
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Plant Health Order (Northern Ireland) 2018

PART 9

Notifications, provision and exchange of information

Notification of the likely entry into, or presence in, a free zone of plant pests or relevant material

45.—(1) The responsible authority for a free zone in Northern Ireland must immediately notify the Department of any notifiable item which it knows or suspects—

- (a) is likely to enter the free zone; or
- (b) is present in the free zone and has not been cleared out of charge under the Customs Act.

(2) A notice under paragraph (1) may first be given orally, but must be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably practicable.

(3) In this article—

- (a) “free zone” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act;
- (b) “notifiable item” means—
 - (i) a plant pest which is of a description specified in Schedule 1 or in column 3 of Schedule 2;
 - (ii) a plant pest which, although not specified in Schedule 1 or 2 is not normally present in Northern Ireland and which is likely to be injurious to plants in Northern Ireland; or
 - (iii) relevant material of a description specified in column 2 of Schedule 3 which originates in a country specified in the entry in respect of that description of relevant material in column 3 of that Schedule;
- (c) “the responsible authority” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act.