
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) Order 1993

General provisions relating to certificates

12.—(1) Where a phytosanitary certificate, reforwarding phytosanitary certificate or industry certificate is issued in a language other than English it shall incorporate or be accompanied by a translation into the English language, which translation, if it is a document separate from the certificate, shall, except in the case of an industry certificate, be completed and signed by an authorised officer.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this article, where a consignment of relevant material has been consigned between two or more countries before being consigned to Great Britain it may be accompanied in the place of any certificate required by this Order by a copy of such certificate issued in the country from which the consignment has been directly consigned to Great Britain and certified as a true copy of the original or a true copy of a certified copy of the original, as the case may be, by an authorised officer.

(3) Paragraph (2) of this article shall not apply in the case of a reforwarding phytosanitary certificate issued in the country from which the consignment was directly consigned to Great Britain, in which case the original reforwarding phytosanitary certificate issued in that country shall accompany the consignment.

(4) A certificate issued by or on behalf of a state, provincial or other regional or local government authority of part of a country, or by or on behalf of any department, service or other organ of such authority shall not be deemed to be a valid phytosanitary certificate or a valid reforwarding phytosanitary certificate for the purposes of this Order unless such authority is the only one empowered to issue, in relation to such part of the country, phytosanitary certificates or reforwarding phytosanitary certificates to accord with the requirements of this Order.

(5) Except in the case of consignments imported into Great Britain by post, any phytosanitary certificate, reforwarding phytosanitary certificate or industry certificate shall—

- (a) in the case of imports by a forestry trader listed in the register referred to in article 14, be delivered, within three days of landing of the consignment, to an inspector;
- (b) in the case of imports by any other person, be delivered, together with the entry relating to the consignment, to the proper officer.

In this paragraph the expression “proper officer” has the like meaning as in the Customs Act and the reference to the entry shall be construed as reference to the entry, delivery of which is to be made in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

(6) In the case of a consignment imported into Great Britain by post, any phytosanitary certificate, reforwarding phytosanitary certificate or industry certificate shall be affixed to the outside of the package comprising the consignment or, if the consignment consists of more than one package, such certificate shall be affixed to the outside of one of the packages and copies thereof affixed to the outside of each of the remaining packages.

(7) All phytosanitary certificates, reforwarding phytosanitary certificates or industry certificates produced when a consignment of relevant material is landed in Great Britain shall be officially stamped showing the date of entry of the consignment.