
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993 to provide for the granting of licences by Ministers in accordance with the requirements of Commission Directive [95/44/EC](#) establishing the conditions under which certain harmful organisms, plants, plant products and other objects listed in Annexes I to V to Council Directive [77/93/EEC](#) may be introduced into or moved within the Community or certain protected zones thereof, for trial or scientific purposes and for work on varietal selections (OJNo. L184, 3.8.95, p.34).

The Order also implements Commission Directive [95/65/EC](#) amending Directive [92/76/EEC](#) recognising protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks in the Community (OJ No. L308, 21.12.95, p.75) and Commission Directive [95/66/EC](#) amending certain Annexes to Council Directive [77/93/EEC](#) on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (OJ No. L308, 21.12.95, p.77).

The Order—

- (a) provides for the granting of licences authorising the importation, movement and keeping of material that would otherwise be prohibited and controls the use of such material (article 4); and
- (b) extends the range of citrus fruits that may, subject to certain conditions, circulate in the Community with leaves and peduncles (articles 5 to 9).

A Compliance Cost Assessment based on licensing in England and Wales, which accounts for the bulk of licensing income in Great Britain, has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament, and copies can be obtained from the Plant Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Foss House, Kings Pool, 1–2 Peasholme Green, York YO1 2PX.