
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005 ([S.I. 2005/2517](#)) and the Plant Health (England) Order 2015 ([S.I. 2015/610](#)) in order to prevent:

- (a) the introduction of *Thaumetopoea processionea* L. (the Oak Processionary Moth) into the area in England which is recognised as a protected zone for this harmful plant pest (“the protected area”); and
- (b) the spread of this harmful plant pest within the protected area.

Articles 2 and 3 amend the technical requirements that must be satisfied when bringing in certain plants of *Quercus* L., intended for planting, into the protected area or when moving those plants within the protected area.

Articles 4 and 5 make consequential amendments to the Plant Health (England) (Amendment) Order 2019 ([S.I. 2019/1070](#)) and the Plant Health (Forestry) (Amendment) (England) Order 2019 ([S.I. 2019/1075](#)).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.