STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 438

PLANT HEALTH

The Importation of Plants, Plant Produce and Potatoes (Health) (Great Britain) Order 1971

Made - - -	*17th March* 1971
Laid before Parliament	*29th March* 1971
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1971

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

Article

1. Citation, extent and commencement.
2. Revocation of previous Orders.
3. Interpretation.
4. Exception of certain produce.
5. Restrictions on the landing of plants, potatoes and of certain seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables and cut flowers.
6. Phytosanitary certificates to accompany certain consignments.
7. Supplemental certificates to accompany certain consignments.
8. Further provisions as to phytosanitary and supplemental certificates.
9. Restriction on sale for planting or planting of imported potatoes.
10. Examination and sampling.
11. Procedure when plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers are landed in contravention of this Order.
12. Procedure in the case of landing of unhealthy produce.
13. Information regarding imported produce.
14. Licences.
15. Service of notices.
16. Offences.

ARRANGEMENT OF SCHEDULES

Schedule

1. Restrictions on the importation into England, Wales or Scotland of plants, potatoes and certain seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables and cut flowers (other than those excepted by Article 4).

		Part	
PLANTS	...	IA	Landing prohibited.
		IB	General conditions subject to which landing is permitted.
		IC	Additional conditions applying in particular cases.
POTATOES	...	IIA	Landing prohibited.
		IIB	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted.
SEEDS	...	IIIA	Landing prohibited.
		IIIB	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted.
RAW FRUIT	...	IVA	Landing prohibited.
		IVB	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted.
RAW VEGETABLES		V	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted.
CUT FLOWERS		VIA	Landing prohibited.
		VIB	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted.

2. Phytosanitary certificate for plants, potatoes and certain cut flowers.
3. Phytosanitary certificate for certain seeds, raw fruit and raw vegetables.
4. Supplemental certificate required in cases where plants and potatoes and certain seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables and cut flowers are imported from a country other than that in which they were grown.
5. Orders revoked.

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them respectively by sections 2 and 3 of the Plant Health Act 1967(**a**), as read with section 92(2) of, and Part II of Schedule 3 to, the Criminal Justice Act 1967(**b**) and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order :—

(**a**) 1967 c. 8. (**b**) 1967 c. 80.

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Importation of Plants, Plant Produce and Potatoes (Health) (Great Britain) Order 1971, shall apply to England and Wales and Scotland and shall come into operation on 1st April 1971.

Revocation of previous Orders

2. The Orders specified in Schedule 5 to this Order are hereby revoked:

Provided that, insofar as any licence granted or notice served under any Order revoked by this Order or any other thing done under such an Order could have been granted, served or done under a corresponding provision of this Order, it shall not be invalidated by the revocation but, without prejudice to the operation of section 38 of the Interpretation Act 1889(a) (which relates to the effect of repeals), any licence or notice granted or served or any other thing done under any of the Orders revoked by this Order shall, if in force or effective immediately before the commencement of this Order, continue in force and have effect as if granted, served or done under the corresponding provision of this Order.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"appropriate Minister" means in the application of this Order to England and Wales the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and in its application to Scotland the Secretary of State;

"crop" includes seed, plant or any part thereof;

"importer", in relation to any produce, includes any person who, whether as owner, consignor or consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of or in any wise entitled to the custody or control of the produce;

"inspector" means an officer authorised by the appropriate Minister for the purposes of this Order;

"landed" includes imported by post, and "landing" shall be construed accordingly;

"plants" means plants (including trees and bushes) or parts thereof, intended for growing, planting or propagation, but does not include potatoes, seeds or mushroom spawn;

"potato" means the tuber, or part thereof, or any part of the plant, except true seed, of *Solanum tuberosum* L. and of other tuber-forming species of *Solanum*;

"premises" includes any vehicle, vessel, aircraft, hovercraft or freight container;

"produce" means—

(*a*) plants (including trees and bushes) or parts thereof, whether dead or alive and whether or not intended for growing, planting or propagation,

(*b*) seeds,

(*c*) fruit,

(*d*) vegetables,

(*e*) cut flowers,

(*f*) mushroom spawn,

(a) 1889 c. 63.

(*g*) hay or straw other than hay or straw used as packing material;

"raw fruit" does not include dried, dehydrated or deep-frozen fruit, and "raw" in relation to fruit of any particular description shall be construed accordingly;

"raw vegetables" does not include potatoes or dried, dehydrated, brined, pickled or deep-frozen vegetables of any other kind;

"unhealthy" means carrying or affected with any bacterium, fungus, mycoplasma, alga, virus or invertebrate animal destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops or to trees or bushes.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to permit the landing in England, Wales or Scotland of any forest tree or part or seed thereof the landing of which is for the time being prohibited or restricted under any Order made by the Forestry Commissioners.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Exception of certain produce

4.—(1) Nothing in this Order, excepting Article 9, shall apply to any produce grown in Great Britain.

(2) Nothing in this Order, excepting Articles 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16, shall apply to any plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or flowers grown in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

Restrictions on the landing of plants, potatoes and of certain seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables and cut flowers

5.—(1) The landing in England, Wales or Scotland of any particular plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit or cut flowers described in the second column of Part IA, IIA, IIIA, IVA or VIA of Schedule 1 to this Order is prohibited during the period of the year specified in the third column of the said Schedule opposite the description of such plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit or cut flowers.

(2) The landing in England, Wales or Scotland of any particular plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers described in the second column of Part IB, IC, IIB, IIIB, IVB, V or VIB of Schedule 1 to this Order is prohibited unless the conditions specified in the third column of the said Schedule opposite the description of such plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers are or have been complied with.

Phytosanitary certificates to accompany certain consignments

6.—(1) Where a consignment of plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers landed in England, Wales or Scotland is required by this Order to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, such certificate shall, in the case of a consignment of plants, potatoes or cut flowers, be in the form set out in Schedule 2 to this Order and, in the case of a consignment of seeds, raw fruit or raw vegetables, be in the form set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

(2) The phytosanitary certificate shall have been duly completed and signed by or on behalf of an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or flowers, as the case may be, were grown.

(3) If, in the description of the consignment in a phytosanitary certificate in the form set out in Schedule 2 to this Order, the address of the consignee is not in Great Britain, the certificate shall include an additional declaration by the said authorised officer to the effect that the consignment is believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of Great Britain.

(4) The examination referred to in a phytosanitary certificate in the form set out in Schedule 2 to this Order shall have been carried out not more than 14 days prior to the date of despatch of the consignment.

(5) A phytosanitary certificate in the form set out in Schedule 3 to this Order shall have been signed not more than 14 days prior to the date of despatch of the consignment.

(6) Where a consignment is accompanied by a supplemental certificate in accordance with Article 7 of this Order, a facsimile copy of the phytosanitary certificate, endorsed by the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers, as the case may be, were unloaded or landed as being a true copy, may accompany the consignment in place of the phytosanitary certificate itself.

Supplemental certificates to accompany certain consignments

7.—(1) Each consignment of plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers landed in England, Wales or Scotland which is required by this Order to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and which, or any part of which, before being so landed, was unloaded or landed in a country or countries other than that in which the plants, potatoes, seeds, fruit, vegetables or cut flowers, as the case may be, were grown, shall also be accompanied in respect of each such country by a supplemental certificate in the form set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

(2) The supplemental certificate shall have been duly completed and signed by or on behalf of an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers have been unloaded or landed.

(3) The supplemental certificate shall have been signed not more than 14 days prior to the date of despatch of the consignment.

Further provisions as to phytosanitary and supplemental certificates

8.—(1) Where a phytosanitary certificate or a supplemental certificate is issued in a country of which the language is other than English it shall incorporate or be accompanied by a translation into the language of that country, which translation, if it is in a document separate from the certificate, shall have been duly completed and signed by or on behalf of the officer by whom or on whose behalf the certificate was signed.

(2) Except in the case of consignments imported by post, phytosanitary certificates and supplemental certificates shall be delivered to the proper officer at the same time as, and together with, the entry relating to the consignment.

In this paragraph the expression "proper officer" has the like meaning as in the Customs and Excise Act 1952(**a**) and the reference to the entry shall be construed as a reference to the entry, delivery of which is to be made in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

(**a**) 1952 c. 44.

(3) In the case of consignments imported by post such certificates shall be affixed to the package comprising the consignment or, if the consignment consists of more than one package, the certificate shall be affixed to one of the packages and copies thereof affixed to each of the remaining packages.

(4) No certificate issued by or on behalf of a state, provincial or other regional or local government authority of part of a country, or by or on behalf of any department, service or other organ of such authority shall be deemed to be a valid phytosanitary or supplemental certificate for the purposes of this Order unless such authority is the only one empowered to issue, in relation to such part of the country, phytosanitary or supplemental certificates to accord with the requirements of this Order.

Restriction on sale for planting or planting of imported potatoes

9. No person shall sell for planting, or offer or expose for sale for planting, or plant or cause or permit to be planted, in England, Wales or Scotland any potatoes which have been grown in any place outside Great Britain, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland or any potatoes which have been derived from potatoes grown as aforesaid, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the appropriate Minister:

Provided that this Article shall not apply as respects any potatoes which have been landed in England, Wales or Scotland under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted under Article 14 of this Order or which have been derived from any potatoes so landed.

Examination and sampling

10. An inspector, upon production if so required of his appointment or authority, may—

(*a*) enter any premises and examine and take samples of any consignment or part of a consignment of produce (including any soil or other growing medium, packing material and containers accompanying the produce) landed or likely to be landed or suspected by him to have been landed or to be likely to be landed in England, Wales or Scotland, whether or not such consignment was or ought to have been accompanied by a certificate required by this Order,

(*b*) for the purposes of such examination, open, authorise any person to open on his behalf or require the importer or the person in charge of the produce to open any container, bundle or other package in the consignment or part of a consignment,

(*c*) if and so far as is necessary for the purposes of such examination, prohibit entirely, or to the extent indicated by him, the movement of any consignment or part of a consignment of produce which has been landed or is suspected by him to have been landed in England, Wales or Scotland and

(*d*) enter any premises and examine and take samples of any plants or potatoes which have been landed or are suspected by him to have been landed in England, Wales or Scotland during the previous twelve months or which have been derived or are suspected by him to have been derived from plants, potatoes or seeds which have been so landed.

Procedure when plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers are landed in contravention of this Order

11.—(1) Without prejudice to the provisions of the customs Acts as defined in the Customs and Excise Act 1952, if any consignment or part of a consignment of plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers is landed in England, Wales or Scotland in contravention of this Order, the plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers comprising the consignment or part of a consignment, as the case may be, shall forthwith be destroyed by and at the expense of the importer unless they are immediately re-exported or are disposed of in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the appropriate Minister or an inspector.

(2) Any destruction required by paragraph (1) of this Article shall be carried out by the importer to the satisfaction of an inspector at a place designated by the appropriate Minister or an inspector and, except with the written authority of the appropriate Minister or an inspector, none of the said plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers shall be moved otherwise than to such place.

(3) If the importer shall have failed to destroy the said plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Article or if he shall have failed to dispose of them in accordance with the terms of a licence granted as aforesaid, then, without prejudice to any proceedings under this Order consequent upon such failure, an inspector or a person authorised by him for the purpose may enter any premises in which the plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers or any of them may be and may remove and destroy them and the cost of taking such steps shall be recoverable by the appropriate Minister from the importer as a civil debt.

(4) In this Article "plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers" includes soil or any other growing medium, packing materials and containers.

Procedure in the case of landing of unhealthy produce

12.—(1) If it appears to an inspector that any produce in a consignment or part of a consignment likely to be landed in England, Wales or Scotland is unhealthy, he may serve upon the importer or upon any person in control of the landing or unloading of the produce from a vessel, aircraft, vehicle, hovercraft or freight container a notice specifying the manner in which the landing or unloading is to be carried out and the precautions which are to be taken in the course thereof in order to prevent the spread of any pest or disease.

(2) If it appears to an inspector at any time that any produce in a consignment or part of a consignment landed in England, Wales or Scotland is unhealthy, he may serve upon the importer a notice requiring him, within such time and in such manner as may be specified in the notice, to destroy the produce comprising the consignment or part of the consignment or such of it as may be so specified.

(3) Where a notice under paragraph (2) of this Article has been served upon an importer, the appropriate Minister or an inspector may grant a licence authorising at the importer's own expense and risk, in lieu of the destruction required by the notice, the treatment or re-export or the disposal in

some other manner of the produce or of such of it as may be specified in the licence, within such time, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be so specified.

(4) Any destruction required by a notice served under paragraph (2) of this Article shall be carried out by the importer upon whom the notice is served to the satisfaction of an inspector at a place designated by an inspector and, except with the written authority of the appropriate Minister or an inspector. none of the produce shall be moved otherwise than to such place.

(5) If a notice under paragraph (2) of this Article has been served upon an importer and has not been superseded by a licence granted under paragraph (3) hereof and the importer shall have failed to destroy any produce as required in the said notice, or if an importer to whom a licence has been granted under paragraph (3) of this Article shall have failed fully to comply with the terms and requirements thereof, then, without prejudice to any proceedings under this Order consequent upon such failure, an inspector or a person authorised by him for the purpose may enter any premises in which the produce or any of it may be and may remove and destroy it and the cost of taking such steps shall be recoverable by the appropriate Minister from the importer as a civil debt.

(6) This Article shall apply in relation to any plants or potatoes which appear to an inspector to be unhealthy following an examination authorised by Article 10(*d*) of this Order and, in the application of this Article to any such plants or potatoes, any reference to the importer shall be construed as including a reference to the person in charge of the plants or potatoes.

(7) In this Article "produce" includes soil or any other growing medium, packing materials and containers.

Information regarding imported produce

13. Every person who has or has had in his possession or under his charge any produce which the appropriate Minister or an inspector knows or suspects to have been landed in England, Wales or Scotland, and every person who as auctioneer, salesman or otherwise, has sold or offered for sale any such produce shall, if so required by demand in writing by the appropriate Minister or an inspector, give to the said Minister or inspector within the time specified in that demand all such information as he possesses as to the persons who have or have had or are likely to have or have had the said produce in their possession or under their custody or control:

Provided that any information given under this Article shall not be available as evidence against the person giving the same in any prosecution under this Order, except in respect of an alleged failure to comply with this Article.

Licences

14. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Order, any plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers may be landed in England, Wales or Scotland under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the appropriate Minister or by an inspector.

Service of notices

15. For the purposes of this Order, a notice shall be deemed to be served on any person if it is delivered to him personally or left for him at his last

known place of abode or business or sent through the post in a letter addressed to him there.

Offences

16.—(1) Every person who wilfully obstructs or impedes the appropriate Minister or an inspector in the exercise of his powers under this Order or who does any act in contravention of this Order, of the terms or conditions of any notice served or licence granted thereunder or of the requirements of, or of a prohibition imposed by, the appropriate Minister or an inspector, or who fails to do any act which he is required to do by the appropriate Minister or an inspector or by this Order or by any such notice or licence shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding £100 or in respect of a second or subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding £200.

(2) In order that the penalty for the landing of any plants, potatoes, seeds, raw fruit, raw vegetables or cut flowers in contravention of this Order shall be such as may be imposed under the Customs and Excise Act 1952, paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply in respect of any such landing.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 16th March 1971.

(L.S.) *J. M. L. Prior,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 17th March 1971.

(L.S.) *Gordon Campbell,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Article 5 SCHEDULE 1

RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION INTO ENGLAND, WALES OR SCOTLAND OF PLANTS AND POTATOES AND CERTAIN SEEDS, RAW FRUIT, RAW VEGETABLES AND CUT FLOWERS (OTHER THAN THOSE EXCEPTED BY ARTICLE 4)

PART IA—PLANTS: LANDING PROHIBITED

Item	Description of plants (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Period of the year during which landing is prohibited
(1)	Annual and biennial plants including *Beta* spp. grown in any place outside Europe, and beet, fodder beet, mangold and sugar beet (*Beta* spp.) and spinach (*Spinacia* spp.) plants grown in Europe.	Throughout the year.
(2)	Carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., perpetual flowering types), florists' chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum sinense* Sabine (syn. C. *morifolium* Ramat.)) and pelargonium plants grown in Crete, Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Spain or any place outside Europe except the Americas, the West Indies and New Zealand.	Throughout the year.
(3)	Sloe, bullace, cherry plum, plum, apricot, peach (*Prunus spinosa* L., *P. insititia* L., *P. cerasifera* Ehrh., *P. domestica* L., *P. salicina* Lindl., *P. armeniaca* L., *P. persica* (L.) Batsch, *P. triloba* Lindl., *P. tomentosa* Thunb.) grown in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania or Yugoslavia.	Throughout the year.
(4)	Cherry (*Prunus cerasus* L., *P. mahaleb* L.) grown in Turkey.	Throughout the year.

PART IB—PLANTS: GENERAL CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED

Item	Description of plants (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(5)	All plants other than those described in items (1) to (4) of this Schedule.	1. Each consignment of the plants shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 2) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The plants shall have been grown on land on which physiologic races of Wart Disease fungus (*Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilb.) Perc.) other than the common European race have not been known to occur at any time.

PART IC PLANTS: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLYING IN PARTICULAR CASES

Item	Description of plants (as defined in Article 3(1)* of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(6)	All plants other than— Aquatic plants Cacti Ferns Wild bulbs, corms, rhizomes and orchids that have been collected in the wild and not grown in cultivation.	The plants shall have been examined during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be substantially free from injurious pests and diseases, including nematodes and virus diseases: Provided that— (*a*) the said examination may have been carried out concurrently with the examination referred to in the phytosanitary certificate if the plants were then in active growth; (*b*) where the said examination was carried out prior to the examination referred to in the phytosanitary certificate, the plants need not have been found at the former examination to have been substantially free from such injurious pests and diseases as would readily have been detected at the latter examination; (*c*) in the case of bud-wood and cuttings (including rooted cuttings), the said examination shall have been carried out on the plants from which the bud-wood or cuttings were taken and not solely on the bud-wood or cuttings themselves.
(7)	Plants of the following genera and species grown in any country in which the insect San José Scale (*Quadraspidiotus perniciosus* Comst.) is known to have occurred during the two years preceding the date of the signing of the phytosanitary certificate— *Acacia* Mill. *Acer* L. *Amelanchier* Medic. *Chaenomeles* Lindl. (including *Cydonia japonica* Pers.) *Cotoneaster* L. *Crataegus* L. *Cydonia oblonga* Mill. (syn. *C. vulgaris* Pers.) *Euonymus* L. *Fagus* L. *Juglans* L. *Ligustrum* L. *Maclura pomifera* (Raf.) Schneid. (syn. *M. aurantiaca* Nutt.) *Malus* Mill. *Populus* L. *Prunus* L. (as defined in item (15) of this Schedule) *Ptelea trifoliata* L. *Pyrus* (or *Pirus*) L.	1. The farm, nursery or other premises on which the plants were grown shall have been inspected during each of the two years prior to export by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the plants were grown and found by him to be free from San José Scale: Provided that, if San José Scale is not known to have occurred in any part of the said country during the first of the said two years, the said farm, nursery or premises need not have been so inspected during that year. 2. The plants shall have been fumigated, prior to export to Great Britain, in accordance with one of the following methods— *Method* 1. With hydrocyanic acid gas at a concentration of 10 grams per cubic metre,— at temperatures less than 15° C., for not less than 60 minutes, or at temperatures not less than 15° C. or more than 25° C., for not less than 40 minutes, or at temperatures more than 25° C., for not less than 30 minutes.

PART IC—PLANTS: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLYING IN PARTICULAR CASES—*continued*

Item	Description of plants (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
	Ribes L. *Rosa* L. *Salix* L. *Sorbus* L. *Symphoricarpos* Duham. *Syringa* L. *Tilia* L. *Ulmus* L.	*Method* 2. With methyl bromide gas for between 2 and 3 hours at a concentration such that in any part of the consignment the product of the average concentration, in grams per cubic metre, and the exposure time, in hours, is not less than the value indicated in the following table— Temperature — Concentration × time product (g.hr./cu.m.) Not less than 10° C. or more than 15° C. ... 116 More than 15° C., but not more than 20° C. 104 More than 20° C., but not more than 25° C. 92
(8)	Apple (*Malus pumila* Mill. cultivars) and pear (*Pyrus communis* L. cultivars) plants grown in any country in which the virus disease Apple Proliferation (Witches' Broom) is known to occur.	The plants shall have been— (*a*) examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from Apple Proliferation disease and (*b*) grown on a farm, nursery or other premises which was or were inspected during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the said service and found by him to be free from Apple Proliferation.
(9)	Carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., perpetual flowering types) plants.	The mother plants from which the plants or cuttings were taken shall either— (*a*) have been tested and found to be free from bacterial wilts caused by *Pseudomonas caryophylli* (Burkh.) Starr and Burkh. or *Erwinia chrysanthemi* Burkh. et al., or (*b*) during the two years previous to the examination referred to in the phytosanitary certificate accompanying the consignment of plants or cuttings, have been derived from stock which was so tested and found to be free.
(10)	Florists' chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum sinense* Sabine (syn. *C. morifolium* Ramat.)) plants other than cuttings or rooted cuttings.	Either— (*a*) the plants shall have been immediately derived from a virus indexed nucleus which was found on test to be free from the virus diseases Stunt and Aspermy, or (*b*) a representative sample of the plants consisting of not less than 10 per cent. of the said plants shall have been examined when in flower by an authorised officer of the Plant

PART IC—PLANTS: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLYING IN PARTICULAR CASES—*continued*

Item	Description of Plants (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
		Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from the virus disease Stunt and substantially free from other injurious pests and diseases including Aspermy.
(11)	Florists' chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum sinense* Sabine (syn. *C. morifolium* Ramat.)) cuttings including rooted cuttings.	The cuttings or rooted cuttings shall have been certified by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the cuttings were grown to have been taken from plants which satisfy either of the conditions set out above in this column opposite item (10) of this schedule.
(12)	Florists' chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum sinense* Sabine (syn. *C. morifolium* Ramat.)) plants grown in any country in which the disease White Rust of chrysanthemums (*Puccinia horiana* P. Henn) is known to occur.	The plants shall have been— (*a*) examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from White Rust of chrysanthemums and (*b*) grown on a farm, nursery or other premises— (i) which was or were inspected during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the said service and found by him to be free from White Rust of chrysanthemums and (ii) on which White Rust of chrysanthemums is not known to have occurred during the three months prior to export.
(13)	Pear (*Pyrus communis* L. cultivars) plants grown in the Province of British Columbia in Canada, the States of California, Oregon or Washington in the United States of America, Greece or Italy or in any other Province of Canada, State of the United States of America or country in which the disease known as Pear Decline or Moria is known to occur.	The farm, nursery or other premises on which the plants were grown shall have been inspected during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the plants were grown and found by him to be free from Pear Decline or Moria.
(14)	Sloe, bullace, cherry plum, plum, apricot, peach (*Prunus spinosa* L., *P. insititia* L., *P. cerasifera* Ehrh., *P. domestica* L., *P. salicina* Lindl., *P. armeniaca* L., *P. persica* (L.) Batsch, *P. triloba* Lindl., *P. tomentosa* Thunb.) grown in any country in Europe other than those named in item (3) of this Schedule or grown in any country outside Europe in which the virus disease Sharka (Plum Pox) is known to occur.	The plants shall have been— (*a*) examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from the disease Sharka (Plum Pox) and (*b*) grown on a farm, nursery or other premises which was or were inspected prior to export by an authorised officer of the said service and found by him to be free from Sharka (Plum Pox).

PART IC—PLANTS: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLYING IN PARTICULAR CASES—*continued*

Item	Description of plants (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(15)	*Prunus* L. (including *Amygdalus* L., *Armeniaca* Mill., *Cerasus* Adan, *Laurocerasus* Roem., *Padus* Mill. and *Prunophora* Neck.) spp. plants grown in any country in which the disease Bacterial Spot (*Xanthomonas pruni* (E.F.Smith) Dowson) is known to occur.	The plants shall have been— (*a*) examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from Bacterial Spot and (*b*) grown on a farm, nursery or other premises which was or were inspected during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the said service and found by him to be free from Bacterial Spot.
(16)	Rose (*Rosa* L. spp.) plants grown in Australia, Italy, New Zealand, the Republic of South Africa or any other country in which the virus disease Rose Wilt is known to occur.	The plants shall have been— (*a*) examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from Rose Wilt and (*b*) grown on a farm, nursery or other premises which was or were examined during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the said service and found by him to be free from Rose Wilt.
(17)	*Rubus* L. spp. and strawberry (*Fragaria* L. spp.) plants grown in Canada or the United States of America.	The plants shall have been approved, in the country in which they were grown, under an official certification scheme which is restricted to plants derived from tested material found free from all important virus diseases of the genus *Fragaria* or *Rubus*, as the case may be, and under which the plants are required to be officially examined during the growing season for virus diseases.

PART IIA—POTATOES: LANDING PROHIBITED

Item	Description of potatoes (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Periods of the year during which landing is prohibited—all dates inclusive
(18)	Potatoes for planting.	Throughout the year.
(19)	Potatoes (other than potatoes for planting) grown anywhere other than in the following countries or parts of countries: Algeria Cyprus France— Corsica Greece Israel Italy— Sardinia Sicily Kenya	Throughout the year.

PART IIA– POTATOES: LANDING PROHIBITED—*continued*

Item	Description of potatoes (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Periods of the year during which landing is prohibited—all dates inclusive
	Lebanon Libya Luxembourg Malta Morocco Netherlands Portugal— Azores Madeira Republic of South Africa Spain— Balearic Islands except Majorca Canary Islands Tunisia United Arab Republic (Egypt) The countries or parts of countries listed in item (20) of this Schedule.	
(20)	Potatoes (other than potatoes for planting) grown in the following countries or parts of countries:	
	Federal Republic of Germany— the provinces of Schleswig—Holstein and of Lower Saxony except the areas of that province south of the Mittelland Canal.	1st July to 14th October.
	France, except Corsica and the Departments of Pyrénées Orientales, Aude, Hérault, Gard. Bouches du Rhône, Var, Alpes Maritimes.	1st July to 14th October.
	—Departments of Pyrénées Orientales; Aude, Hérault, Gard, Bouches du Rhône, Var, Alpes Maritimes	6th June to 31st October.
	Italy, except Sardinia, Sicily and the regions of Basilicata, Calabria and Puglia.	6th June to 31st October.
	—Regions of Basilicata, Calabria and Puglia.	26th May to 30th November.
	Portugal except the Azores and Madeira.	21st May to 30th November.
	Spain, except the Canary Islands, and the Balearic Islands excluding Majorca.	26th May to 30th November.
	—Majorca.	6th June to 30th November.
	Switzerland.	1st July to 14th October.

PART IIB—POTATOES: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED

Item	Description of potatoes (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted.
(21)	Potatoes, other than those described in items (18) and (19) of this Schedule and those described in item (20) of this Schedule which are landed during a period of the year in which such landing is prohibited.	1. Each consignment of the potatoes shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 2) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The potatoes shall be securely packed in new bags or other new containers. 3. Where the potatoes are packed in new bags or other new containers not being hampers, each bag or container shall be clearly marked with the name of the country in which the potatoes were grown. 4. The potatoes shall be free from Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say) and either— (*a*) during the 12 months preceding the date of the signing of the phytosanitary certificate there has been no outbreak of Colorado beetle within a distance of 25 kilometres of the place where the potatoes were grown; or (*b*) the potatoes shall have been grown in a district where an intensive system of control of Colorado beetle is in operation, and either— (i) they shall have been riddled (and in the case of new potatoes, thoroughly washed) in a packing station which shall have been inspected and approved by the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the potatoes were grown, the said riddling and washing having been at all times subject to inspection by an authorised officer of the aforesaid Service, and immediately after riddling (and in the case of new potatoes, washing) the potatoes shall have been packed as required by this Schedule, with a label attached to each bag or container stating the name of the packing station or the number allocated to it by the aforesaid Service, or (ii) in the case of new potatoes, they shall have been packed in a packing station specified in an authority, which was issued for the purposes of this provision by the appropriate Minister to the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the potatoes were grown and which is for the time being in force,

PART IIB—POTATOES: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED—*continued*

Item	Description of Potatoes (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
		and the conditions, if any, of that authority shall be or shall have been complied with. Any such authority shall be so issued not more frequently than once in each calendar year in respect of any country. 5. The potatoes shall be free from Wart Disease (*Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilb.) Perc.) and shall have been grown on land in which the disease is not known to have occurred at any time and in a region in which physiologic races of wart disease fungus other than the common European race are not known to have occurred at any time. 6. The potatoes shall be free from Ring Rot (*Corynebacterium sepedonicum* (Spieck, and Kotth.) Skaptason and Burkholder) and shall have been grown in a region in which the disease is not known to occur. 7. The potatoes shall be free from the disease Potato Spindle Tuber and shall have been grown in a region in which the disease is not known to occur. 8. The potatoes shall be free from Tuber Moth (*Gnorimoschema operculella* (Zell.)). 9. The potatoes shall be substantially free from Brown Rot (*Pseudomonas solanacearum* (E.F.Smith) E.F.Smith).

PART IIIA—SEEDS: LANDING PROHIBITED

Item	Description of seeds	Period of the year during which landing is prohibited
(22)	Lucerne (*Medicago sativa* L.) seed taken from crops grown in Canada, Chile, Italy, Mexico, the United States of America (excluding the State of California), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or any other country in which the disease Lucerne Bacterial Wilt (*Corynebacterium insidiosum* (McCulloch) Jensen) is known to occur. ...	Throughout the year.
(23)	Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L. and other tuber-forming spp. of *solanum*) true seed.	Throughout the year.

PART IIIB—SEEDS: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED

Item	Description of seeds	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(24)	Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa* L.) seed.	1. Each consignment of the seed shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 3) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The crops from which the seed was taken shall have been examined during the growing season by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be substantially free from the virus disease Lettuce Mosaic.
(25)	Lucerne (*Medicago sativa* L.) seed taken from crops grown in the State of California in the United States of Amercia.	1. Each consignment of the seed shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 3) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The crops from which the seed was taken shall have been— (*a*) grown from seed produced in a European country other than Italy, and (*b*) grown on a farm or other premises which has or have been inspected during the growing season prior to export by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the said crops were grown and found by him to be free from the disease Lucerne Bacterial Wilt (*Corynebacterium insidiosum* (McCulloch) Jensen). 3. The seed shall have been fumigated, prior to export to Great Britain, in accordance with the following method— *Method.* With methyl bromide gas for between 20 and 30 hours at a concentration such that in any part of the consignment the product of the average concentration, in grams per cubic metre, and the exposure time, in hours, is not less than the value indicated in the following table— Temperature — Concentration × time product (g.hr./cu.m.) Not less than 10°C. or more than 20°C. ... — 1,200 More than 20°C. but not more than 25°C. — 1,000 More than 25°C. but not more than 30°C. — 800

PART IIIB—SEEDS: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED—*continued*

Item	Description of seeds	Condition subject to which landing is permitted
(26)	Lucerne (*Medicago sativa* L.) seed other than that described in items (22) and (25) of this Schedule.	Conditions 1 and 3 set out above in this column, opposite item (25) of this Schedule, shall be complied with.
(27)	Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) seed for sowing.	1. Each consignment of the seed shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 3) and, where appropriate by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The crops from which the seed was taken shall either— (*a*) have been grown in a region where the disease Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas pisi* Sackett) is not known to occur, or (*b*) have been examined during the growing season by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from Bacterial Blight.
(28)	Tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill.) seed.	1. Each consignment of the seed shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 3) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The seed shall have been— (*a*) taken from crops which have been grown in a region where the disease Bacterial Canker (*Corynebacterium michiganense* (E. F. Smith) Jensen) is not known to occur, or (*b*) taken from crops which have been examined during the growing season by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from Bacterial Canker, or (*c*) extracted by the hydrochloric acid method. 3. The crops from which the seed was taken shall either— (*a*) have been grown in a region where the diseases Tomato Bunchy Top and Potato Spindle Tuber are not known to occur, or (*b*) have been examined during the growing season by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be free from Tomato Bunchy Top and Potato Spindle Tuber.

PART IVA—RAW FRUIT: LANDING PROHIBITED

Item	Description of raw fruit (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Period of the year during which landing is prohibited
(29)	Raw cherries grown in Italy, Portugal or Spain.	1st June to 30th September (both dates inclusive)
(30)	Raw cherries grown in Austria, Bulgaria, that part of France which is south of latitude 46° North, Hungary or Yugoslavia.	16th June to 30th September (both dates inclusive).

PART IVB—RAW FRUIT: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED

Item	Description of raw fruit (as defined in Article 3 (1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(31)	The following raw fruit— Apples, apricots, greengages, nectarines, peaches, pears and plums, other than those grown in Belgium Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway or Sweden and Cherries other than those described in items (29) and (30) of this Schedule of which the landing is prohibited.	1. Each consignment of the fruit shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 3) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The fruit cr a representative sample of it shall have been examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which the fruit was grown and found by him to be free from the insects Apple Fruit Fly or Apple Maggot (*Rhagoletis pomonella* Walsh), European Cherry Fruit Fly (*Rhagoletis cerasi* L.) and the North American Cherry Fruit Flies (*Rhagoletis fausta* Osten-Sacken and *Rhagoletis cingulata* Loew) and substantially free from other insects and from mites.

PART V—RAW VEGETABLES: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED

Item	Description of raw vegetables (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(32)	Raw vegetables landed during the period of the year 1st April to 14th October (both dates inclusive) and grown in Europe or Central or North America, other than— Root vegetables free from foliage Globe artichokes Asparagus	1. Each consignment of the vegetables shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 3) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4), in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. There shall have been no outbreak of the insect Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say) during the

PART V—RAW VEGETABLES: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED—*continued*

<table>
<tr><th>Item</th><th>Description of raw vegetables (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)</th><th>Conditions subject to which landing is permitted</th></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Aubergines
Beans
Capsicums
Carrots free from foliage or with foliage not exceeding 5 inches
Witloof chicory (Chichorium intybus L.)
Cucumbers
Marrows
Mushrooms and other edible fungi
Onions
Peas
Pimentos
Pumpkins
Shallots
Tomatoes</td><td>12 months prior to export within a distance of 25 kilometres of the place where the vegetables were grown, except that, in the case of the raw vegetables specified in the table below landed during the periods of the year specified in relation thereto, this requirement shall not apply provided that the vegetables were grown in a district where an intensive system of control of Colorado beetle is in operation and they are vegetables which are believed by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown to be free from Colorado beetle.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>THE RAW VEGETABLES REFERRED TO IN CONDITION 2 ABOVE
<table><tr><th>Description of raw vegetables</th><th>Period of the year during which landed (both dates inclusive)</th></tr><tr><td>I. Lettuce and endive grown under glass in Portugal.</td><td>1st to 15th April</td></tr><tr><td>II. Lettuce and endive grown under glass in Belgium or France.</td><td>1st April to 14th October.</td></tr><tr><td>III. Lettuce and endive grown outdoors in France in the Department of Pyrénées Orientales only.</td><td>1st April to 14th October.</td></tr><tr><td>IV. Cauliflowers and cabbage grown under glass in Belgium or France.</td><td>1st April to 14th October</td></tr><tr><td>V. Cabbage and cauliflowers grown outdoors in France in the Departments of Calvados, Côtes du Nord, Finistère, Ille et Vilaine, Loire Atlantique and Manche only.</td><td>1st April to 14th October.</td></tr></table></td></tr>
</table>

PART V—RAW VEGETABLES: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED—*continued*

Item	Description of raw vegetables (as defined in Article 3(1) of this Order)	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted	
		THE RAW VEGETABLES REFERRED TO IN CONDITION 2 ABOVE—*continued*	
		Description of raw vegetables	Period of the year during which landed (both dates inclusive)
		VI. The raw vegetables described in item (32) of this Schedule grown in— (*a*) Belgium in the Provinces of Antwerp, Brabant, East Flanders and West Flanders only, or (*b*) the Netherlands.	1st April to 14th October.

PART VIA—CUT FLOWERS: LANDING PROHIBITED

Item	Description of cut flowers	Period of the year during which landing is prohibited
(33)	Cut flowers of Gladiolus (*Gladiolus* (Tourn.)L.) grown in Africa, Malta or Italy or any other country in which the disease Gladiolus Rust (*Uromyces transversalis* (Theum.) Wint.) is known to occur.	1st June to 31st October (both dates inclusive).

PART VIB—CUT FLOWERS: CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LANDING IS PERMITTED

Item	Description of cut flowers	Conditions subject to which landing is permitted
(34)	Cut flowers of Gladiolus (*Gladiolus* (Tourn.)L.) (other than those described in item (33) of this schedule of which the landing is prohibited) grown in Africa, Malta or Italy or any other country in which the disease Gladiolus Rust (*Uromyces transversalis* (Theum.) Wint.) is known to occur.	1. Each consignment of cut flowers shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (Schedule 2) and, where appropriate, by one or more supplemental certificates (Schedule 4) in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of this Order. 2. The cut flowers shall have been examined by an authorised officer of the Plant Protection Service of the country in which they were grown and found by him to be substantially free from Gladiolus Rust.

SCHEDULE 2 Article 6

(PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR PLANTS, POTATOES AND CERTAIN CUT FLOWERS)

Phytosanitary Certificate

PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE

of .....No.....

This is to certify that the plants, parts of plants or plant products described below or representative samples of them were thoroughly examined on (date)..... .....by (name).....an authorised officer of the (service).....and were found to the best of his knowledge to be substantially free from injurious diseases and pests; and that the consignment is believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country both as stated in the additional declaration hereon and otherwise.

Fumigation or disinfection treatment (if any)

Date.....Treatment .....

Duration of Exposure.....Chemical and Concentration.....

Additional Declaration

.....19.....

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Rank)

(Stamp of the Service)

Description of the Consignment

Name and address of exporter: .....

Name and address of consignee: .....

Number and description of packages: .....

Distinguishing marks: .....

Origin (Grown at)*: .....

Means of conveyance: .....

Point of entry: .....

Quantity and name of produce: .....

Botanical name: .....

*State precise location.

Article 6

SCHEDULE 3

(PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR CERTAIN SEEDS, RAW FRUIT AND RAW VEGETABLES)

Phytosanitary Certificate

PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE

of..... No.....

This is to certify that the plant products described below are believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of Great Britain.

Fumigation or disinfection treatment (if any)

Date..... Treatment.....

Duration of Exposure.....Chemical and Concentration

.....19.....

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Rank)

(Stamp of the Service)

Description of the Consignment

Name and address of exporter: .....
Name and address of consignee: .....
Number and description of packages: .....
Distinguishing marks: .....
Origin (Grown at)*: .....
Means of conveyance: .....
Point of entry: .....
Quantity and name of produce: .....
Botanical name: .....

*State precise location.

SCHEDULE 4 Article 7

(SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED IN CASES WHERE PLANTS AND POTATOES AND CERTAIN SEEDS, RAW FRUIT, RAW VEGETABLES AND CUT FLOWERS ARE IMPORTED FROM A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THAT IN WHICH THEY WERE GROWN)

Supplemental Certificate

PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE

of.....No.....

The undersigned (name).....an authorised officer of the (service).....declares that the plants, parts of plants or plant products included in the consignment described below are part of a shipment imported into (country).....on (date).....from (country).....and covered by phytosanitary certificate(s) No(s).....the original or facsimile copy(ies)* of which is (are) attached to this certificate; and that while in (country).....the consignment has not been subjected to the risk of infection or infestation.

.....19.....

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Rank)

(Stamp of the Service)

Description of the Consignment

Name and address of exporter: .....
Name and address of consignee: .....
Number and description of packages: .....
Distinguishing marks: .....
Means of conveyance: .....
Point of entry: .....
Quantity and name of produce: .....

*Copies of Certificates must be endorsed by the Plant Protection Service of the re-exporting country as true copies.

Article 2 SCHEDULE 5

Column 1 Orders revoked	Column 2 References
The Importation of Potatoes (Health) (Great Britain) Order 1964.	S.I. 1964/409 (1964 I, p. 674).
The Importation of Plants and Plant Produce (Health) (Great Britain) Order 1965.	S.I. 1965/1426 (1965 II, p. 4228).
The Importation of Plants and Plant Produce (Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1966.	S.I. 1966/1308 (1966 III, p. 3635).
The Importation of Potatoes (Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1968.	S.I. 1968/165 (1968 I, p. 397).
The Importation of Potatoes (Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1969.	S.I. 1969/521 (1969 I, p. 1448).
The Importation of Plants and Plant Produce (Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1969.	S.I. 1969/677 (1969 II, p. 1849).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, consolidates, with amendments, the Importation of Plants and Plant Produce (Health) (Great Britain) Orders 1965 to 1969 and the Importation of Potatoes (Health) (Great Britain) Orders 1964 to 1969.

The Order prohibits the landing in England, Wales or Scotland of certain plants, potatoes, seeds, fruit and vegetables; and it lays down conditions which must be complied with if certain other plants, potatoes, seeds, fruit and vegetables are landed, including the requirement that they shall be accompanied by phytosanitary and, if they have not been imported direct from the country of origin, supplemental certificates, in the forms prescribed. These prohibitions and requirements do not apply to plants etc. grown in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

Inspectors authorised by the appropriate Minister are empowered to examine and take samples of any imported produce grown outside Great Britain and of plants or potatoes derived from plants, potatoes or seeds imported during the previous 12 months. Provision is made for the disposal of those found to be unhealthy and of any plants etc. landed in contravention of the Order.

Licences may be given modifying the requirements of the Order.

The principal changes are—

(*a*) Imports of potatoes from the Finistère Department of France are permitted and the prohibited periods for imports of potatoes from other countries are now those set out in Schedule 1, Part IIA.

(*b*) New potatoes may be imported unwashed subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 1, Part IIB if they are of a description set out in that Part of that Schedule.

(*c*) The sale for planting or the planting of imported potatoes is prohibited (Article 9).

(*d*) The conditions subject to which raw vegetables may be imported are now those set out in Schedule 1, Part V.

(*e*) Control over imports of cut flowers of Gladiolus is introduced (Article 5 and Schedule 1, Part VI).