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To: IPPC Contact Points

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reminder to submit plant health declarations

The letter you received from me on 26 November 2020 explaining the changes which were being made to the UK's plant health import controls from 1 January 2021 included a request for certain technical information to be provided to the UK. For ease of reference my letter can be found [here](#).

We would like to thank NPPOs who have so far sent us these notifications, these are recorded [here](#) on our Plant Health Portal.

We would be grateful if NPPOs yet to send us this information could do so at their earliest convenience.

A template to provide these notifications can be found in Annex 2 of the aforementioned letter (sent 26th Nov 2020), this has since been updated and is available as a Microsoft Word document [here](#), once completed it should be emailed to UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk.

For further clarity, we can confirm that if a pest is not present the text 'N/A' can be inputted into the relevant table, along with a note if you wish to add any additional clarification. The column titled 'Review' does not need to be completed. The table can also be returned as an email.

Furthermore, the UK has introduced Emergency Measures, which may be found [here](#), for Xylella which include a requirement for countries to provide written notification confirming which option they intend to use, if that is country freedom or where relevant a list of pest free places/sites of production.

In order to prevent undue delays of consignments at our border this information should now be provided if it has not already been submitted.

A template to provide these Xylella notifications can be found in the Annex to this letter, and is also available as Microsoft Word document [here](#). Once completed it

should be emailed to UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk. The column titled 'Review' does not need to be completed. The table can also be returned as an email.

Although not a legal requirement to provide details in advance, where the pest free area option is available and is to be used, you may find it helpful to provide details of the area(s) concerned to the UK NPPO, to minimise time to check phytosanitary certificates received in GB.

Under some options it is necessary to provide details of pest free places of production or sites of production to the UK NPPO. Where required, details of the relevant places or sites which plan to use these options need to be sent to us in advance of plants being imported. The details can be sent directly to UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk, rather than via a template. For the same reasons as mentioned above, in those cases where such details do not need to be provided in advance, they may still be provided to aid import inspection process.

Please note that certain notifications may have been made to the EU while the UK was a member state, based on EU legislation. These notifications are no longer applicable to the UK as certain requirements have changed. These changes only apply to imports into Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). Northern Ireland remains within in the European Union's (EU) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) area, so EU import requirements will continue to apply to imports into Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Spence', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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Annex – Template for *Xylella fastidiosa* declaration

	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.)				
	pest free country	pest free area	Pest free place/site of production*	Date of latest communication	Review
Plants for planting, other than seeds that belong to the genera and species listed here (table 5) other than: <i>Lavandula sp.</i> , <i>Nerium oleander</i> , <i>Salvia Rosmarinus</i> , <i>Coffea sp.</i> , <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> , <i>Olea europaea</i> and <i>Prunus dulcis</i>		**	**		
Plants intended for planting other than seeds, of <i>Coffea sp.</i> and <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> L.					
Plants intended for planting other than seeds, of <i>Lavandula sp.</i> L., <i>Nerium oleander</i> L. and <i>Salvia Rosmarinus</i> (Spenner)			*		
Plants intended for planting other than seeds of <i>Olea europaea</i> L. and <i>Prunus dulcis</i> (Mill.) D.A. Webb			*		

* if using this option, a list of pest free places/sites of production must have been provided in writing to the UK NPPO in advance of imports.

** option to provide details of individual pest free areas/places/sites in writing to the UK NPPO to facilitate import inspection processes.