

Forest Service Plant Health Policy Branch

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Plant Health Policy Update

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The Importance and Benefits of Healthy Trees and Woodlands Health is Wealth!



Researchers -Oxford University, FERA, Sylva Foundation and Woodland Trust.

“....that’s a third more than the reported cost of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in 2001”

BBC reports that

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NI PLANT HEALTH POLICY



“ to prevent and mitigate against the introduction of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within Northern Ireland”

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Stakeholder Engagement – Protecting plant health in partnership



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Stakeholder Engagement Working with DAERA to protect plant health



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Regulated Plants and Plant Products

- NI to RoI
- RoI to NI



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Regulated plants and plant products

NI to GB

- Continued market access for “qualifying NI goods”
- Currently using EU plant passports



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Moving regulated plants and plant products from January 1st 2021

- NI – EU No change to current regulatory requirements.
- EU – NI No change to current regulatory requirements.
- NI – GB No change to current regulatory requirements.
- GB - NI High risk Regulated plants and plant products - subject to EU legislation / UKG internal market arrangements from January 1st 2021
- ROW – NI No change to current regulatory requirements.



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The **best** time
to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.

The second
best time
to plant a tree
is **today.**

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