

Changes to plant health import requirements

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Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the listing of pests and rules on the introduction into, and movement within, the Union territory of plants, plant products and other objects

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What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) plans to tighten its import rules for certain commodities, based on recent pest risk assessments and interceptions at EU border controls. This includes the following.

- New, stricter requirements for imports of fresh ginger and turmeric rhizomes to prevent the spread of *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* (bacterial wilt). The phytosanitary certificate for each consignment must now include a specific Additional Declaration, based on one of three options outlined in the Draft Regulation.
- New requirements targeting *Gymnandrosoma aurantianum* (citrus fruit borer) in citrus fruits from the Americas, including the Caribbean. The phytosanitary certificate for each consignment must now include a specific Additional Declaration, based on one of four options outlined in the Annex of the draft Regulation, most of which must be notified to the EU in advance.
- Mangosteen is now explicitly added as a regulated fruit, meaning that additional phytosanitary requirements and checks apply to imports.

The Draft Regulation also includes updates to several **Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes**, including codes for root and tuber vegetables, fresh spices (including ginger/turmeric), ginseng, wood, beehives, and machinery. These codes are updated and clarified so that the listed products correctly match current customs codes and clearly fall under the relevant phytosanitary requirements.

Actions

Countries exporting these products to the EU are encouraged to provide feedback on this Draft Regulation.

Stakeholders can give feedback via the European Commission's [Have Your Say](#) webpage until **31 December 2025**. Stakeholders wishing to respond must be registered. Those who do not already have an account will first need to [Create an EU login account](#), then register their organisation on the EU [Transparency register](#).

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **6 February 2026**.

Timeline

The Regulation is likely to be published in the second quarter of 2026, and will apply 6 months after publication.

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