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Importing and Exporting Plants in a No Deal Scenario



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Importing plants and plant products from the EU

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What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Importing plants and plant products

Unregulated Imports from the EU

(plants and plant products
not currently managed
under the plant passport
regime)



No change on Day 1

(biosecurity risks will be
kept under continuous
review to determine what
future changes might be
needed)

What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Importing plants and plant products

Regulated Imports from the EU



→ The list of regulated plants and plants products remains the same as that covered under the plant passport scheme. This includes certain plant and tree species, citrus fruit (with leaves/ peduncles), seed potatoes, ware potatoes from particular countries/areas and specified seeds, bulbs and wood.

What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Importing plants and plant products

**Regulated
Imports from
the EU** →



Plants and plant products originating in the EU will not be stopped at the border. The relevant UK plant health authority will carry out their documentary and identity checks remotely. This will be a virtual check using the documents submitted as part of the pre-notification process and will not require the goods to stop inland.

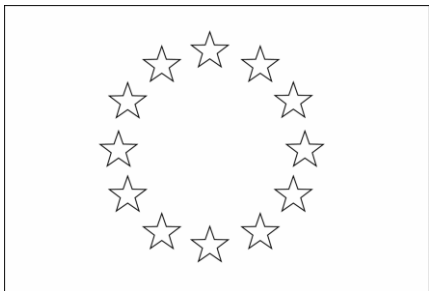
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Importing plants and plant products

Before importing you'll need to:

1. Register as an importer using the PEACH website for England and Wales
2. The process is different if you're in Scotland and Northern Ireland
3. To register timber products for import you must become a registered forestry trader and inform the Forestry Commission.

**Regulated
Imports from
the EU** →



What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Importing plants and plant products

To import, you'll need to:

1. Provide pre-arrival notification using the PEACH website
2. Make sure a controlled consignment enters the UK with a phytosanitary certificate (PC) issued in the country of export (or re-export)
3. Upload scanned copies of your PC and other relevant documents (for example bill of landing, cargo movement request, or delivery company invoice to the PEACH website)
4. Supply the original copy of the PC within 3 days of your consignment reaching the UK via post

**Regulated
Imports from
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Importing plants and plant products from outside the EU

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What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Importing plants and plant products

Imports from
3rd countries*



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on Day 1

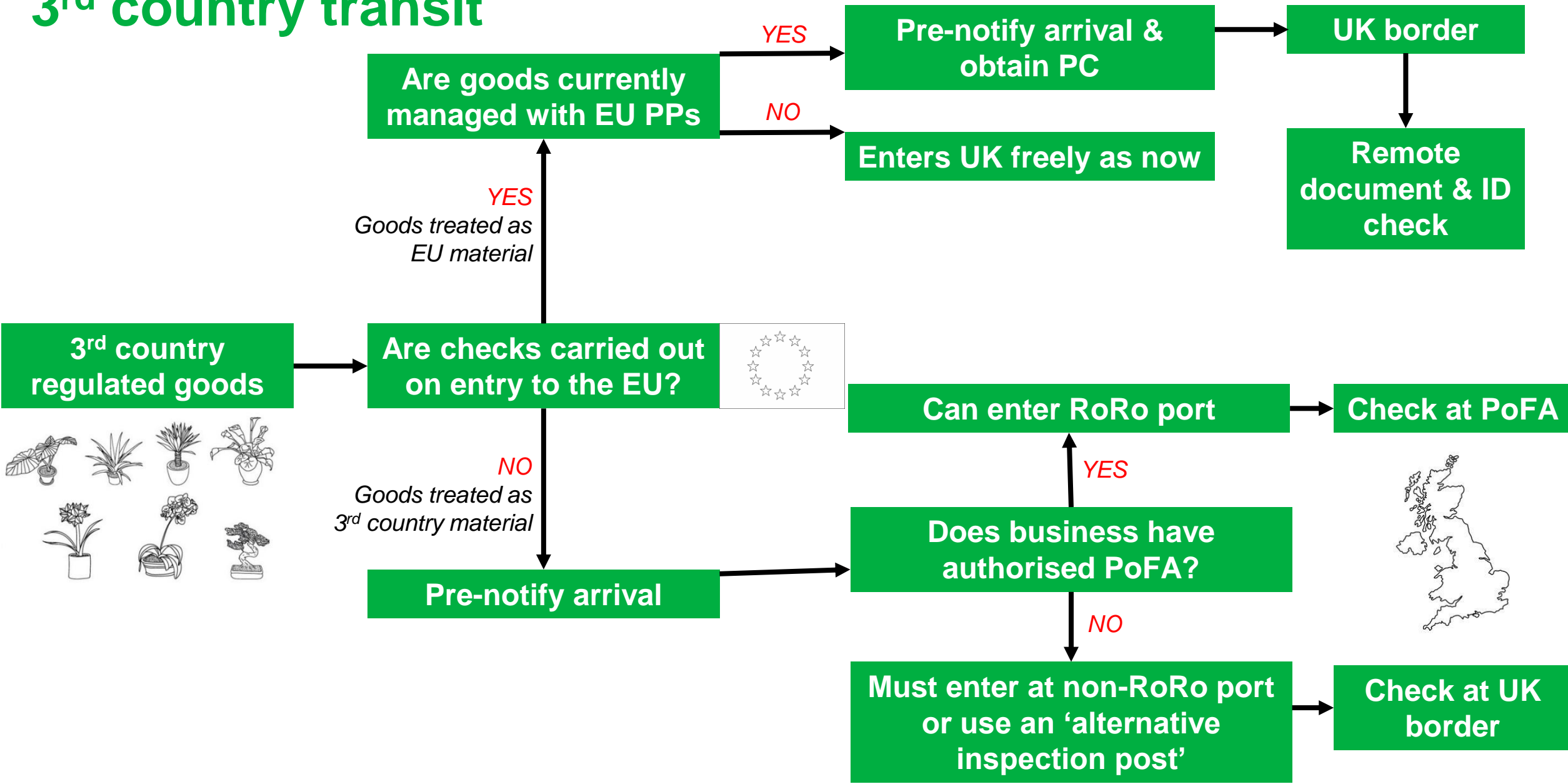
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*Excluding transit material via the EU

3rd country transit

1. In a no deal scenario, the EU would no longer be obliged to carry out plant health checks on regulated third country goods going to the UK. Plants and plant products that come from third countries via the EU without plant health checks by an EU member state, will be treated as third-country imports.
2. Many plants and plant products entering the UK via the EU arrive at fast-moving roll-on roll-off (RoRo) ports where checks at the border would create significant disruptions to traffic. All third-country plant health controlled material arriving in the UK via RoRo ports requiring checks will have to go to plant health approved facility for inspection.
3. These facilities include:
 - Place of First Arrival (PoFA) - trade premises that have been authorised to host plant health controls on third country material entering the UK via the EU at RoRo ports
 - Other facilities that have been authorised for Plant Health control ('alternative inspection posts')
4. You must ensure that plant health checks are carried out on third-country material entering the UK via the EU by doing one of the following:
 - Registering a place of first arrival (PoFA)
 - Using a non-RoRo point of entry where checks can take place at the border
 - Using an 'alternative inspection post'

3rd country transit



Find out more:

- Further details on importing and exporting on day 1 in a ‘no deal’ scenario can be found by searching on gov.uk for:
- [“Importing and exporting plants and plant products if there’s no withdrawal deal”](#)
- This page includes further details on:
 1. — Importing plants and plant products from the EU (including how to register as an importer in [England and Wales](#), [Scotland](#), or [Northern Ireland](#)).
 2. — Importing plants and plant products from third countries via the EU
 3. — How to register as a place of first arrival
 4. — Exporting plants and plant products to the EU
 5. — Steps to take now to prepare for EU Exit
 6. — Movement of wood packaging material
 7. — Moving controlled plants and plant products within the UK



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Moving plants and plant products within the UK

Kevin Kitching, Plant Health EU Exit Lead

What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Moving plants and plant products within the UK

Movement within the UK



Plant and plant products currently covered by EU plant passports will **continue to** be managed ~~new~~ when moved within the UK.

When moving controlled plants in the UK, you'll need to:

1. Register with the relevant UK plant health authority
2. Be authorised to issue plant passports
3. Replace references to 'EU' with 'UK' when issuing plant passports.

If you are already registered for plant passporting you do not need to re-register for Day 1



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Exporting plants and plant products to the EU

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What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Exporting plants and plant products

Exports to 3rd
countries



No change
on Day 1



What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Exporting plants and plant products

Exports of EU regulated goods to the EU



1. The EU will treat the UK as a third country in a no deal scenario.
2. For exports to the EU, third-country rules will apply on all plants for planting, wood, wood products or bark and wood packaging material.
3. You will also need to:
 - Check whether a phytosanitary certificate (PC) is required by contacting the plant health authority or a plant health inspector in the destination country
 - Apply for a PC from the relevant UK plant health authority before export
 - Check if your plants require laboratory testing of samples to ensure they are free from pests and diseases or inspections during the growing season
4. Contact your local plant health inspector to find out if goods you are exporting will be subject to EU controls in a no deal scenario.
5. Checks on exported goods may take place at the country of destination.



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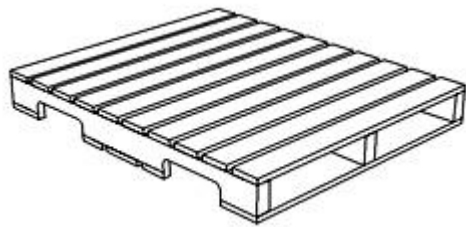
Wood Packaging Material

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What to expect on day one of a 'no deal' scenario:

Exporting plants and plant products

Wood Packaging Material



WPM includes: pallets, crates, boxes, cable drums, spools, dunnage

In the event of no deal, all WPM moving between the UK and the EU must meet **ISPM15 international standards by undergoing heat treatment and marking.** All WPM may be subject to official checks either upon or after entry to the EU. There will be the same requirement for WPM coming from the EU to the UK.