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**Importing, Exporting and Moving plants, including Plant
Passporting, in Wales and importing and exporting to countries in
the European Union
Update 21 December 2020 – Additional Information**

Movement of plants and plant products between Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The regulations on the movement of plants and plant products between GB and NI will be different from moving them within GB. The new rules will come into effect from 1 January 2021.

Details and guidance can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/importing-and-exporting-plants-and-plant-products>

Information on the Movement Assistance Scheme, which relates to the movement of plants and other goods from GB to Northern Ireland after the end of Transition is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-qualifying-goods-from-northern-ireland-to-the-rest-of-the-uk>

That guidance includes advice to businesses through a dedicated helpline and means traders will not need to pay certification costs, which will be reimbursed by government to those certifying the products.

Growing Media

Growing media attached to, or associated with, plants for export from Wales will need to meet the EU's third country import requirements from 1 Jan 2021. Guidance is now available:

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/assets/uploads/Growing-Media-Trade-II2.pdf>

Imports Guidance

In addition to the imports guidance previously issued on the Plant Health Portal, Import Prioritisation guidance is now included.

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/eu-exit-guidance/new-imports-guidance/>

Organic produce

It is reported that the EU has recognised the UK control bodies for the purpose of exporting organic products to the EU, and the use of logos, until 31 December 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/organic-food-labelling-rules>