	100 (b) – pest free areas	100 (c) - pest free place of production	100 (d) - systems approach	Date of latest communication	Review
100	Fruits of <i>Solanaceae.</i> , originating in Australia, the Americas and New Zealand						

		<i>Neoleucinodes elegantalis</i> (Guenée)						
		Plant species	101 (a) – country freedom	101 (b) – pest free areas	101 (c) - pest free place of production	101 (d) - systems approach	Date of latest communication	Review
101	Fruits of <i>Capsicum annuum</i> L., <i>Solanum aethiopicum</i> L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. and <i>Solanum melongena</i> L. originating in any third country other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		
		<i>Solanum aethiopicum</i> L.,	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		
		<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		
		<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		

		<i>Neoleucinodes elegantalis</i> (Guenée)						
		Plant species	101 (a) – country freedom	101 (b) – pest free areas	101 (c) - pest free place of production	101 (d) - systems approach	Date of latest communication	Review
101	Fruits of <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. and <i>Solanum melongena</i> L. originating in any third country other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		
		<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	x	n/a	n/a	n/a		

		<i>Agrilus planipennis</i> Fairmaire			
		Species	125 – pest free areas	Date of latest communication	Review
125	Plants, other than fruit and seeds, of <i>Fraxinus</i> L., <i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carrière., <i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maximowicz., <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planchon. and <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zuccarini. other than in the form of —chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap, obtained in whole or part from these trees —wood packaging material, except associated controlled dunnage, but including wood which has not kept its natural round surface, and furniture and other objects made of untreated wood originating in Belarus, Canada, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine and the USA	<i>Fraxinus</i> L	n/a		
		<i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carrière.	n/a		
		<i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maximowicz.	n/a		
		<i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planchon	n/a		
		<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zuccarini.	n/a		

		<i>Agrilus planipennis</i> Fairmaire			
		Species	126 – pest free areas	Date of latest communication	Review
126	Wood in the form of chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap obtained in whole or in part from <i>Fraxinus</i> L., <i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carr., <i>Juglans Mandshurica</i> Maxim., <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planch. and <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zucc. originating in Belarus, Canada, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine and the USA	<i>Fraxinus</i> L	n/a		
		<i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carrière.	n/a		
		<i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maximowicz.,	n/a		
		<i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planchon	n/a		
		<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zuccarini.	n/a		

		<i>Agrilus planipennis</i> Fairmaire			
		Species	126 – pest free areas	Date of latest communication	Review
126	Isolated bark and objects made of bark of <i>Fraxinus</i> L., <i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carr., <i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maxim., <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planch. and <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zucc. originating in Belarus, Canada, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine and the USA	<i>Fraxinus</i> L	n/a		
		<i>Juglans ailantifolia</i> Carrière.	n/a		
		<i>Juglans mandshurica</i> Maximowicz.,	n/a		
		<i>Ulmus davidiana</i> Planchon	n/a		
		<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> Siebold & Zuccarini.	n/a		

Table 2: Please refer to Annex 7 part B of the Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 when completing these tables

		<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.)		
		2 – pest free country	Date of latest communication	Review
2	Plants for planting, other than seeds, which belong to the genera and species listed in the list ¹ of <i>Xylella</i> host plants	x		
		x		
		x		
		x		
		x		
	Any third country where <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.) is known not to be present, other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland			

		<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.)			
		3a – pest free area	3b – pest free site of production	Date of latest communication	Review
3	Plants for planting, other than seeds, which belong to the genera and species listed in the list ¹ of <i>Xylella</i> host plants				
	Any third country where <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.)				

¹ See table below.

	is known to be present, other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland				
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List of *Xylella* hosts referred to in Table 2.

<i>Acacia</i>	<i>Acer</i>	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i>
<i>Ampelopsis arborea</i>	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	<i>Ampelopsis cordata</i>	<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>	<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>
<i>Baccharis</i>	<i>Brassica</i>	<i>Calicotome spinosa</i>	<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	<i>Carya</i>	<i>Catharanthus</i>	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	<i>Chamaesyce canescens</i>
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	<i>Chionanthus</i>	<i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>	<i>Cistus</i>	<i>Citrus</i>
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	<i>Coelorachis cylindrica</i>	<i>Coffea</i>	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>
<i>Coprosma repens</i>	<i>Coronilla glauca</i>	<i>Coronilla valentina</i>	<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	<i>Cytisus</i>
<i>Digitaria</i>	<i>Dimorphoteca</i>	<i>Diospyros kaki</i>	<i>Diplocyclos palmatus</i>	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>

<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	<i>Encelia farinose</i>	<i>Eremophila maculata</i>	<i>Erigeron</i>	<i>Erodium moschatum</i>
<i>Erysimum</i>	<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	<i>Euphorbia terracina</i>	<i>Euryops chrysanthemoides</i>	<i>Euryops pectinatus</i>
<i>Fagus crenata</i>	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	<i>Fatsia japonica</i>	<i>Ficus carica</i>	<i>Frangula alnus</i>
<i>Fraxinus</i>	<i>Genista</i>	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	<i>Grevillea juniperina</i>
<i>Hebe</i>	<i>Helianthus Helichrysum</i>	<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	<i>Hemerocallis</i>	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>
<i>Hibiscus</i>	<i>Humulus scandens</i>	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	<i>Iva annua</i>
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	<i>Juglans</i>	<i>Juniperus ashei</i>	<i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>	<i>Lagerstroemia</i>
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	<i>Lavandula</i>	<i>Ligustrum</i>	<i>Lucidum</i>	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	<i>Mallotus paniculatus</i>	<i>Malva parviflora</i>
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	<i>Medicago sativa</i>	<i>Metrosideros</i>	<i>Mimosa</i>	<i>Modiola caroliniana</i>
<i>Morus</i>	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	<i>Neptunia lutea</i>
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	<i>Olea</i>	<i>Osteospermum ecklonis</i>	<i>Osteospermum fruticosum</i>	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>	<i>Pelargonium</i>	<i>Persea americana</i>	<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>	<i>Phillyrea angustifolia</i>
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	<i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	<i>Pinus taeda</i>
<i>Pistacia vera</i>	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>Pluchea odorata</i>	<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>
<i>Polygala x grandiflora</i>	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>Pterospartum tridentatum</i>	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	<i>Rhus</i>	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	<i>Rosa</i>

<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	<i>Rubus</i>	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	<i>Sambucus</i>	<i>Santolina chamaecyparissu</i>
<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	<i>Sassafras</i>	<i>Setaria magna</i>	<i>Solidago fistulosa</i>	<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>
<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	<i>Spartium</i>	<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	<i>Streptocarpus</i>
<i>Symphotrichum divaricatum</i>	<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	<i>Ulex</i>	<i>Ulmus</i>
<i>Vaccinium</i>	<i>Vinca</i>	<i>Vitis</i>	<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	<i>Westringia glabra</i>
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>				