

**Forest Service D.A.R.D**

**A Guide to Importation of  
Wood and Wood Products into  
Northern Ireland**

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## 1. How to use the guide

Determine if the country of origin is within the E.U. or North America.  
e.g. from the agent, phytosanitary certificate or plant passport.  
See **appendix i. (page 19)**



Determine species of wood  
e.g. conifer or a type of hardwood.  
See **appendix ii. (page 20)**



Determine the type of wood product.  
e.g. sawn timber, pallets, dunnage.  
See **appendix iii. (page 22)**



Determine the conditions for import by referring to the appropriate guide.  
See **section 2. (pages 3-10)**



Conditions found

Yes

No



Import conditions must be met  
before entering N. Ireland.



Check other prohibited imports  
See **section 3. (page 18)**

Yes

No



Import denied



No import  
restrictions

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**2a. Conifers, Conditions for import from EU countries.**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Plant Passport requirement</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Wood	EU countries including other parts of the UK.	Wood shall be stripped of bark <b>or</b> evidence by mark of kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> accompanied by an official statement that the wood originates in areas free from <i>Dendroctonus micans</i> , <i>Ips duplicatus</i> , <i>Ips typographus</i> , <i>Ips amitinus</i> , <i>Ips cembrae</i> , <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> .	no	P.H. (93), SCH 4B, Item 1,2,3,4,5,6.1 P.H. (96)
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Bark	EU countries including other parts of the UK.	Bark shall be accompanied by an official statement that the consignment has been fumigated against bark beetles <b>or</b> originates in areas known to be free from <i>Dendroctonus micans</i> , <i>Ips duplicatus</i> , <i>Ips typographus</i> , <i>Ips amitinus</i> , <i>Ips cembrae</i> , <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> .	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4B, Item 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6

**2. a. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other EU countries.**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Plant passport Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Chestnut	<i>Castanea</i>	Wood	EU countries including other parts of the UK.	Stripped of bark accompanied by an official statement that it originates in areas free from <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> .	or yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section II, Item 1
		Bark	EU countries including other parts of the UK.	Accompanied by an official statement that it originates in areas free from <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> or consignment has been subjected to fumigation or other appropriate treatment.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section II, Item 3
Plane	<i>Platanus</i>	Wood	EU countries including other parts of the UK.	The wood or packaging will have a K.D. mark or accompanied by an official statement that it originates in areas free from <i>Ceratocystis fimbriata</i> .	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 2

**2. b. Conifers, Conditions for the import from other countries.**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Phyto Certificate Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Wood which has <b>not</b> been sawn or still has part of its round surface (except <i>Thuja</i> )	Outside E.U.	Marked as heat treated to 56 C for 30 minutes.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 1.1  P.H. (93), Article 9, Par1
		Chips, particles, wood waste, scrap.	Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, USA.	Phyto that says it has been fumigated and shipped in sealed containers.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 1.2
		Packing cases, crates, drums, pallets, box pallets or other load boards, dunnage, spacers, bearers.	Korea, Taiwan	Stripped of bark, free from grub holes larger than 3mm, moisture content less than 20%.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 1.3  P.H. (93), Article 9, Par1

2. b. Conifers, Conditions for the import from other countries.

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Wood (not including wood from <i>Thuja</i> species) in the form of packing cases, crates, drums, pallets, box pallets or other load boards, dunnage, spacers, bearers, including sawn wood. Does not include wood that has been manufactured eg laminated wood.	Canada, USA, Japan	Stripped of bark, free from grub holes larger than 3mm, moisture content less than 20% and one of the following. Heat treated to 56 C for 30 minutes and stamped to say so, by whom and where <b>or</b> chemically treated and stamped to say so, by whom and where <b>or</b> fumigated and stamped to say so, by whom and where.	no	P.H. (01), SCH 4, Item 1.3AA

2. b. Conifers, Conditions for the import from other countries.

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Wood (not including wood from <i>Thuja</i> species) in the form of packing cases, crates, drums, pallets, box pallets or other load boards, dunnage, spacers, bearers, including sawn timber. Does not include wood that has been manufactured eg laminated wood.	China excluding Hong Kong SAR	Stripped of bark, free from grub holes larger than 3mm, moisture content less than 20% and one of the following. Heat treated to 56 C for 30 minutes and stamped to say so, by whom and where <b>or</b> chemically treated and stamped to say so, by whom and where <b>or</b> fumigated and stamped to say so, by whom and where. Must be accompanied by an official statement that one of the above treatments has been carried out.	yes	P.H. (01), SCH 4, Item 1.3AB



**2. b. Conifers, Conditions for the import from other countries.**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Phyto Certificate Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Sawn wood	Outside E.U. other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, USA.	Stripped of bark, free from grub holes larger than 3mm <b>or</b> marked as kiln dried (KD).	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 1.5  P.H. (93), Article 9, Par1
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Chips, particles, wood waste or scrap.	Outside EU other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the USA.	The product shall have been produced from wood stripped of its bark <b>or</b> kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> fumigated on board ship <b>or</b> in a container prior to shipment and shipped in sealed containers to prevent re-infestation.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 7  P.H. (93), Article 9, Par1
Cedar	<i>Thuja</i>	Sawn timber and wood which still has its round surface or part of it.	Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, USA.	Stripped of bark, free from grub holes larger than 3mm, moisture content less than 20%.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 1.4  P.H. (93), Article 9, Par1

2. b. Conifers, Conditions for the import from other countries.

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Conifers	<i>Coniferales</i>	Bark	Outside E.U.	Accompanied by an official statement that that the consignment has been subjected to fumigation or other treatments against bark beetles <b>or</b> originates in areas free from <i>Dendroctonus micans</i> , <i>Ips amitinus</i> , <i>Ips cembrae</i> , <i>Ips duplicatus</i> , <i>Ips sexdentatus</i> , <i>Ips typographus</i> .	yes	P.H. (96), Sch 5, Part B

**2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Phyto Certificate Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	North American countries.	Marked as kiln dried (KD).	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 2.1
Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Wood for veneer.	North American countries.	Accompanying documents will state that the wood is intended for the production of veneer sheets.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 2.2
Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Wood in the form of chips, particles, wood waste or scrap.	Outside EU other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the USA.	The product shall have been produced from wood stripped of its bark <b>or</b> kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> fumigated shipboard <b>or</b> in a container prior to shipment and shipped in sealed containers to prevent re-infestation.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 7

2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Chestnut	<i>Castanea</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	North American countries.	Stripped of bark and be squared so as to remove entirely the round surface <b>or</b> has a official statement that the water content of the wood does not exceed 20% expressed as a percentage of the dry matter <b>or</b> an official statement that the wood has been disinfected <b>or</b> in case of sawn timber made as kiln dried (KD).	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 3
Chestnut	<i>Castanea</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	Outside E.U.	Stripped of bark <b>or</b> accompanied by an official statement that it originates in areas free from <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> .	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 4
Chestnut	<i>Castanea</i>	Wood in the form of chips, particles, wood waste or scrap.	Outside EU other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the USA.	The product shall have been produced from wood stripped of its bark <b>or</b> kiln dried (KD) or fumigated shipboard <b>or</b> in a container prior to shipment and shipped in sealed containers to prevent re-infestation.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 7

2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	Canada or Mexico	Stripped of bark and be squared so as to remove entirely the round surface or have a official statement that the water content of the wood does not exceed 20% expressed as a percentage of the dry matter <b>or</b> an official statement that the wood has been disinfected <b>or</b> in case of sawn timber maked as kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> in the case of sawn timber with <b>or</b> with out residual bark attached be marked as kiln dried (KD) on the wood or packaging.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 3

**2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Phyto Certificate Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	USA	Stripped of bark and be squared so as to remove entirely the round surface <b>or</b> have a official statement that the water content of the wood does not exceed 20% expressed as a percentage of the dry matter <b>or</b> an official statement that the wood has been disinfected <b>or</b> in the case of sawn timber with or without residual bark attached be marked as kiln dried (KD) on the wood or packaging.	yes, it must declare that the material originates in an area free of Phytophthora ramorum and naming that area.	P.H.93 Phytophthora ramorum 2003

2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Oregon maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	USA	Stripped of bark and be squared so as to remove entirely the round surface <b>or</b> have a official statement that the water content of the wood does not exceed 20% expressed as a percentage of the dry matter <b>or</b> an official statement that the wood has been disinfected <b>or</b> in the case of sawn timber with or without residual bark attached be marked as kiln dried (KD) on the wood or packaging.	yes	P.H.93 Phytophthora ramorum 2003
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	USA	Stripped of bark and be squared so as to remove entirely the round surface <b>or</b> have a official statement that the water content of the wood does not exceed 20% expressed as a percentage of the dry matter <b>or</b> an official statement that the wood has been disinfected <b>or</b> in the case of sawn timber with or without residual bark attached be marked as kiln dried (KD) on the wood.	yes	P.H.93 Phytophthora ramorum 2003

**2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Phyto Certificate Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
Cork oak	<i>Lithocarpus densiflora</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	USA	Stripped of bark and be squared so as to remove entirely the round surface <b>or</b> have a official statement that the water content of the wood does not exceed 20% expressed as a percentage of the dry matter <b>or</b> an official statement that the wood has been disinfected <b>or</b> in the case of sawn timber with or with out residual bark attached be marked as Kiln dried on the wood or packaging.	yes	P.H.93 Phytophthora ramorum 2003
Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	Wood in the form of chips, particles, wood waste or scrap.	Outside EU other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the USA.	The product shall have been produced from wood stripped of its bark or kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> fumigated shipboard <b>or</b> in a container prior to shipment and shipped in sealed containers to prevent re-infestation.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 7



2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries

Common name	Scientific name	Wood product	Country of Origin	Conditions	Phyto Certificate Required	Plant Health Reference
Plane	<i>Platanus</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	U.S.A. or Armenia.	The wood or packaging will have a kiln dried (KD) mark.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 5
Plane	<i>Platanus</i>	Wood in the form of chips, particles, wood waste or scrap.	Outside EU other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the USA.	The product shall have been produced from wood stripped of its bark or kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> fumigated shipboard <b>or</b> in a container prior to shipment and shipped in sealed containers to prevent re-infestation.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 7
Poplar	<i>Populus</i>	Wood including sawn wood.	American continent.	Stripped of its bark..	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 6
Poplar	<i>Populus</i>	Wood in the form of chips, particles, wood waste or scrap.	Outside EU other than Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the USA.	The product shall have been produced from wood stripped of its bark <b>or</b> kiln dried (KD) <b>or</b> fumigated shipboard <b>or</b> in a container prior to shipment and shipped in sealed containers to prevent re-infestation.	yes	P.H. (93), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 7

**2. b. Hardwoods, Conditions for import from other countries**

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Wood product</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Phyto Certificate Required</b>	<b>Plant Health Reference</b>
All hardwoods		Packing cases, drums, crates, drums pallets, box pallets or load boards, dunnage, spacers and bearers, including sawn wood.	China excluding Hong Kong SAR.	The wood shall be stripped of its bark and be free from grub holes larger than 3mm across <b>or</b> the wood shall have undergone kiln dried (KD).	yes	P.H. (93) amendment (99), SCH 4A, Section I, Item 8

### 3. Prohibited imports

#### a. Wood

Conifer or hardwood wood infected or carrying any of the following pests.

<i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i>	Asian longhorn beetle
<i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i>	Pine wood nematode
<i>Scolytidae</i>	Elm bark beetle
<i>Atropellis</i>	Pine canker
<i>Ceratocystis coerulescens</i>	Sapstreak disease of maple
<i>Ceratocystis fimbriata</i>	Canker stain of plane
<i>Cercoseptoria pini-densiflorae</i>	Brown needle blight of pine
<i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i>	Chestnut blight or canker
<i>Dendroctonus micans</i>	Great Spruce bark beetle
<i>Ips amitinus</i>	Smaller eight-toothed bark beetle
<i>Ips cembrae</i>	Great larch bark beetle
<i>Ips duplicatus</i>	Nordischer Fichtenborkenkafer
<i>Ips sexdentatus</i>	Six-toothed bark beetle
<i>Ips typographus</i>	Eight-toothed spruce bark beetle

#### b. Bark

From the following trees and countries.

<i>Coniferales</i>	Conifer	Any country not in Europe
<i>Castanea</i>	Chestnut	Every country
<i>Quercus</i>	Oak	North American countries
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar maple	North American countries
<i>Populus</i>	Poplar	North American countries

**appendix i:** Countries within the EU, North America and Europe.

EU countries

Austria  
Belgium  
Denmark  
France  
Finland  
Germany  
Greece  
Ireland  
Italy  
Luxembourg  
Netherlands  
Portugal  
Spain  
Sweden  
United Kingdom

North American Countries

Canada  
United States of America  
Mexico

Europe includes

Canary Islands, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, the Ukraine and Russia (except the regions of Buryat, Yakut and Tuva, the Altai, Khabarovsk, Drasnoyarsk and Maritime Krai, and the Amur, Chita, Irkutsk, Kamchatka, Kemerovo, Kurgan, Magadan, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Sakhalin, Tomsk and Tyumen Oblasts), but does not include Cyprus or Turkey.

**appendix ii: Conifers and hardwoods listed by scientific and common names.**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Conifer or Hardwood</b>
Abies	fir or fir, silver or whitewood, American or American canary whitewood	Conifer
Acacia melanoxylon	blackwood, Austalian	Hardwood
Acer	maple or maple, Pacific or rock maple	Hardwood
Acer pseudoplatanus	sycamore	Hardwood
Alnus glutinosa	alder	Hardwood
Araucaria angustifolia	Parana pine	Conifer
Betula	birch	Hardwood
Buxus	box, Cape or European box	Hardwood
Canthium dicoccum	Ceylon boxwood	Hardwood
Carpinus betulus	hornbeam	Conifer
Carya	hickory	Hardwood
Castanea	American chestnut or sweet chestnut	Hardwood
Cedrela	South American cedar or Central American cedar	Conifer
Cedrus	cedar	Conifer
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana	Port Orford cedar	Conifer
Cinnamomum camphora	camphorwood	Hardwood
Cornus	dogwood or Turkish cornel,	Hardwood
Corylus avellana	hazel	Hardwood
Cryptomeria	Japanese red cedar or cryptomerica	Conifer
Eucaluptus	gum, spotted or karri or Tasmanian mountain ash or Tasmanian oak or Australian oak	N/A
Fagus sylvatica	beech	Hardwood
Fitzroya cupressoides	alerce	Hardwood
Flindersia brayleyana	Queensland maple	N/A
Fraxinus	ash	Hardwood
Fraxinus	American ash or European ash	Hardwood
Ilex	American holly or European holly	Hardwood
Juglans	walnut	Hardwood
Juniperus	juniper	Conifer
Juniperus procera	pencil cedar, Afican	Conifer
Juniperus virginiana	pencil cedar, Virginian	Conifer
Larix	larch or European larch	Conifer

Liquidambar styraciflua	American red gum	Hardwood
Liriodendron tulipifera	American whitewood or American canary whitewood or tulip poplar or tulip tree	Hardwood
Picea	spruce	Conifer
Picea abies	American whitewood or American canary whitewood	Conifer
Pinus	pine or Baltic deal or red deal or European deal redwood	Conifer
Podocarpus	podo (podocarpus)	Conifer
Populus	poplar	Hardwood
Prunus avium	cherry	Hardwood
Pseudotsuga menziesii	fir, Douglas fir or Columbian pine or Oregon pine	Conifer
Pyrus communis	pear	Hardwood
Quercus	oak	Hardwood
Robinia pseudoacacia	robinia	Hardwood
Salix	willow	Hardwood
Sequoia sempervirens	sequoia or Californian redwood	Conifer
Thuja plicata	Western Red cedar	Conifer
Thuja plicata	western red cedar	Conifer
Tilia vulgaris	lime	Hardwood
Tsuga	hemlock or eastern hemlock or western hemlock	Conifer
Ulmus	elm or wych elm or dutch elm or common elm or European elm	Hardwood

**Appendix iii.** List of wood products

Log  
Sawn wood  
Dunnage  
Pallet  
Spacer  
Container or packing material  
Wood chips  
Particles  
Sawdust  
Wood waste  
Scrap

Does **not** included manufactured wood such as  
Laminated wood  
Plywood  
MDF  
Chip board  
Fibre board

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