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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1517**

**The Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) (England) Regulations 2019**

**PART 9**

General powers of plant health inspectors and enforcement

**Right of entry conferred by a warrant issued by a justice of the peace**

**29.**—(1) A justice of the peace may by signed warrant permit an inspector to enter premises under regulation 16(1), 28(1) or 31(1), if necessary by reasonable force, if the justice, on sworn information in writing, is satisfied that—

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to enter those premises; and
- (b) any of the conditions in paragraph (2) are met.

(2) The conditions are that—

- (a) entry to the premises has been, or is likely to be, refused and notice of the intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier;
- (b) asking for admission to the premises, or giving notice of the intention to apply for a warrant, would defeat the object of the entry;
- (c) entry is required urgently; or
- (d) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent.

(3) A warrant is valid for one month.

(4) An inspector who enters any unoccupied premises must leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as they were before entry.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 29 in force at 14.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) (England) Regulations 2019, Section 29.