
PLANT HEALTH ADVICE - FIREBLIGHT

Before you bring trees or shrubs into Jersey from the UK or other EC Countries, please read this leaflet.

Fireblight (*Erwinia amylovora*) is a serious bacterial disease that affects a range of trees and woody shrubs. **This disease is established in parts of the UK and many other European Countries.** To keep it out of Jersey, strict import controls apply over the following known host plants:

<i>Chaenomeles</i> - Flowering Quince	<i>Mespilis</i> - Medlar
<i>Cotoneaster spp</i>	<i>Pyrus spp</i> - Pear
<i>Crataegus spp</i> - Hawthorn	<i>Pyracantha</i> - Firethorn
<i>Cydonia spp</i> - Quince	<i>Stranvaesia</i>
<i>Eriobotrya</i>	<i>Sorbus</i> - other than <i>Sorbus intermedia</i>
<i>Malus spp</i> - Apple	

The non-establishment of Fireblight in Jersey is recognised under European Plant Health legislation by 'Protected Zone' status. Anyone wishing to import host plants into Jersey must ensure they originate from a commercial supplier able to send plants into a 'Fireblight Protected Zone'.

In practice this means the nursery at which the plants were grown must have been officially inspected, **together with a surrounding 'Buffer Zone'** and both the nursery and Buffer Zone must have been found to be free from Fireblight. Nurseries satisfying these conditions are able to issue Plant Passports valid for Fireblight Protected Zones and these must accompany all host plants sent to Jersey.

Plant Passports

Plant Passports take the form of a written declaration and are included on plant labels, delivery notes or other documents accompanying plants. They must include the phrase 'EC Plant Passport' followed by a country code and the nursery's official registration number.

Plant Passports must include the declaration 'ZP b2' or 'ZP UK' to verify the host plants can be supplied to a Fireblight Protected Zone.

Example: EC Plant Passport UK/EW 1234 ZP b2

These restrictions apply to the importation of both private and commercial consignments of Fireblight host plants, including plants imported by mail order.

If in doubt as to whether a supplier can issue valid Plant Passports for a Fireblight Protected Zone ask for a copy of their authorisation issued by their relevant plant health authority.

**FIREBLIGHT HOST PLANTS IMPORTED WITHOUT A VALID
PLANT PASSPORT WILL BE DESTROYED**

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