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Plant Health Regulations

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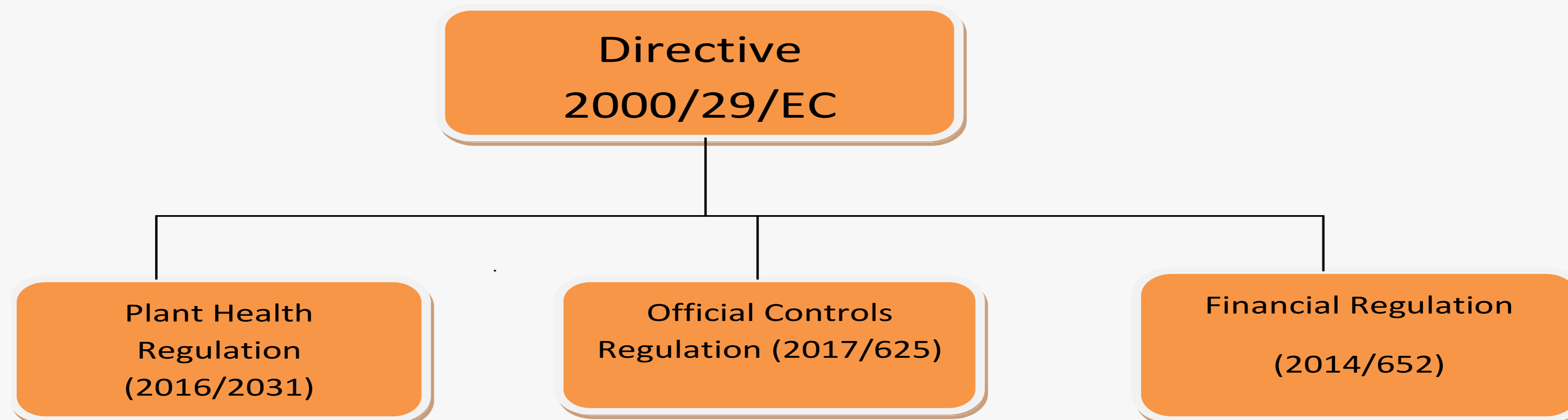


Why do we need a New Plant Health Regulation

Issues with existing Directive

- Pests
 - Limited scientific knowledge
 - Lack of EU reference Laboratories for plant pests
- Outbreaks
 - No obligations for plant health surveys
 - Lack of preparedness – contingency plans
 - No EU funds for surveys or support to growers
- Imports
 - Weak import regime – Xf
 - Non harmonised import controls
 - Risk from unregulated plant material imports
- Certification
 - Not clear which plants need a Plant Passport
 - Different Plant Passport formats

New Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031



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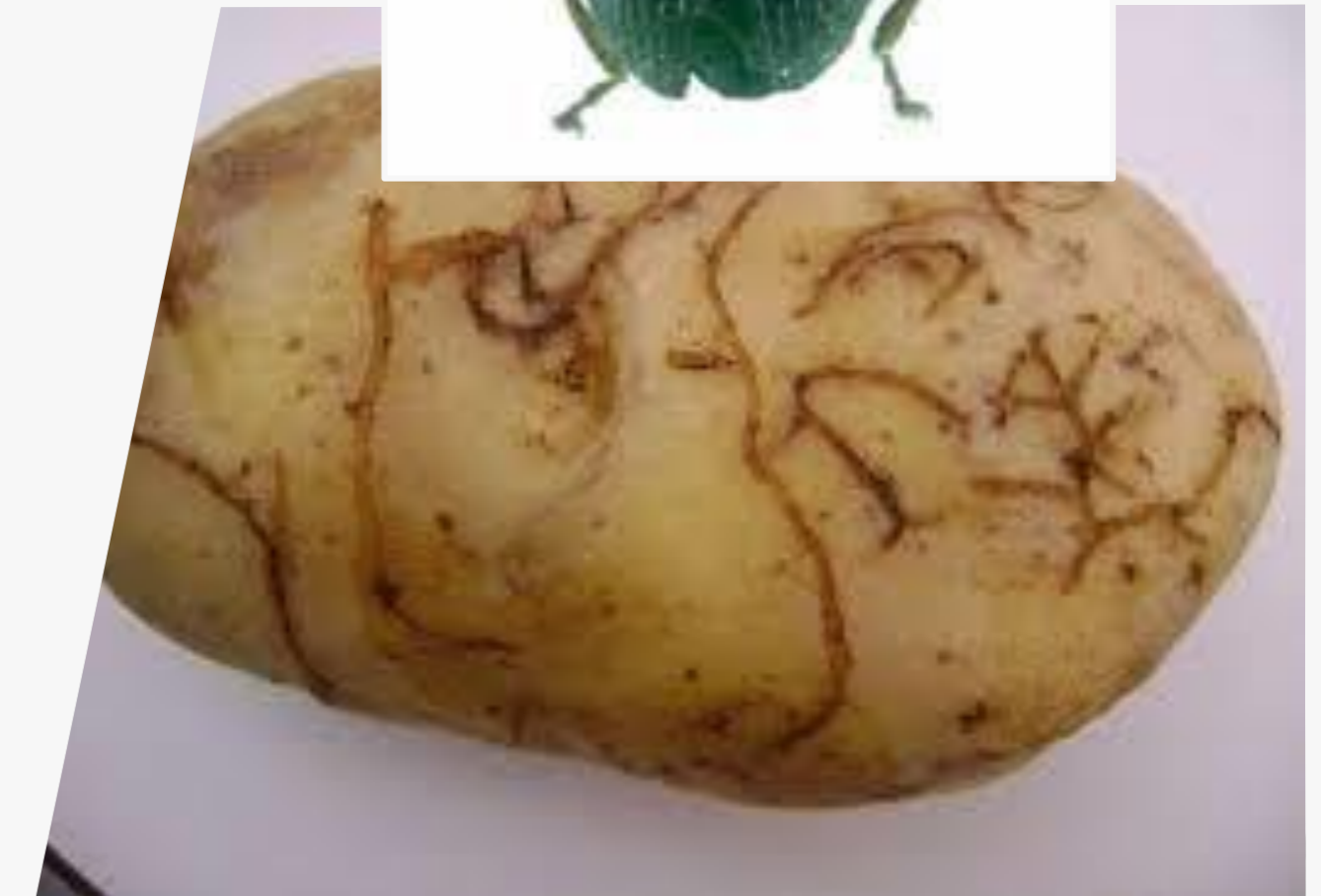
Objectives of the New Regulation

- Better protection of EU Plant Health
- More focus on proactive action
- Compliance with International Standards

2. Pests

Union Quarantine Pests

- Organism cause serious damage to plants and plant products
- Not present in the EU or, if present, not widely distributed and under official control
- Its establishment in the EU would have unacceptable economic, social and environmental impacts
- QP for the whole Union or Protected Zone
- **Prohibited**



2. Pests

Regulated non Quarantine Pests (RNQP)

- Pests present in the EU
- Causing important economic impact on plant reproductive material (PRM) and plants for planting
- Prohibited in PRM if above a certain level

2. Pests

Priority Pests

- Taken from Quarantine Pest List
- 20 of these pests
- Extra requirements for these pests
 - Annual surveillance
 - Contingency plan
 - Simulation exercises
 - Action Plan
 - More information to public



2. Pest

Protected Zone

- Quarantine organism that is present in the EU but absent from specific parts of the territory despite favourable conditions for them to establish
- IE has 22 PZs

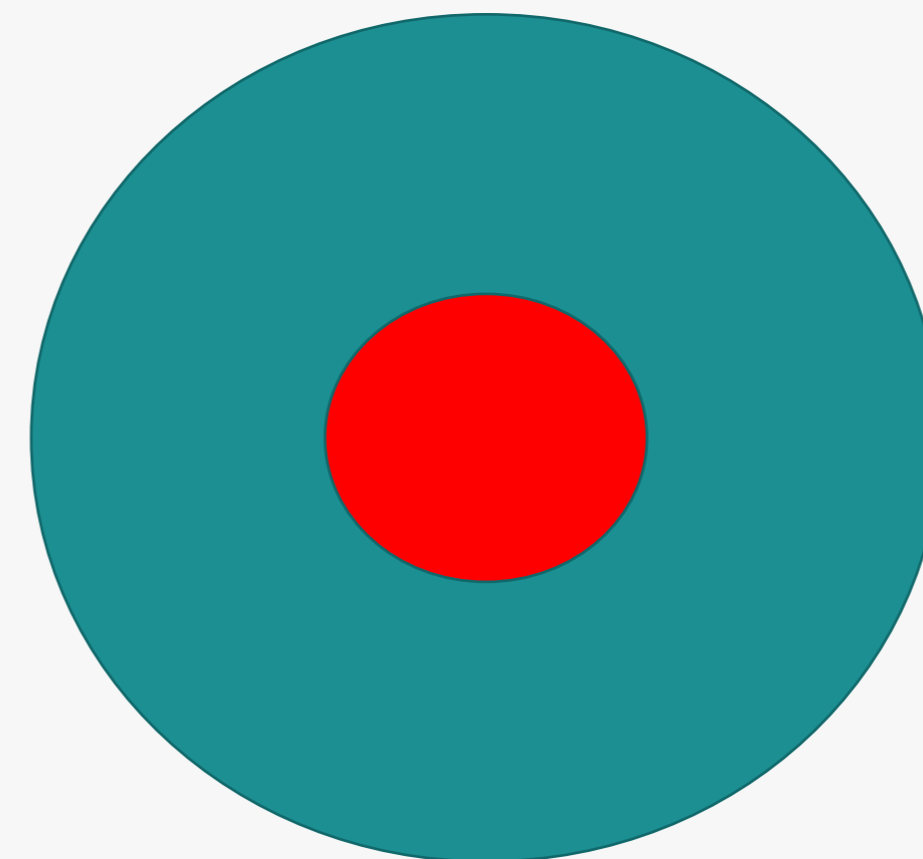


3. Measures on Imports

- Phytosanitary Certificates – required for import of all plants
- Current list of prohibited commodities and special import requirements remain valid
- High Risk Plants – banned pending assessment
- Temporary measures against new trade
- Wood Packaging Material – only imported with international mark “ISPM 15”
- Checks
 - Documentary check of regulated material
 - Reduced frequency checks – fruits, cut flowers

4. Surveillance and Outbreak Measures

- Multiannual Survey Programme
 - Annual surveillance for priority pests
 - Surveillance for emergency measures, PZ
 - Surveillance for EU pest status confirmation
- EU co-financing
- Outbreak Management
 - Eradication Approach – obligation for QP
 - Demarcated Area
 - Infested zone
 - Buffer zone
- Containment
- EU co-financing



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Who needs to Register with DAFM

In practice the following will need to register with DAFM

- Nursery
- Garden Centre
- Multiple stores that trade in plants
- Landscaper/Landscape Architect
- County Council/Local Authority
- Internet sellers

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How to Register

- Registration form is on the DAFM website:

www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmingsectors/planthealthandtrade/registeringasanurserygardencentreretailer

- If you are already registered with DAFM no need to re-register
 - Keep same registration number
 - In doubt – contact DAFM
 - Make sure all contact details are up to date
- Update information by end of March 2020 and annually

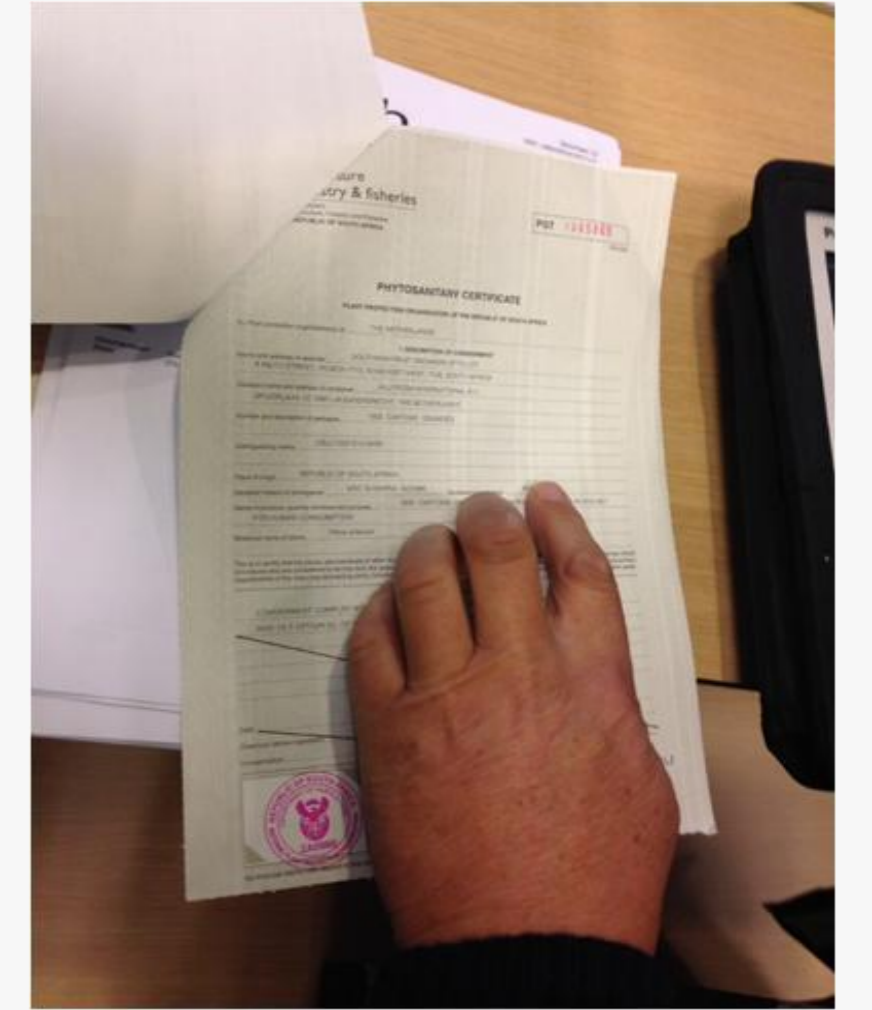
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What will the registration number look like

- In IE this is a four digit number
- It is preceded by IE and a dash
- Example: IE – 1234
- Other MS choose their own format, must have country code and dash

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Record Keeping



- Professional operators must keep records
- Facilitate the detection of the source of an infestation by a QP
- Professional operators must keep record of the plants supplied to them by other professional operators
- Professional operators must keep records of the plants supplied by them to other professional operators
- **Records must be kept for three years**

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Competent Person

- From 14 December 2020 each professional operator issuing PP must have a competent person nominated
- This person must:
 - Demonstrate that they are knowledgeable in carrying out examinations for various pests
 - Knowledge to prevent the presence and spread of quarantine pests
 - Effective plan in place in case of suspected finding
 - They have the necessary equipment to carry out the required examinations of plants
 - Notify DAFM of any changes in competent person

DAFM must have a guidance containing the above information

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Plant Passport (Regulation (EU) 2017/2313)

- From 14 December 2019, all plants for planting require a PP
- Plant passports are generally not required plants are supplied directly to the final user – exceptions: Fireblight (may be other plants)
- All internet sales of plants must be PP to final user
- Plant Passports will have a common format throughout the EU

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Format

- Upper left hand corner: EU flag
 - Colour or black and white
- Upper right hand corner: Plant Passport
- A Botanical name
- B member state code + hyphen + registration number
- C Traceability code
- D Country of origin



Plant Passport

A:	<i>Botanical Name</i>
B:	MS Registration Number
C:	Traceability Number
D:	Country of Origin

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Format for a PZ



Plant Passport - PZ
EPPO code

- A:** *Botanical Name*
- B:** MS Registration Number
- C:** Traceability Number
- D:** Country of Origin

5 Certification PP Examples



Plant Passport

A *Lavandula angustifolia*

B IE – 1234

C 1107

D IE



Plant Passport

A *Olea europaea*

B IE – 1234

C A5781

D NL



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Example PP PZ



Plant Passport – PZ
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A *Sorbus aucuparia*

B IE – 1234

C 1107

D IE



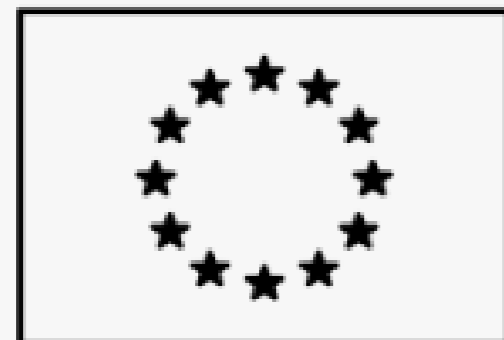
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A *Quercus petraea*

B IE – 1234

C A5781

D NL



A *Populus tremula* B IE – 1234 C 0702018 D UK

Plant Passport
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PP Exceptions

- No PP to final user except:
 - Some (or all?) Protected Zone pests/diseases
 - Internet sales must be PP to final user

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Attachment of PP

- Plant passports shall be attached to the trade unit of the plants
- Where plants are moved in a package, bundle or container the PP must be attached to the package, bundle or container
- No longer permitted to have PP on delivery docket unless the delivery docket is attached to the package, bundle or container



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Traceability Code

- Traceability code makes tracing possible within a business
- Traceability code required for almost all plant passports
 - EU introduce exceptions to this
 - All PZ host plants require a traceability code
- Not required when the plants are prepared in such a way that they are ready for sale to the final user without any further preparation
- The letter 'C' must be on the PP even if no traceability code is required

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Botanical Name

- Consists of:
 - Genus, or
 - Genus + species, or
 - Genus + species + cultivar

Country of Origin

- When does the country of origin change for a plant:
 - Woody crops: must be 1 year on nursery a before origin changes
 - Protected crops, herbaceous perennials, potted plants: 4 weeks

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PP Garden Centres

- Garden centres selling directly to final user does not have to PP – exception Fireblight host material (possibly other PZ host material?)
- Must have a traceability system in the garden centre

Old Plant Passports

- All plants PP on and after the 14th December, 2019 must have new PP format
- All plants with a PP issued before 14th December, 2019 will remain valid until 14th December 2023

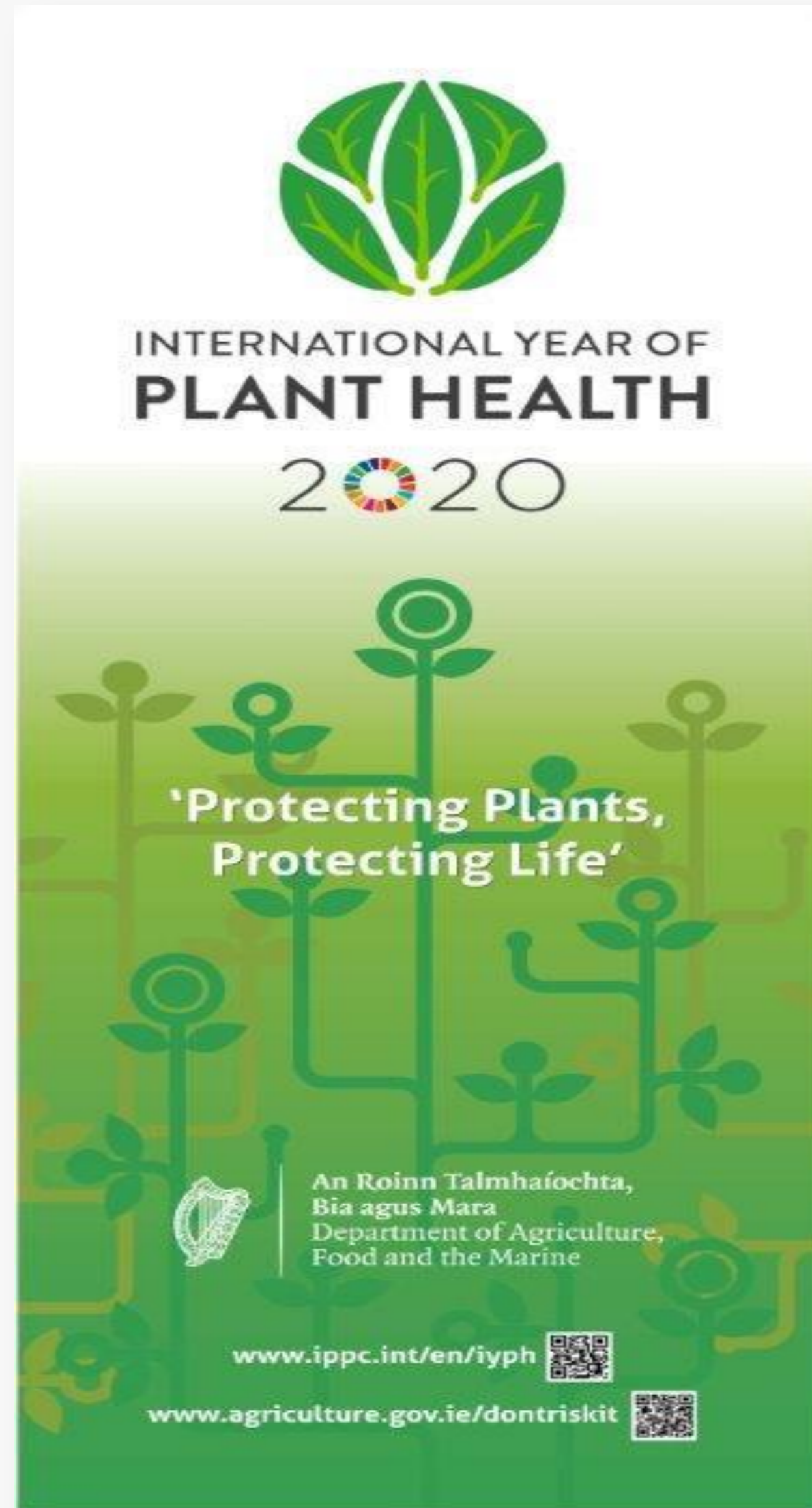
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Main Changes to Existing Plant Health Directive EC 2000/29

- All professional operators must register with DAFM
- All plants for planting require a Plant Passport
- Authorised professional operator must have a competent person
- Different categories of pests
- Improved Import Controls
- Multiannual Survey Programme
- Outbreak Management



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