

Importation of plants and plant products

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1. Introduction

Consignments of plants and plant products must undergo controls before their entry into free circulation is permitted and [Council Directive \(EU\) 2000/29](#) provides for the control of such products being imported into the EU. In Ireland, the competent authority for carrying out these controls is the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). Revenue's Customs Service assists in the implementation of these controls by referring relevant consignments to DAFM for control.

For the purposes of this manual, the term 'importation' means the movement of plants and plant products into Ireland from countries other than EU Members States.

2. Prohibition / Restriction

Consignments of plants and plant products must be imported at an approved Border Control Post (BCP). In Ireland, the following locations are designated and approved as BCPs for the purposes of plants and plant products:

- Dublin Port
- Dublin Airport
- Rosslare Europort (with effect 01 January 2021)

Official controls on relevant consignments must be carried out at the BCP by DAFM before entry into free circulation is allowed. A list of DAFM contacts can be found in the Annex to this manual.

Where there is an attempt to import plants or plant products at an entry point other than an approved BCP, Customs should detain the consignment and inform DAFM who will advise the importer of the correct procedure to follow. Customs will be kept informed of the outcome by DAFM.

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5. Contact Details - Customs

Any general questions on this manual should be directed to:

Customs Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit

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6. Related Documents

[Council Directive 2000/29](#)

[Customs Act, 2015](#)

A more recent version of this manual is available.

ANNEX

LOCATION	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT DETAILS	EMAIL ADDRESS
Dublin Port	John Eivers	0868202823	John.Eivers@agriculture.gov.ie
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	Ciaran Cullen	0873563631	Ciaran.Cullen@agriculture.gov.ie
	Paul Rooney	0874653360	PaulM.Rooney@agriculture.gov.ie
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	Carthage Molloy	0876151248	Carthage.Molloy@agriculture.gov.ie
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Rosslare Port	John Eivers	0868202823	John.Eivers@agriculture.gov.ie
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