

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive, National Assembly for Wales, Department for Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland, Forestry Commission
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 06023000 – <i>Rhododendron</i></li><li>- ex 06029041 – <i>Aesculus</i>, <i>Quercus</i>, <i>Lithocarpus</i></li><li>- ex 06029045 and 06029049 - Plants of <i>Acer</i>, <i>Arbutus</i>, <i>Arctostaphylos</i>, <i>Heteromeles</i>, <i>Lonicera</i>, <i>Rhamnus</i>, <i>Umbellularia</i>, <i>Vaccinium</i>, <i>Viburnum</i></li></ul> Plus wood and wood products of <i>Acer</i> , <i>Aesculus</i> , <i>Lithocarpus</i> and <i>Quercus</i> falling under 44011000; 44012200; 44039995; 44042000; 44079910; 4415
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> United States of America
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> The Plant Health ( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) (England) Order 2002, SI No. 2002/1299; The Plant Health ( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) (Scotland) Order 2002; The Plant Health ( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) (Wales) Order 2002; The Plant Health ( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; The Plant Health (Forestry)( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) (Great Britain) Order 2002; The Plant Health (Forestry)( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Measures requiring:  (1) an additional declaration on phytosanitary certificates for plants exported from the United States of America to the United Kingdom of the following genera:  <i>Acer</i> , <i>Aesculus</i> , <i>Arbutus</i> , <i>Arctostaphylos</i> , <i>Heteromeles</i> , <i>Lithocarpus</i> , <i>Lonicera</i> , <i>Quercus</i> , <i>Rhamnus</i> , <i>Rhododendron</i> , <i>Umbellularia</i> , <i>Vaccinium</i> , <i>Viburnum</i>  To show that these plants originate from areas of the United States of America recognised by the authorities as free from <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> .  (2) a requirement for importers of the above-mentioned plants to notify the authorities of their arrival.

<p>(3) An extension of requirements on wood imports from the USA to require that wood derived from <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> Pursh., <i>Aesculus californica</i> Nutt., and <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> (H. &amp; A.) be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. By way of an additional declaration, the certificate shall confirm either that the wood has been treated in accordance with the provisions of Directive 2000/29/EC Annex IV Part A Section 1, item 3 or, in the case of wood other than <i>Quercus</i> L., that it originates in an area recognised as free from <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i>.</p> <p>(4) An extension of the prohibition on the import of isolated bark of <i>Quercus</i> L., other than <i>Quercus suber</i>, to include isolated bark derived from <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>, Pursh., <i>Aesculus californica</i> Nutt., and <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> (H. &amp; A.)</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests</p>
<p><b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> has caused the death of oaks and other plants in California and Oregon. There is as yet insufficient information to determine the susceptibility of European species of oaks and other trees and plants to this disease. However, the Pest Risk Analysis indicates the potential for severe damage to oaks and other species within Europe. A different mating strain of this fungus has been found infecting Rhododendron and Viburnum in several European countries. Until sufficient research has been completed into the susceptibility of European species and into the possible effects of the two mating strains combining the United Kingdom authorities wish to prevent the entry of plant material potentially carrying the US mating strain.</p>
<p><b>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None  <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> ISPM NO 11</p>
<p><b>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> English</p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 13 May 2002 (for plants) England and Scotland; 14 May 2002 (Wales); 7 June 2002 (for forest tree species and timber in Great Britain). The two orders for Northern Ireland are still being prepared.</p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>