



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Certain plants for planting (of <i>Corylus avellana</i>, <i>Glycine max</i>, <i>Vaccinium</i>, <i>Vitis</i>, <i>Rubus</i>, <i>Malus</i>, <i>Prunus</i> and <i>Pelargonium</i>).- Wood, bark, and plants, other than fruit and seeds, of <i>Juglans ailantifolia</i>, <i>J. mandshurica</i>, <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> and <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>.- Plants, other than fruit and seeds, of Pinopsida.- Parts of plants, other than fruit and seeds, of <i>Acer</i>, <i>Aesculus</i>, <i>Arbutus menziesii</i>, <i>Betula</i>, <i>Carpinus</i>, <i>Carya illinoensis</i>, <i>Ceanothus</i>, <i>Cercis</i>, <i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>, <i>Cornus</i>, <i>Corylus</i>, <i>Crataegus</i>, <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>, <i>Ficus carica</i>, <i>Frangula californica</i>, <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>, <i>Juglans</i>, <i>Malus</i>, <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>, <i>Pickeringia montana</i>, <i>Platanus</i>, <i>Populus</i>, <i>Prunus</i>, <i>Pyrus</i>, <i>Quercus</i>, <i>Ribes</i>, <i>Rosa</i>, <i>Salix</i>, <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>, <i>Tilia</i>, <i>Ulmus</i>, and <i>Vaccinium</i>.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 10 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/GBR/24_08473_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/GBR/24_08473_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The following amendments are being made to England, Scotland, and Wales (Great Britain) assimilated (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The addition of <i>Neodiprion abietis</i> to the Quarantine Pest list.2. The addition of <i>Pseudomonas avellanae</i> to the Quarantine Pest list, including the need to meet the associated import requirements.3. The removal of the pest Tobacco ringspot virus from the Quarantine Pest list, instead adding it to the Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest list with specified host plants for planting.4. An update to the plants regulated in relation to the Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest Tomato ringspot virus.5. An update to the plants regulated in relation to the Quarantine Pest <i>Agrilus planipennis</i>.

<p>6. The extension of certain import requirements to cover all conifer plants due to taxonomy changes.</p> <p>7. Add <i>Pochazia shantungensis</i> as a GB provisional quarantine pest.</p> <p>8. Consequential amendments to Annex 11 to ensure that regulated commodities are pre-notified and inspected at a rate higher than 1%.</p> <p>More information on the measures can be found in the attached Q&A in section 9.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 02 - Framework for pest risk analysis ISPM 11 - Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests ISPM 16 - Regulated non-quarantine pests: concept and application ISPM 20 - Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>More information on the specific changes to the legislation are included in the attachment to this notification. More information on the planned measures can be found in the Q&A attached (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 May 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 8 May 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The extension of certain import requirements to cover all conifer plants, outlined in bullet 6 of section 6, is subject to a six- month implementation period and will enter into force on 8th November 2025. All other measures will enter into force on 30th May 2025.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2025

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Details of planned amendments to GB retained legislation (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072) – PH/057 pest measures

Q. What are the planned measures?

- Moving *Neodiprion abietis* (known as the balsam fir sawfly) to the list of GB Quarantine Pests (QPs) from the provisional QP list.
- Moving *Pseudomonas avellanae* (hazelnut decline) to the list of QPs, from the provisional QP list, with specific import requirements.
- Adding the pest *Pochazia shantungensis* to the provisional QP list.
- Update the regulation of *Tobacco ringspot virus* and *Tomato ringspot virus*.
- Update the list of plants regulated as hosts of the pests *Agrilus planipennis* (known as Emerald Ash Borer).
- Extending import requirements to cover not only a certain group of conifers but all conifer plants, given these could similarly be associated with high-risk pests.
- Consequential amendments will be made to ensure that the correct import controls apply to certain regulated commodities.
- Technical updates to clarify or correct the legislation.

Q. Do the measures cover GB?

- Yes, we expect these measures to apply to England, Wales and Scotland.

Q. Will there be any changes to the BTOM (Border Target Operating Model) risk categorisations as a result of these regulations?

- Yes, a number of goods will be moving between Part A (medium-risk A) and Part B (medium-risk B) of Annex 11. Please see from page 6 onwards of the [main legislative changes](#).

Q. When will these measures be laid and come into force?

- We plan for the legislation to be laid on 8 May 2025 and come into force on 30 May 2025, all except for the provision on conifer plants. This single measure would come into force on 8 November 2025.

Q. Why are you planning to introduce these measures?

Planned measure	Why is this measure needed?	Changes
Moving <i>Neodiprion abietis</i> to the Quarantine Pest (QP) list.	Our rolling horizon scanning and risk analysis process has highlighted that this pest now meets the criteria to be a GB QP.	This pest would be subject to increased awareness raising, surveillance and action on detection within Great Britain to protect biosecurity. Stakeholder engagement on the PRA for <i>Neodiprion abietis</i> has already been completed.

<p>Moving <i>Pseudomonas avellanae</i> to the QP list, alongside associated import requirements.</p>	<p>Our rolling horizon scanning and risk analysis process has highlighted that this pest now meets the criteria to be a GB QP. We can apply specific import requirements to listed QPs to address the risk of introduction.</p>	<p>Plants for planting of <i>Corylus avellana</i> (hazel) imported into Great Britain would need to be compliant with the additional import requirements. This pest would also be subject to increased awareness raising, surveillance and action on detection within Great Britain to protect biosecurity.</p> <p>The horticulture sector is expected to be affected by the proposed import requirements.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement on the PRA for <i>Pseudomonas avellanae</i> has already been completed.</p>
<p>The addition of <i>Pochazia shantungensis</i> to the provisional QP list</p>	<p>Our rolling horizon scanning and risk analysis process has highlighted that this pest may meet the criteria to be a GB QP, pending a full risk analysis.</p>	<p>Our intention to take action on this pest would be clarified in legislation.</p> <p>A full risk analysis will be carried out in future to determine how this pest should be regulated.</p>
<p>The removal of the pest <i>Tobacco ringspot virus</i> from the QP list and instead adding it to the Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest (RNQP) list.</p>	<p>Recent risk assessments have concluded that this pest is present in GB and no longer meets the criteria to be a GB QP. Instead, it meets the criteria to be a RNQP.</p>	<p>All imported host material would no longer need to be free from this pest. Instead, certain plants for planting of <i>Glycine max</i> (soybean), <i>Vaccinium</i> (such as blueberry) and <i>Vitis</i> (grape) will be regulated as RNQP hosts of <i>Tobacco ringspot virus</i> and must be free from this pest to be imported or moved in Great Britain.</p>
<p>An update to the plants regulated in relation to the RNQP, <i>Tomato ringspot virus</i>.</p>	<p>Recent risk assessments have identified plants that are hosts of this RNQP. They also concluded that the associated regulation on an existing host should be removed, due to the negligible risk.</p>	<p>Certain plants for planting of <i>Rubus</i> (such as raspberry), <i>Vaccinium</i> and <i>Vitis</i> would be regulated as hosts of <i>Tomato ringspot virus</i> and must be free from this pest to be imported or moved in Great Britain.</p> <p>Certain plants for planting of <i>Pelargonium</i> (geranium), <i>Malus</i> (apple), <i>Prunus</i> (stone fruit) would no longer be regulated as a host of <i>Tomato ringspot virus</i>. As a result, it would no longer be required to be free from this pest to be imported or moved in Great Britain.</p>
<p>An update to the plants regulated in relation to the QP, <i>Agilus planipennis</i>.</p>	<p>A technical review has identified that the host plant list should be updated, due to the adjusted risk.</p>	<p><i>Juglans ailantifolia</i>, <i>J. mandshurica</i> (species of walnut) and <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> (Japanese wignut) will no longer be regulated as hosts of <i>Agilus planipennis</i>. As a result, certain plants, wood and bark of these species will no longer</p>

		<p>need to meet specific import requirements to be imported into Great Britain.</p> <p>Conversely, <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> (fringetree) will be regulated as a host of this pest, therefore certain plants, wood and bark of this species will need to comply with specific import requirements to be imported into Great Britain.</p> <p>The forestry sector is expected to be affected by the proposed import requirements.</p>
The extension of certain import requirements to cover all conifer plants.	<p>Plants of conifers are currently regulated at the order level (Pinales) rather than the class level (Pinopsida). Due to taxonomy changes, the order level (Pinales) no longer covers all conifer plants.</p> <p>All references to Pinales for plants of conifers therefore need updating to Pinopsida.</p>	Imported plants of conifers will need to meet specific import requirements. This change is unlikely to have a significant impact on trade. This single measure would come into force on 8 November 2025.
Consequential changes to move certain regulated commodities to Part A of Annex 11	These commodities are currently regulated with import requirements associated with certain QPs. As a result, they should be listed in Annex 11, Part A - though these changes were not included at the time.	The specific commodities will be added to Part A of Annex 11, to ensure that they require pre-notification and inspected at a rate higher than 1%, as intended in the original legislative changes.
Technical updates to clarify or correct the legislation.	Several technical changes are made to clarify certain import requirements and to formalise certain existing trade easements.	Although no impacts on trade are anticipated, these changes simplify the legislation and aids understanding for domestic and international stakeholders.

**Details of Amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU)
2019/2072**

PH057

“ANNEX 2

List of GB quarantine pests

PART A

In table ‘C. Insects and mites

Add: A Bacteria

Add:

3A. *Pseudomonas avellanae* Janse et al. [PSDMAL]

In table C. Insects and mites

Add:

80A. *Neodiprion abietis* (Harris) [NEODAB]

In table F. Viruses, viroids and phytoplasmas

Delete:

24. Tobacco ringspot virus [TRSV00]

“ANNEX 2A

List of provisional GB quarantine pests

In table B. Insects and mites

Delete:

6A. *Neodiprion abietis* (Harris) [NEODAB]

In Table D. Bacteria

Delete:

2. *Pseudomonas avellanae* Janse et al. [PSDMAL]

Insert:

7C. *Pochazia shantungensis* (Chou & Lu) [POCZSH]

ANNEX 4

List of GB regulated non-quarantine pests and their respective plants for planting

PART B

RNQPs concerning vine propagating material

Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas

Add at the end of the table:

Tobacco ringspot virus [TRSV00]	<i>Vitis</i> L.	0%	0%
Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]	<i>Vitis</i> L.	0%	0%

PART C

RNQPs concerning propagating material of ornamental plants and other plants for planting intended for ornamental purposes

Delete row beginning 'Tomato ringspot virus'

PART G

RNQPs concerning seed of oil and fibre plants

Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas				
(1) RNQPs or symptoms caused by RNQPs	(2) Plants for Planting (genus or species)	(3) Thresholds for pre-basic seed	(4) Thresholds for basic seed	(5) Thresholds for certified seed
Tobacco ringspot virus [TRSV00]	<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merr	0 %	0 %	0 %

PART I
RNQPs concerning fruit propagating material
and fruit plants intended for fruit production

Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas

Add a row in the table between Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus

Tobacco ringspot virus [TRSV00]	<i>Vaccinium L.</i>	0%
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In the row beginning Tomato ringspot virus replace '*Prunus L. and Malus L.*' with '*Malus L., Prunus L., Rubus L. and Vaccinium L.*'

ANNEX 5
Measures to prevent the presence of RNQPs on specific plants for planting

PART C
Measures to prevent the presence of RNQPs on propagating material of
ornamental plants and other plants for planting intended for ornamental
purposes

Delete both rows beginning 'Tomato ringspot virus'

ANNEX 7
Part A
List of plants, plant products and other objects originating from third countries
and the corresponding special requirements for their introduction into Great
Britain.

Point 23 edit column 3 as follows:

The tubers must be accompanied by an official statement in relation to ~~each~~ **the** pests listed in column (2) of this entry that is known to be present in the third country concerned ("the relevant plant pests") **that:**

a) ~~that~~ i) they have been grown in an area* established by the national plant protection organisation in accordance with ISPM No. 4 as an area that is free from the relevant plant pests,

or

ii) they have been washed or brushed so that there is no more than 0.1% of soil remaining, or have undergone an equivalent method specifically applied in order to achieve the same outcome and remove the relevant plant pests and to ensure that there is no risk of the relevant plant pests spreading, ~~b-~~ and that they have been found in an official examination carried out immediately prior to export to be free from the relevant plant pests and from the signs of infestation by those plant pests on potato tubers, and do not contain more than 0.1% of soil,

and

eb) that the packaging material in which the potato tubers are exported is clean. *

The name of the area must be included in the phytosanitary certificate under the heading “Additional declaration”.

Point 36

In the last unnumbered paragraph after “**” add ‘In the case of plants for planting,’

Point 43 and 44

In Column 1 for “Pinales” substitute “Pinopsida”

Add new point 49A.

	(1) Description of plants, plant products or other objects	(2) Origin	(3) Special requirements
49A.	Plants for planting, other than seeds, of <i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	Any third country	The plants must be accompanied an official statement by: (a) that the plants have been grown throughout their life in a country

			<p>where <i>Pseudomonas avellanae</i> Janse et al. is known not to occur, or</p> <p>(b) that the plants have been grown throughout their life in an area* established by the national plant protection organisation in accordance with ISPM4 as an area that is free from <i>Pseudomonas avellanae</i> Janse et al.</p> <p>* The name of the area(s) must be included in the phytosanitary certificate under the heading "Additional declaration".</p>
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Amend point 50, 125, 125A, 126 and 127

In column 1

Replace: '*Fraxinus* L., *Juglans ailantifolia* Carrière., *Juglans mandshurica* Maximowicz., *Ulmus davidiana* Planchon. and *Pterocarya rhoifolia* Siebold & Zuccarini.' With '*Chionanthus virginicus* L., *Fraxinus* L. and *Ulmus davidiana* Planchon

ANNEX 11

List of plants, plant products and other objects and the respective third countries of origin or dispatch in respect of which phytosanitary certificates are required

PART A

List of plants, plant products and other objects and the respective third countries or origin or dispatch, which may not be introduced into Great Britain unless they are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, as referred to in Article 72(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031

In the table section ‘Parts of plants, other than fruit and seeds of:’

Entry 17 replace ‘*Fraxinus L., Juglans L., Pterocarya Kunth and Ulmus davidiana Planchon*’ in column 1 with ‘*Chionanthus virginicus L., Fraxinus L. and Ulmus davidiana Planchon*’

Consequential amendments will be made to Annex 11 part A to ensure alignment with Annex 7 requirements, including the addition of the following entries:

Add after entry 18B

	(1) Description of plants, plant products or other objects	(2) CN code and its respective description under Council Regulation (EEC) No.2658/87	(3) Country of origin or dispatch
18C	<p><i>Acer L., Betula L., Carpinus L., Carya illinoensis (Wangenheim) Koch, Cercis L., Cornus L., Crataegus L., Juglans L., Malus Mill., Ostrya virginiana (Miller) Koch, Platanus occidentalis L., Populus L., Prunus L., Pyrus L., Salix L., Tilia L., Ulmus L.</i></p>	<p>Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0603 19 70</p> <p>Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0604 20 90</p> <p>Vegetable materials of a kind</p>	Canada and the USA

	<i>Vaccinium darrowii</i> Camp.	used primarily for plaiting (for example, bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia, cleaned, bleached or dyed cereal straw, and lime bark), fresh: ex 1401 90 00 Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included, fresh: ex 1404 90 00	
18D	<i>Acer</i> L., <i>Aesculus</i> L., <i>Arbutus</i> <i>menziesii</i> Pursh, <i>Ceanothus</i> L., <i>Cercocarpus</i> <i>montanus</i> (Kunth) Rafinesque, <i>Corylus</i> L., <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> (Thunberg) Lindley, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L., <i>Ficus carica</i> L., <i>Frangula</i> <i>californica</i> (Eschscholtz) A. Gray, <i>Heteromeles</i> <i>arbutifolia</i> (Lindl) Roemer, <i>Juglans</i> <i>regia</i> L.,	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0603 19 70 Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0604 20 90 Vegetable materials of a kind	Canada and the USA

	<p><i>Malus</i> Mill., <i>Pickeringia montana</i> Torrey & A. Gray, <i>Platanus</i> L., <i>Populus</i> L., <i>Prunus</i> L., <i>Pyrus communis</i> L., <i>Quercus</i> L., <i>Ribes</i> L., <i>Rosa</i> L., <i>Salix</i> L., <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> L., <i>Ulmus</i> L., <i>Vaccinium</i> L.</p>	<p>used primarily for plaiting (for example, bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia, cleaned, bleached or dyed cereal straw, and lime bark), fresh: ex 1401 90 00 Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included, fresh: ex 1404 90 00</p>	
18E	<p><i>Salix</i> L.</p>	<p>Foliage, branches and other parts of plants of Willow (<i>Salix</i> spp.), without flowers or flower buds, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0604 20 90 Vegetable products of plants of Willow (<i>Salix</i> spp.) not elsewhere specified or included, fresh: ex 1404 90 00</p>	<p>China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and Russia</p>

18F	<i>Rosa</i> L.	<p>Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0603 19 70</p> <p>Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh: ex 0604 20 90</p> <p>Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included, fresh: ex 1404 90 00</p>	Canada, India, Mexico and the USA
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In the table section ‘Isolated bark of:’

Entry 37 replace ‘*Fraxinus* L., *Juglans* L., *Pterocarya* Kunth and *Ulmus davidiana* Planchon’ in column 1 with ‘*Chionanthus virginicus* L., *Fraxinus* L. and *Ulmus davidiana* Planchon’

Entry 40, column 3, insert at the end “and the USA”.

In the table section ‘Wood of:’

Entry 46 replace '*Fraxinus* L., *Juglans* L., *Pterocarya* Kunth and *Ulmus davidiana* Planchon' in column 1 with '*Chionanthus virginicus* L., *Fraxinus* L. and *Ulmus davidiana* Planchon'

Entry 52, column 3, insert at the end "and the USA".

Entry 55, column 1, after "*Fagus sylvatica* L.," insert "*Juglans* L."