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Plant Health and Reproductive Material

Import bans

## Bans on import from non-EU countries

Import requirements and restrictions apply to the import of plants from non-EU countries, in order to prevent plant diseases and pests from spreading alongside imported shipments. The import of certain plant species from non-EU countries is prohibited. This import prohibition can apply to certain countries or all non-EU countries.

The plants, plant products and other objects subject to an import ban from certain countries or areas are listed below.

Product		An import ban from following countries or areas
<i>Abies</i> (firs)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i> (bigleaf maple)	Isolated bark	The USA
<i>Acer saccharum</i> (sugar maple)	Isolated bark	North American countries
<i>Aesculus californica</i> (California buckeye or California horsechestnut)	Isolated bark	The USA
<i>Amelanchier</i> (juneberries, serviceberries etc.)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia
<i>Capsicum</i> (peppers)	Plants, other than seeds	Ghana, until 31.12.2017
<i>Castanea</i> (chestnuts)	Plants with leaves, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
	Isolated bark	Non-EU countries
<i>Chaenomeles</i> (flowering quinces)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia (import of plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants, from Australia is prohibited)
<i>Chamaecyparis</i> (false cypress)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Cedrus</i> (cedars)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Citrus</i> (citrus trees and their hybrids)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries
<i>Coffea</i> (coffee)	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Costa Rica and Honduras

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<i>Cotoneaster</i> (cotoneasters)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Australia
<i>Crataegus</i> (hawthorns)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia (import of plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants, from Australia is prohibited)
<i>Cydonia</i> (quince)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia (import of plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants, from Australia is prohibited)
(hybrids)	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Non-European countries, other than Mediterranean countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the continental states of the USA
<i>Eriobotrya</i> (loquat)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia
<i>Fortunella</i> (plants of the genus <i>Fortunella</i> and their hybrids)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries
<i>Fragaria</i> (strawberries)	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Non-European countries, other than Mediterranean countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the continental states of the USA
<i>Juniperus</i> (junipers)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Lagenaria</i> (bottle gourd)	Plants, other than seeds	Ghana, until 31.12.2017
<i>Larix</i> (larches)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> (tanoak or tanbark-oak)	Isolated bark	The USA
<i>Luffa</i>	Plants, other than seeds	Ghana, until 31.12.2017
<i>Malus</i> (apples)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia (import of plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants, from Australia is prohibited)
(hybrids)	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Non-European countries, other than Mediterranean countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the continental states of the USA
<i>Mespilus</i> (medlar)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia

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	seeds	
<i>Momordica</i> (bitter-melon)	Plants, other than seeds	Ghana, until 31.12.2017
<i>Phoenix</i> (date palms)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Algeria and Morocco
<i>Photinia</i>	Plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants	The USA, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea
<i>Photinia davidiana</i> (Chinese photinia)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Australia
<i>Picea</i> (spruces)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Pinus</i> (pines)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
Poaceae (Gramineae) (grasses, other than plants of ornamental perennial grasses of the subfamilies <i>Bambusoideae</i> and <i>Panicoideae</i> and of the genera <i>Buchloe</i> , <i>Bouteloua</i> , <i>Calamagrostis</i> , <i>Cortaderia</i> , <i>Glyceria</i> , <i>Hakonechloa</i> , <i>Hystris</i> , <i>Molinia</i> , <i>Phalaris</i> , <i>Shibataea</i> , <i>Spartina</i> , <i>Stipa</i> and <i>Uniola</i> )	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Non-EU countries, other than European and Mediterranean countries
<i>Poncirus</i> (plants of the genus <i>Poncirus</i> and their hybrids)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries
<i>Populus</i> (aspens and poplars)	Plants with leaves, other than fruit and seeds	North American countries
	Isolated bark	Countries of the American continent
<i>Prunus</i> (bird cherries, cherries and plums etc.)  (hybrids)	Plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants	Non-European countries
	Dormant plants intended for planting, not seeds	Non-European countries, other than Mediterranean countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the continental states of the USA
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		states of the USA
<i>Pseudotsuga</i> (douglas fir)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Pyracantha</i> (firethorn)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia
<i>Pyrus</i> (pears)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia (import of plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants, from Australia is prohibited)
(hybrids)	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Non-European countries, other than Mediterranean countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the continental states of the USA
<i>Quercus</i> (oaks)	Plants with leaves, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
(oaks, other than <i>Q. suber</i> : the import of isolated bark of <i>Q. suber</i> is allowed from North American countries, except the USA)	Isolated bark	North American countries
<i>Rosa</i> (roses)	Plants intended for planting, other than dormant plants	Non-European countries
Solanaceae (nightshades)	Plants intended for planting, other than seeds	Non-EU countries, other than European and Mediterranean countries
<i>Solanum</i> (nightshades, stolon- or tuber-forming species and their hybrids)	Plants intended for planting	Non-EU countries
(nightshades and their hybrids)	Tubers, table potatoes, potatoes for processing	Non-EU countries, other than Algeria, Egypt (import of table potatoes and potatoes for processing is allowed only from pest-free areas of Egypt), Israel, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina
<i>Solanum</i> , other than <i>S. lycopersicum</i> (nightshades, other than tomato)	Plants, other than seeds	Ghana, until 31.12.2017
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (potato)	Seed potato	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland

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<i>Sorbus</i> (rowans or mountain ashes)	Plants and live pollen for pollination, not fruit and seeds	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland and Australia
<i>Taxus brevifolia</i> (Pacific yew or western yew)	Isolated bark	The USA
<i>Tsuga</i> (hemlocks)	Plants, other than fruit and seeds	Non-European countries
<i>Vitis</i> (grapevines)	Plants, other than fruit	Non-EU countries, other than Switzerland
Soil and growing medium	Soil and growing medium as such, other than that composed entirely of peat	Turkey, Belarus, Moldavia, Russia, Ukraine and non-EU countries not belonging to continental Europe, other than Egypt, Israel, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia

### Definitions

**Plants:** Living plants and living parts of plants, including seeds for planting. Living parts of plants include fruit and berries, vegetables, tubers, corms, bulbs, rhizomes, cut flowers, branches with foliage, cut trees retaining foliage, leaves and foliage, plant tissue cultures, live pollen and budwood, cuttings and scions.

**Plants intended for planting:** Seeds, seedlings and other propagation material and also consumer-ready potted plants and annuals.

The Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira is the plant health authority in Finland, as referred to in the Plant Health Directive. The import of plants, insofar as it does not fall within the scope of Evira, is supervised by Finnish Customs.

### This instruction is based on the following regulations:

Act on Protecting Plant Health 702/2003 (with amendments)

Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on Protecting Plant Health 17/08 (with amendments)

Commission Decisions:

91/261/EEC recognizing Australia as being free from *Erwinia amylovora* (Burr.) Winsl. et al.

2002/757/EC on provisional emergency phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of *Phytophthora ramorum* Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld sp. nov. (with amendments)

2004/4/EC authorising Member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt (with amendments)

2012/219/EU recognising Serbia as being free from *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* (Spieckerman and Kotthoff) Davis et al.

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2015/789/EU as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.)(with amendments)

2015/1199/EU recognising Bosnia and Herzegovina as being free from *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* (Spieckerman and Kotthoff) Davis et al.

2015/1849/EU on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of harmful organisms as regards certain vegetables originating in Ghana (with amendments)

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