

**IMPORTATION OF PLANTS ETC TO IRELAND FROM THIRD COUNTRIES
(COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EU.)**

The Department of Agriculture and Food receives a number of enquiries about the importation of plants/plant products from Third Countries to Ireland. A licence is required to import this material if it is allowed to enter. Also you may need to register as an importer if you wish to import on a regular basis. Application forms and information leaflets can be obtained from **Mr. Tom Forbes or Ms Roisin Farrell** (see below).

Procedures for applying for a licence

1. Requests for licence are made in advance of the shipment and are made in writing, by post, fax or e-mail to **Mr. Tom Forbes**, or **Ms Roisin Farrell**
Postal Address:

**The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Crop Production & Safety Division
Admin Building
Celbridge
Co. Kildare
Tel 01-5058885
Fax 01-6275994**

E-Mail: tom.forbes@agriculture.gov.ie or roisin.farrell@agriculture.gov.ie

2. The request which should be made on your company's or your own headed paper must give the following information
 - (a) the name (botanical name) of the plants, fruit, flowers, vegetables etc. that you wish to import
 - (b) the quantity you wish to import per shipment
 - (c) the place of export e.g U.S.A, Thailand, etc.
 - (d) the point of entry e.g. Dublin Airport, Dublin Port, etc.
3. Most material will require a **Phytosanitary Certificate** (Plant Health Cert), which is issued by the relevant authorities of the exporting country stating that the plants, fruit etc. are free of all harmful organisms and diseases.
4. A licence is issued for each shipment. A contact name (inspector from this Department) is listed on the licence with phone number for you to contact re inspection etc. We will require at least 48 hours notice so that our inspectors can make themselves available to carry out the required inspection.
5. An inspection/documentary fee comes into effect from January 2005.

