

# Teagasc Nursery Stock Conference

## Ashtown

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# Plant Health Service in Northern Ireland

- Forest Service is an Agency within the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)
- Forest Service manages 5% of land area & about half of the forests
  - NI forests receive 5 million visitors each year
  - Supplies 0.4 million tonnes of sustainably grown timber
  - Earns £10 million annually
- Plant Health Directorate is responsible for safeguarding the plant health status of forests, agriculture and land based industries and the environment through preventing the introduction and spread of organisms harmful to plants.

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# Plant Health Policy

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A Chinese Major artist and cultural phenomenon Ai Weiwei takes over the main galleries of the Royal Academy of Arts with his exceptionally thought provoking and visionary works.



# Over 1000 Emerging Threats to UK



# How Policy Is Currently Delivered in NI



## **SCIENCE**

Agri-food and  
Biosciences Institute  
(AfBI)

## **POLICY**

Plant Health  
Policy Branch

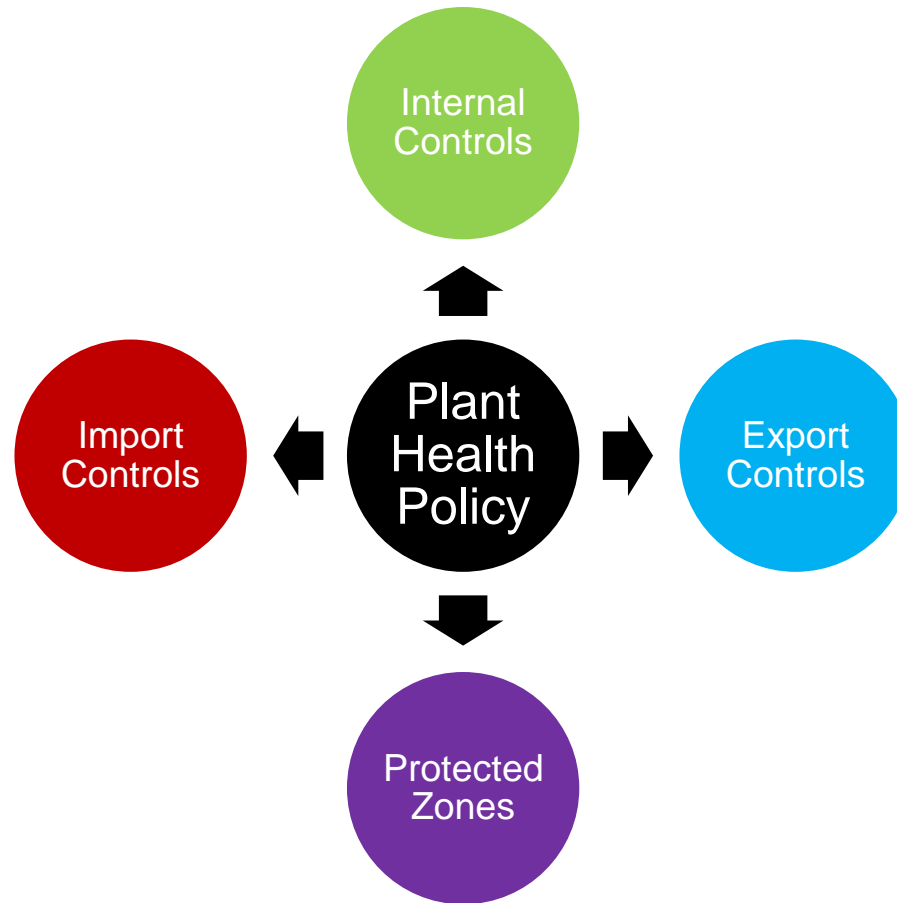
## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Plant Health Inspection  
Branch

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# Policy Impacts & Delivery



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# Northern Ireland v GB – What is the difference?

24 Protected zones with the following specific to the Island of Ireland:

❑ Non-forestry:

*Rhizomania*

*Liriomyza* spp (x3)

❑ Forestry:

*Ips cembrae* (Large larch bark beetle),

*Ips sexdentatus* (Six-toothed pine bark beetle),

*Dendroctonus micans* (Great European spruce bark beetle)

*Cephalcia lariciphila* (Web spinning larch sawfly)

*Gilpinia hercyniae* (European spruce sawfly)

*Hypoxyton mammatum* (Hypoxyton canker)

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## 8,600 bags of wood recalled over bark beetle fears

By Conor Macauley  
BBC NI Agriculture & Environment Correspondent

8 September 2017

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The bark beetle could cause significant damage to trees if it became established in Northern Ireland

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# Plant Health Inspections – Import Controls



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# Plant Health Inspections – Internal Controls



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# Interceptions



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# Responding to Existing and Emerging Threats

- ✓ Tree & Wood Species Import Notification from EU Member States:
  - Castanea (Sweet Chestnut)
  - Fraxinus (Ash)
  - Olea (Olive)
  - Pinus (Pine)
  - Platanus (Plane)
  - Prunus (Cherry, Plum , Laurel)
  - Quercus (Oak)
  - Ulmus (Elm)
- ✓ Firewood Import Notification (excluding ROI)
- ✓ Restrictions on Oak Imports

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# Stakeholder Engagement

## Plant and tree diseases of current concern

Topics: [Forestry](#) , [Land and landscapes](#) , [Plant and tree health](#) , [Northern Ireland Plant Health Risk Register](#)

These are the pests and pathogens appearing on the Northern Ireland Plant Health Risk Register, which are of current concern due to their potential negative impact on plant and tree health.

### 1. Emerald ash borer

*(Agrilus plannipennis)*

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a member of the beetle family Buprestidae, and causes significant damage to ash trees (*Fraxinus* species). Damage may occur through defoliation of the trees and from damage to the bark and underlying tissues from the burrowing activity of the larvae.

[Read more](#)



Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus plannipennis*)

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- 3. Eight-toothed spruce bark beetle
- 4. Ramorum leaf blight
- 5. Root knot nematode
- 6. Root knot nematode
- 7. Blackleg of potato
- 8. Ash dieback
- 9. Oak wilt
- 10. Bronze birch borer

### Related articles

- [About the Plant Health Risk Register](#)
- [Farmers and growers - pests and diseases to look out for](#)

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# EU Exit “No Deal” Plant Health Policy

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# How will Policy be Delivered?

## Legislation is the driver for policy.

- Legislation changes will reflect the proposed shift from an EU to a UK legislation framework.
- Relevant EU law will become EU retained law and forms the basis of the UK legal framework.

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# Plant Health controls in Northern Ireland

## Current situation for EU exports and imports:

- EU **Plant Passport system** for regulated plants and plant products.

## Current situation for 3<sup>rd</sup> country exports and imports:

- Regulated plants and plant products require a **phytosanitary certificate**.
- **Pre-notification** required for importing regulated plants and plant products.

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# Imports from the EU to UK

- Imports of **regulated plants and plant products** will require a **phytosanitary certificate**.
- Imports of regulated plants and plant products will require to be **pre-notified** to Forest Service Plant Health if this is the first point of entry to the UK.
- Regulated material, will be subject to UK import controls in the form of **remote ID checks** on phytosanitary certificates.
- **Wood Packaging Material** must be ISPM 15 compliant.

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