



Dear IPPC contact point,

Date: 26 February 2026

Update to import requirements

New import requirements for certain goods entering Great Britain from certain third countries are scheduled for publication on 28 April 2026: see the UK WTO ePing notification [G/SPS/N/GBR/122](#). Please note that the legislation provides for a 6-month implementation period once the measures are published.

The below changes will introduce specific pest measures for rhizomes of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe other than plants for planting from any third country, other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, in Annex 7 of the assimilated law [Commission implementing regulation \(EU\) 2019/2072](#) :

The rhizomes must be accompanied by an official statement that they:

- (a) originate in a country which, in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM 4, is known to be free from *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al.,
- (b) originate in an area* which, in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM4, is known to be free from *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al., or
- (c) originate in a site of production which complies with the following:
 - i. that has been registered and supervised by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin,
 - ii. that official inspections of the site of production and its immediate vicinity have been carried out prior to harvest, and no presence or signs of *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al. have been found,
 - iii. that prior to export, a representative sample of the plants has been tested using appropriate molecular methods and found free from *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni et al., and
 - iv. that information ensuring traceability to that site of production has been ensured during their movement prior to export.

* The name of the area(s) must be included in the phytosanitary certificate under the heading "Place of origin".

Additionally, in Annex 7, Part A, entry 102B for fruits of *Capsicum* L. and *Solanum* L., Israel and Taiwan will be added to the list of countries to which the existing special import requirements apply.

Please contact UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk should you have any questions regarding these changes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Spence', written in a cursive style.

Professor Nicola Spence CBE
UK Chief Plant Health Officer

nicola.spence@defra.gov.uk
UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk