



Dear IPPC contact point,

Date: 26 February 2026

Update to import requirements

New import requirements for certain goods entering Great Britain from certain third countries are scheduled for publication on 28 April 2026: see the UK WTO ePing notification [G/SPS/N/GBR/122](#). Please note that the legislation provides for a 6-month implementation period once the measures are published.

The below changes will introduce specific pest measures for rhizomes of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe other than plants for planting from any third country, other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, in Annex 7 of the assimilated law [Commission implementing regulation \(EU\) 2019/2072](#) :

The rhizomes must be accompanied by an official statement that they:

- (a) originate in a country which, in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM 4, is known to be free from *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al.,
- (b) originate in an area* which, in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM4, is known to be free from *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al., or
- (c) originate in a site of production which complies with the following:
 - i. that has been registered and supervised by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin,
 - ii. that official inspections of the site of production and its immediate vicinity have been carried out prior to harvest, and no presence or signs of *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al. have been found,
 - iii. that prior to export, a representative sample of the plants has been tested using appropriate molecular methods and found free from *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al., and
 - iv. that information ensuring traceability to that site of production has been ensured during their movement prior to export.

* The name of the area(s) must be included in the phytosanitary certificate under the heading "Place of origin".

Additionally, in Annex 7, Part A, entry 102B for fruits of *Capsicum* L. and *Solanum* L., Israel and Taiwan will be added to the list of countries to which the existing special import requirements apply.

Please contact UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk should you have any questions regarding these changes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Spence', written in a cursive style.

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED KINGDOM 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): • Rhizomes of <i>Zingiber officinale</i> Roscoe (i.e. ginger), other than plants for planting, from any country other than EU member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. • Fruits of <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (i.e. tomatoes) from Chinese Taipei and Israel. • Fruits of <i>Capsicum</i> L. (i.e. peppers) from Chinese Taipei and Israel.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☐ All trading partners ☒ Specific regions or countries: Any trader that is moving the goods from the locations specified under point 3 above.
5.	Title of the notified document: The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2026. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/GBR/26_01142_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: • New import controls are being introduced against the pest <i>Bactrocera latifrons</i> for fruits of <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (i.e. tomatoes) and fruits of <i>Capsicum</i> L. (i.e. peppers) from Chinese Taipei and Israel, and against the pest <i>Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum</i> for rhizomes of <i>Zingiber officinale</i> Roscoe (i.e. ginger) from all countries other than EU member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. • These regulations implement a requirement under the Windsor Framework, in respect of the movement of certain rest of the world retail goods from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI). • The legislation provides for a 6-month implementation period once the measures are published.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☒ protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☒ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM no. 4: Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 28 April 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 28 April 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 May 2026 - The legislation provides for a 6-month implementation period once the measures are published. ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 April 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail: uksps@defra.gov.uk
13.	Text(s) available from: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail: uksps@defra.gov.uk Website: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs