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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on Method for Determining the Frequency of Risk Targeted Plant Health Import Inspections.

Following our exit from the EU we are intending to retain the risk targeted approach to plant health import inspections we implemented when part of the EU but adapt it to better align with the particular risk that imported consignments pose to GB. I am writing to seek your views on the method that we are proposing to use to determine the levels of identity checks and physical inspection on regulated plant health goods imported into GB. More background and an outline of the method is provided in the attached paper.

At this point we are only seeking views on the method used to determine the level of checks and not the level of checks

All responses should be sent to planthealth@defra.gov.uk by 4th August 2021.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental information Regulations 2004 (EIRs)

If you do not wish your response, including your name, contact details and any other personal information, to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note that if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, this will not count as a confidentiality request. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for the information under freedom of information legislation. However, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

Yours sincerely,

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