

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 produced or packaged. If you are in any doubt about what you can or cannot bring into Northern Ireland you should contact:

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Portal Inspection

From the UK: 028 9445 2577

From outside the UK: +44 (0) 28 9445 2577

Or check the DAERA website:

www.daera-ni.gov.uk

For further information contact:

DAERA Plant Health Inspection Branch

From the UK: 0300 200 7847

From outside the UK: +44 (0) 300 200 7847

(between 09.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs Mon-Fri)

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 speak to a DAERA Portal Inspector. All prohibited and restricted items will be seized and destroyed.

Endangered Species

Specimens or parts of plants and products obtained from endangered species protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) are controlled.

For further information, please contact:

Defra CITES Licensing Team

+44 (0) 3000 200 301

(between 09.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs Mon-Fri)

Meat and Products of Animal Origin



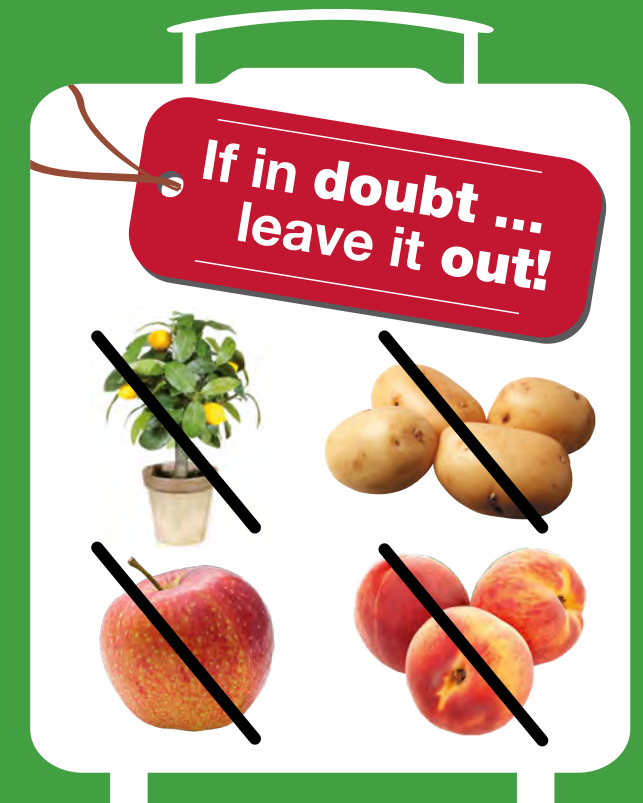
There are also restrictions on bringing meat and products of animal origin into the UK from outside the EU. Many items are prohibited. Please check the rules in the meat and products of animal origin 'If in doubt, leave it out!' leaflet.

Border Force acts on behalf of Defra, DAERA, Forestry Commission, WAG and SEERAD in enforcing Plant Health controls on passengers entering the UK.

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 agricultural disease on rural communities, businesses and the economy.



Travelling from outside the EU? Thinking of bringing plants or plant products into Northern Ireland?

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 Northern Ireland.

Therefore there are strict controls on the importation of plants and plant products into the UK from outside the EU. DAERA and Customs will seek to prosecute serious offenders.

Make sure you check what you can bring into the UK.



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
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Border Force

Working together to
keep out plant and animal
pests and diseases.

EU Countries Include:

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

Andorra, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and Vatican City are also treated as part of the EU for these purposes.

Plants from Non-EU countries

Controlled plants from non-EU countries are either prohibited or must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and declared on arrival. All plants for planting and all imports for commercial purposes must additionally be pre-notified to DAERA and arrive at a Border Control Post (BCP).*

Plants from EU countries

Certain pests are present in parts of Europe but not in Northern Ireland. NI has 'Protected Zone' status for many pests. Plants that may host these pests require a Protected Zone (PZ) plant passport as proof that they fulfil the relevant phytosanitary requirements. The relevant plants may be seized if they are brought into NI without the correct plant passport.*

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

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

Products must be **FREE** from signs of pests and diseases

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What can I bring into Northern Ireland if I am travelling from:

A non-EU Country

										
Loose soil.	All fresh plants and parts of plants - including plants for planting, fruit veg, seeds, bulbs, tubers, roots, cut flowers, unshelled nuts (except those specifically mentioned).	Fruit - Durian, Coconut, Bananas, Dates, Pineapples.	Dried or preserved fruit or vegetables.	Fresh vegetables with soil - Potatoes, Leeks, Celery, Rapeseed, Cabbage, Pak Choi, Turnips, Carrots.	Fresh beetroot - with or without soil, also seeds.	Trees for planting - Plums, Cherries, Apricots, Almonds, Laurels, Aspen, Elm, Larch, Oak, Poplars, Spruce, Sweet Chestnut, Pine, Cedars.	Plants for planting - Bugle, Begonias, Firecracker Flower, Dipladenia, Poinsettia, Ficus, Hibiscus, Mandevilla, Oleander, Palms of stem >5cm.	Bark - of Conifers or Sweet Chestnut.	Wood with bark - of Conifers and Sweet Chestnut.	Manufactured articles of wood.
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An EU country (provided the plants were grown in the EU)

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