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Dear IPPC contact point,

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Correction to *Picea* import requirements

In the recent routine update to Great Britain's plant health import requirements detailed in the WTO notification [G/SPS/N/GBR/50](#), an error occurred where the requirements for *Picea* plants were unintentionally amended.

Previously, under the assimilated law [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2072](#), Annex 7, entries 52-54 detailed that *Ips* species import requirements only applied to plants of *Picea* over 3m in height.

[The Phytosanitary Conditions \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) unintentionally amended this by introducing new entries that applies to plants of all sizes of *Picea*. Annex 7 entry 54A applies to plants from any third country other than Norway, and entry 54B applies to Norway only.

This is an error which will be corrected in the next update planned for Autumn 2024 by limiting both entries to plants over 3m once again. However, until the correction is made plants under 3m in height do not need to meet the requirements set out in Annex 7, point 54A or 54B.

Yours sincerely,

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