



PLANT HEALTH ADVICE - FIREBLIGHT

Before you bring trees or shrubs into Guernsey please read this leaflet

Fireblight (*Erwinia amylovora*) is a serious bacterial disease that affects a range of trees and woody shrubs. **This disease is established in many parts of the world including the UK and many other European Countries but is not present in Guernsey.**

To keep Fireblight out, the importation of host plants from many non-EU countries is prohibited and strict import controls apply over imports from within the EU. These restrictions apply to both commercial and private consignments of plants, cut stems and grafting material.

The following are Fireblight host plants:

<i>Amelanchier</i>	<i>Malus spp</i> - Apple
<i>Chaenomeles</i> - Flowering Quince	<i>Mespilus</i> - Medlar
<i>Cotoneaster spp</i>	<i>Photinia davidiana</i>
<i>Crataegus spp</i> - Hawthorn	<i>Pyracantha</i> - Firethorn
<i>Cydonia spp</i> - Quince	<i>Pyrus spp</i> - Pear
<i>Eriobotrya</i>	<i>Sorbus</i>

Importing Fireblight host plants from the UK and other EU countries

The absence of Fireblight in Guernsey is recognised under European Plant Health legislation by “Protected Zone” status for this disease. Anyone wishing to import host plants into Guernsey from the UK or other EU Member State must ensure they originate from a commercial supplier able to send plants into a Fireblight Protected Zone.

This means the nursery at which the plants were grown must be within another Fireblight Protected Zone, or have been officially inspected together with a surrounding “Buffer Zone” and both the nursery and Buffer Zone must have been found to be free from Fireblight.

The other Fireblight Protected Zones comprise parts of Austria, Estonia, Finland, France (Corsica), Ireland, the Isle of Man, parts of Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

Nurseries satisfying these conditions are able to issue Plant Passports valid for Fireblight Protected Zones and these must accompany all host plants sent to Guernsey.

Plant Passports take the form of a written declaration and are included on plant labels, delivery notes or other documents accompanying plants. They must include the phrase “EC Plant Passport” followed by a country code, the nursery’s official registration number and a week or batch number.

For Fireblight host plants supplied to Fireblight Protected Zones, the Plant Passports must also include the additional declaration “ZP b2”, or for host plants supplied to Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland the additional declaration “ZP UK” may be used.

Eg: EC Plant Passport UK/EW 1234 Week 12 ZP b2

If in doubt as to whether a supplier can issue valid Plant Passports for a Fireblight Protected Zone ask to see a copy of their authorisation issued by their relevant plant health authority or contact the Plant Health Inspector.

**FIREBLIGHT HOST PLANTS IMPORTED WITHOUT A VALID
PLANT PASSPORT ARE LIABLE TO BE DESTROYED**

Importing Fireblight host plants from non-EU countries

Fireblight host plants can only be imported from non-EU countries where Fireblight is not established and all consignments must be accompanied by a phytosanitary (plant health) certificate.

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