

## ENDANGERED SPECIES:

Specimens or parts of plants, and products obtained from them, protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) are controlled. For further information, please contact:

The Global Wildlife Division of Defra on +44 (0) 117 372 8749 (between 09:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs, Monday to Friday)

## MEAT AND PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

There are also restrictions on bringing meat and products of animal origin into the UK from outside the EU. Many items are prohibited. Please check the rules in the meat and products of animal origin 'If in doubt, leave it out!' leaflet.



## WHY ARE THERE STRICT CONTROLS?

Plants can carry pests and diseases, which can devastate our environment and our agricultural and horticultural industries.

The 2001 Foot and Mouth (FMD) outbreak demonstrated the costly impact of animal and plant disease on rural communities, businesses and the economy.

Therefore there are strict controls on the importation of plants and plant products into the UK from outside the EU. Customs will seek to prosecute serious offenders. Make sure you check what you can bring into the UK.



## HOW CAN I CHECK THE RULES?

This leaflet gives you a summary of the rules. It is not fully comprehensive. Pest and disease outbreaks can occur at any time and these rules are subject to amendment without notice. Remember, what you can bring into the UK depends on where you are travelling from, not where the item has been grown or purchased. If you are in any doubt about what you can or cannot bring into the UK you should contact:

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)  
(Plant Health Service Delivery Unit)

Between 08:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs, Monday to Friday:

From the UK: 01904 455174  
From outside the UK: +44 (0) 1904 455174

Between 17:00 hrs and 08:00 hrs, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday:

From the UK: 08459 335577  
From outside the UK: +44 (0) 20 7238 6951

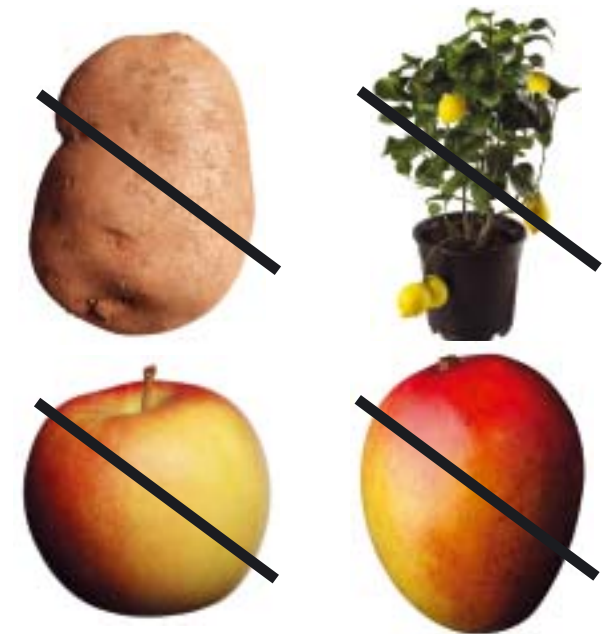
There is also a minicom/textphone number for the deaf and hard of hearing: 0845 300 1998.

Check Defra's website: [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)  
Email: [planthealth.info@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:planthealth.info@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

**THERE ARE STRICT PENALTIES FOR SMUGGLING PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS. THIS CAN INCLUDE UNLIMITED FINES, THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH.**

**IF YOU ARE CARRYING PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED ITEMS, OR ARE SIMPLY UNSURE OF THE RULES, GO TO THE CUSTOMS RED CHANNEL/POINT OR THE PHONE PROVIDED AT THE RED POINT TO SPEAK TO A CUSTOMS OFFICER. ALL PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS WILL BE SEIZED AND DESTROYED.**

# IF IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!



**TRAVELLING FROM OUTSIDE THE EU?  
THINKING OF BRINGING PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS INTO THE UK?**

**THESE ITEMS MAY CARRY DISEASES AND STRICT PENALTIES APPLY. MANY ITEMS ARE ILLEGAL AND WILL BE SEIZED. CHECK THE RULES BEFORE YOU BRING ANY OF THESE ITEMS INTO THE UK.**

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP PESTS AND DISEASES OUT OF THE EU



## EU COUNTRIES INCLUDE:

Austria, Belgium, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Irish Republic, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal (including Madeira), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (EXCLUDING CANARY ISLANDS), Sweden and the UK.

Andorra, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, San Marino and Switzerland are also treated as part of the EU for the import of plants and plant products.

## CERTAIN NON-EU COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA ARE:

Albania, Algeria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canary Islands, Ceuta, Croatia, Egypt, The Faroe Isles, Gibraltar, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamrahiya, Liechtenstein, Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of), Melilla, Republic of Moldova, Morocco, Norway, Romania, parts of Russia (you will need to check), Serbia and Montenegro, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

If the country is not listed here and is not in the EU, the restrictions detailed under 'ALL OTHER COUNTRIES' apply.

**IF YOU EXCEED THE PERMITTED LEVELS, THE WHOLE AMOUNT WILL BE SEIZED.**

**YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO POST ANY PLANT OR PLANT PRODUCTS INTO THE EU UNLESS THEY HAVE A PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED TO THE PACKAGE.**

– PRODUCTS MUST BE FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE –

## WHAT CAN I BRING INTO THE UK IF I AM TRAVELLING FROM:

– PRODUCTS MUST BE FREE FROM SIGNS OF PESTS – AND DISEASES

– PRODUCTS MUST BE FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE –

**ANOTHER EU COUNTRY?** You may bring in any plants or plant products provided they were grown in these countries. (See page 2 for list of included countries)

**CERTAIN NON-EU COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA?** The following applies: (See page 2 for list of included countries)

													
POTATOES AND POTATO SEEDS	VEGETABLES aubergine, bitter cucumber, bitter melon, celeric, celery and sweet basil	FRUIT all citrus fruit, apple, apricot, blackcurrant, blueberry, cherry, cranberry, custard apple, continued below**	FRUIT AND VEGETABLES OTHER THAN PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED	CHESTNUTS	SOIL loose	PLANTS citrus & vine	OTHER PLANTS OR TREE SEEDLINGS with or without soil	SEEDS (not potato) must be retail packets (certain seeds are unrestricted*)	BULBS, CORMS, TUBERS AND RHIZOMES (potatoes excluded)	CUT FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE (1 bouquet but please check – certain foliage is restricted and certain cut flowers are unrestricted*)	PARTS OF TREES FOR DECORATION (spray or wreath or 1 cut Christmas tree, up to 3m in height)	NON- MANUFACTURED PIECES OF WOOD (pieces without bark)	MANUFACTURED ARTICLES OF WOOD
 CONTROLLED	 2KG MAX	 2KG MAX <small>Please check if this 2KG limit applies.**</small>		 2KG MAX	 CONTROLLED	 CONTROLLED	 MAX 5	 MAX 5	 2KG MAX	 MAX 1	 MAX 1	 MAX 5	

**ALL OTHER COUNTRIES?** The following applies:

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\*For further details, please contact the helplines on page 8.

\*\*date plum, gooseberry, guava, jambolan, kumquat, mango, passion fruit, peach, pear, persimmon, plum, quince, redcurrant and rose apple

**CONTROLLED ITEMS: THESE REQUIRE A PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY OR A LICENCE ISSUED BY DEFRA OR THE FORESTRY COMMISSION. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT THE HELPLINES ON PAGE 8.**