Frequency rates for plant import controls

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Regulation (EU) 2024/591 concerning the establishment of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects entering the Union

What is changing and why?

This Regulation updates the frequency rates for identity and physical checks of plants, taking into account pest biology, past cases of non-compliance, and trade volume.

Frequency rates have **decreased** for avocados from all non-EU countries; stone fruits and pears from European non-EU member countries; peaches from South Africa; and blueberries from Peru.

Frequency rates have **increased** for passion fruits from Kenya and blueberries from Argentina.

In response to interceptions of quarantine pests, controls are also **increased** for citrus fruits from Egypt; roots and tubercles of turmeric from Thailand; and turmeric and ginger from Peru.

See Table 1 for details of the changes.

Actions

Non-EU countries should ensure their plant exports comply with EU phytosanitary requirements to reduce the likelihood of interceptions and increases in physical checks. This requires enhanced plant health measures and certification processes.

Timeline

The new frequencies of checks will apply from **1 May 2024**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Changes to frequency rates of identity and physical checks for certain food plant products*

Food plant products	Country of origin	Frequency rate (%)	
		Old	New
Citrus	Egypt	50	75
Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*)	Thailand	–	25
Turmeric (*C. longa*)	Peru	–	100
Passion fruit (*Passiflora*)	Kenya	75	100
Avocado (*Persea americana*)	All non-EU countries	3	1
Stone fruits (*Prunus*)	European non-EU member countries	15	5
Peaches (*Prunus*)	South Africa	50	10
Pears (*Pyrus*)	European non-EU member countries	100	50
Blueberries (*Vaccinium*)	Argentina	25	50
Blueberries (*Vaccinium*)	Peru	10	5
Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*)	Peru	–	100

* This table highlights *changes* between the previous and new frequency rates for food plant products. For a full list of frequency rates see Regulation 2024/591, Annex I.

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