



PLANT HEALTH ADVICE - FIREBLIGHT

Before importing trees or shrubs into Guernsey please read this leaflet

Fireblight (*Erwinia amylovora*) is a serious bacterial disease that can infect a range of trees and woody shrubs.

This disease is established in many parts of the world including the UK and many other EU Member States but it is not present in Guernsey.

There is no chemical treatment for Fireblight.

Strict controls apply to the importation of Fireblight host plants into Guernsey.

These controls apply to both commercial and private consignments, including plants supplied mail order.

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 davidianna</i>
<i>Crataegus spp</i> - Hawthorn	<i>Pyracantha</i> - Firethorn
<i>Cydonia spp</i> - Quince	<i>Pyrus spp</i> - Pear
<i>Eriobotrya</i> - Loquat	<i>Sorbus</i> – Rowan, Mountain Ash

Importing Fireblight host plants from the UK and other EU Member States

Guernsey is officially recognised as an EU Fireblight Protected Zone. This is a declaration that this disease is not established despite favourable conditions for it to do so.

All Fireblight host plants imported into Guernsey from the UK or other EU Member States must originate from a commercial nursery with authorisation to supply plants to a Fireblight Protected Zone.

For suppliers in the UK and most of mainland EU this means the plants must have been grown at an officially recognised Fireblight Buffer Zone nursery where a surrounding buffer zone as well as the production area has been officially inspected and found to be disease free.

Fireblight Buffer Zone nurseries are authorised to issue EU Plant Passports with the additional declaration, “ZP b2” or “ZP UK”, which must be included with Fireblight host plants imported into Guernsey.

EU Plant Passports can be found on plant labels, delivery notes or other documents accompanying plants. These include a country code, the nursery’s official registration number and a week or batch number, and may include an additional declaration.

The format of a valid EU Plant Passport for Fireblight host plants imported into Guernsey from the UK would be: **EU Plant Passport UK/EW 1234 Week 12 ZPb2**

All Fireblight host plants supplied within the EU must be accompanied by an EU Plant Passport, however most EU Plant Passports will not include the additional declaration.

Fireblight host plants imported into Guernsey without a valid EU Plant Passport, including the additional declaration, 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. All consignments of plants imported from non-EU countries must be accompanied by a phytosanitary (plant health) certificate.

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