

Fees for Import Checks of Good from EU

Plant Health services operate on a basis of full cost recovery. For goods imported from the EU, GB will be carrying out a phased implementation of import checks. From 1 January 2021, there will be the requirement for pre-notification and phytosanitary certificates for plants and plant products that pose the greatest potential risk to GB biosecurity and which are already subject to regulation within the EU (the high-priority plants and plant products). They will also be subject to import checks and these checks will be aligned to the risks posed by different regulated commodities. Lower risk goods will receive a lower frequency of checks.

For these goods, where we do not plan to check certain commodities at 100%, the fees will be adjusted to reflect this. The fees detailed below have been calculated by weighting the normal Rest of World (RoW) fees by the frequency of inspections (so a 50% frequency of inspection would be charged 50% of the RoW fee). This is in line with the reduced frequency methodology applied for certain low risk RoW trades.

DEFRA have taken the decision to delay the introduction of inspection fees for imports of ‘high-priority’ plants and plant products until 1 April 2021 in England and Wales. This will give businesses time to adjust to the new fee arrangements and can factor it in to financial planning for next year. A full list of ‘high-priority’ plants and plant products can be found at gov.uk.

Applicable from 1st April 2021.

Commodity		Inspection Rates for EU goods			Amended fee for EU goods		
		Documentary	ID	Physical	Documentary	ID	Physical
Plants for planting	- <i>Olea europaea</i> L. <i>Prunus dulcis</i> <i>Lavandula</i> L., <i>Nerium oleander</i> L. <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L., <i>coffea</i> , <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>	100%	100%	100%	£5.25	£5.25	£182.38
	- <i>Platanus</i> trees						
	- Plants for planting intended for propagation (including bulbs for commercial propagation/production)						
	- Trees of oak, sweet chestnut, elm, pine, <i>prunus</i> , <i>palmae</i> , <i>abies</i> (>3m), <i>larix</i> (>3m), <i>picea</i> (>3m)						
	- <i>Acer palmatum</i>						
	- Bonsais						
- Seed for propagation							

Commodity		Inspection Rates for EU goods			Amended fee for EU goods		
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	- Finished plants intended for retail (including bulbs identified as intended for retail sale)	100%	10%	10%	£5.25	£0.53	£18.24
	- Seed to produce plants for end use	100%	5%	5%	£5.25	£0.26	£9.12
Plant products	- Seed potatoes	100%	100%	100%	£5.25	£5.25	£156.69
	- Ware potatoes from Spain						
	- Ware potatoes from Portugal, Poland and Romania	100%	50%	50%	£5.25	£2.63	£78.35
Machinery/ vehicles	- Used machinery/vehicles	100%	5%	5%	£5.25	£0.26	£5.98
All remaining Art. 72 commodities	- Fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, fresh herbs etc	100%	3%	3%	£5.25	£0.16	£1.59

Fees for ID checks on Rest of World Reduced Check Commodities

From 1st April 2021, identity import checks will be aligned to the frequency of physical inspections for Rest of World (RoW) goods. This will reduce the identity check fee for commodities subject to lower frequencies of physical checks (see table below). The fees detailed below have been calculated by weighting the standard identity check fee (£5.25) fees by the frequency of inspections (so a 50% frequency of inspection would be charged 50% of the standard identity check fee).

Applicable from 1st April 2021.

Genus	Country of Origin	ID Check Fee (£)
Cut Flowers		
<i>Aster</i>	Zimbabwe	3.94
<i>Dianthus</i>	Columbia	0.16
	Ecuador	0.79
	Kenya	0.26
	Turkey	0.79
<i>Rosa</i>	Columbia	0.16
	Ecuador	0.05
	Ethiopia	0.26
	Kenya	0.53
	Tanzania	2.63
	Zambia	0.53
Branches with foliage		
<i>Phoenix</i>	Costa Rica	2.63
Fruit		
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Any third country	0.26
<i>Cydonia</i>	Any third country in Europe	0.26
<i>Fragaria</i>	Any third country	0.26
<i>Malus</i>	Argentina	1.84
	Brazil	2.63
	Chile	0.26
	Any third country in Europe	0.26
	New Zealand	0.53
	South Africa	0.26
<i>Persea americana</i>	Any third country	0.26
<i>Prunus</i>	Argentina	3.94
	Chile	0.53
	Any third country in Europe	0.26
	Morocco	2.63
	Turkey	1.84
<i>Prunus other than prunus persica</i>	South Africa	0.26
<i>Pyrus</i>	Argentina	0.79
	Chile	0.79
	China	2.63

Genus	Country of Origin	ID Check Fee (£)
	Any third country in Europe	0.26
	South Africa	0.53
<i>Ribes</i>	Any third country in Europe	0.26
<i>Rubus</i>	Any third country	0.26
<i>Vaccinium</i>	Argentina	1.31
	Chile	0.53
	Peru	0.53
	Any third country in Europe	0.26
<i>Vitis</i>	Any third country	0.26
Vegetables		
<i>Solanum lycopersicon</i>	Canary Islands	0.26
	Morocco	0.26
<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Turkey	1.31
Farm Machinery	All	0.26