
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Plant Health Order (Northern Ireland) 2018

PART 2

Imports from third countries

Exceptions from certain prohibitions and requirements

8.—(1) The following provisions do not apply to any exempt items which are introduced into Northern Ireland in the baggage of a passenger or other traveller if the items meet the conditions in paragraph (2)—

- (a) article 5(1)(e) and (f);
- (b) article 6(1);
- (c) article 7(1);
- (d) article 10(1).

(2) The conditions are that the exempt items—

- (a) do not show any signs of the presence of a plant pest;
- (b) are not intended for use in the course of a trade or business; and
- (c) are intended for household use.

(3) In this article—

- (a) “exempt items” means—
 - (i) fruit and raw vegetables (other than potatoes), weighing no more than two kg in total;
 - (ii) a single bouquet of cut flowers (which may include parts of plants);
 - (iii) packets of seeds, other than seeds of potatoes or *Fraxinus* L., not exceeding five packets in total;
 - (iv) bulbs, corms, tubers, other than potatoes, and rhizomes, grown in and consigned from the Euro-Mediterranean area and weighing no more than two kg in total;
 - (v) plants for planting, other than bulbs, corms, tubers or rhizomes or plants of *Fraxinus* L. intended for planting, grown in and consigned from the Euro-Mediterranean area and not exceeding five in total;
 - (vi) parts of trees, including dried cones, leaves and branches, for decoration or which together form a single wreath;
 - (vii) one cut coniferous tree less than 3 metres in height;
 - (viii) seeds of *Castanea* (chestnuts), intended for human consumption, not exceeding 2 kilogrammes in weight; or
 - (ix) tree seedlings, other than seedlings of *Fraxinus* L. or seedlings in bonsai form, not exceeding 5 in number.

- (b) “packet of seeds” means a packet of seeds of a type normally sold to the consumer other than for use in the course of a trade or business or a packet of seeds of a similar size.