

Pre-notification of Article 73 Goods

Goods detailed in Article 73 of the retained Plant Health Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants) are required to be inspected at a minimum 1% frequency. The UK customs IT system (Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF)/ Customs Declaration Service (CDS)) will select 1% of consignments due to enter Great Britain and these will be subject to phytosanitary import checks. The relevant consignees will be automatically informed by CHIEF/CDS that they should make a pre-notification on PEACH (Procedure for Electronic Application for Certificates)/IPAFFS (Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System) (the UK SPS imports IT system).

The GB competent authorities intend to make this pre-notification via PEACH/IPAFFS a mandatory requirement within the retained Regulation (EU) 2017/625 Official Controls Regulation (OCR), such that consignees must pre-notify on PEACH/IPAFFS when requested to do so by CHIEF/CDS. This will be done using the power in Article 45(4) of the retained OCR.