
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on 20 October 2004, places certain notification requirements upon persons importing potatoes from Poland which have been grown during 2003 or later.

Article 3 requires any person importing Polish potatoes into Wales in the course of business to give at least two days' notice in writing to a Plant Health inspector of the National Assembly for Wales, providing specified details as to, among other things, when and where the potatoes are to be introduced into Wales (article 3(1)). It also requires persons who imported such potatoes into Wales after 30th April 2004 but before the coming into force of this Order to provide to an inspector, so far as is reasonably practicable, specified information of a similar nature no later than 15 November 2004 (article 3(2)).

Article 4 provides that, for the purpose of checking compliance with or enforcing this Order, an inspector may exercise certain powers conferred by the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993 ("the principal Order").

Article 5 provides that a person is guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse, he or she contravenes or fails to comply with a requirement of article 3.