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Dear IPPC contact point,

Temporary easement of import requirements for cut flowers of Chrysanthemum L., Dianthus L. and Pelargonium l'Hérit. ex Ait.

The UK NPPO received several inquiries about the current GB import requirements in point 36 (c) of Annex 7, part A of assimilated law <u>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072</u>, which required that all plants of *Chrysanthemum* L., *Dianthus* L. and *Pelargonium* l'Hérit. ex Ait, including the cut flowers, that have undergone appropriate treatment to protect them against *Spodoptera eridania* (Cramer), *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Smith) or *Spodoptera litura* (Fabricius) needed to be accompanied by the phytosanitary certificate that mentions the active ingredient, concentration and date of application of these treatments under the heading "disinfestation and/or disinfection treatment".

Following the review by the UK NPPO we would like to introduce an easement to this requirement for cut flowers of these genera. Therefore, in case of cut flowers there will be no need to state the active ingredient, concentration and date of application of these treatments on the phytosanitary certificate, and the additional declaration under 36 (c) of Annex 7, part A of assimilated law Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 that "the plants have undergone appropriate treatment to protect them from those pests" will be judged sufficient under the GB import requirements.

Please note that the easement only applies to the cut flowers of these genera, and the import requirements for the plants for planting remain unchanged.

Please note that this easement will be in place until 31 May 2025.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns regarding this easement.

Yours sincerely,

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