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The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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Coming into force - -	*15th October 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8C(1) and (2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018(**a**).

In making these Regulations, the Secretary of State has had special regard to the matters listed in section 46 (and regard to the guidance issued under section 46A) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020(**b**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 15th October 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

(**a**) 2018 c. 16. Section 8C was inserted by section 21 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1) ("the 2020 Act") and amended by section 55(3) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (c. 27). Paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 was amended by paragraph 53(2) of Schedule 5 to the 2020 Act and Schedule 2 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28). Further to the Joint Declaration No.1/2023 of the EU and the United Kingdom in the Joint Committee established by the withdrawal agreement of 24 March 2023, the Protocol (as amended by Joint Committee Decision No.1/2023) is now known as the "Windsor Framework". https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?toc=OJ%3AL%3A2023%3A102%3ATOC&uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2023.102.01.0087.01.ENG

(**b**) 2020 c. 27; section 46A was inserted by S.I. 2024/163. The guidance is published by the Northern Ireland Office at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/northern-irelands-place-in-the-uk-internal-market-and-customs-territory and available in hard copy from 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ, United Kingdom.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards protective measures against pests of plants

2.—(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards protective measures against pests of plants(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Annex 7, in Part A (plants, plant products and other objects originating in third countries which may only be introduced into Great Britain if special requirements are met)—

(a) in the table, after entry 30A., insert—

"30B.	Rhizomes of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe, other than plants for planting	Any third country, other than EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Switzerland	The rhizomes must be accompanied by an official statement that they: (a) originate in a country which, in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM4, 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) it has been registered and supervised by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin, (ii) 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) 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) information ensuring traceability to that site of production has been secured during movement of the plants prior to export. *The name of the area(s) must be included in the phytosanitary certificate under the heading "Place of origin".";

(b) in the table, at entry 102B., in column (2) (origin)—

(i) after "Iraq," insert "Israel,";

(ii) after "Syria," insert "Taiwan,".

(**a**) EUR 2019/2072; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1527, 2021/136, 2021/426, 2021/641, 2021/1171, 2022/114, 2022/1120, 2023/959, 2024/853.

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27th April 2026 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement the Windsor Framework, in particular by satisfying conditions set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2023/1231 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2023 on specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland (OJ No. L 165, 29.6.2023, p.103), in respect of the movement of certain rest of the world retail goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

Regulation 2 makes amendments to assimilated direct legislation to adjust the entry requirements for certain plants into Great Britain so that they match the requirements for entry of those rest of the world retail goods into Northern Ireland.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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