



Northern Ireland Plant Health Label Scheme

On 1 October 2023, specific rules were implemented around the permitted entry from other parts of the United Kingdom into Northern Ireland of seed potatoes, plants for planting, and used machinery / vehicles for agricultural or forestry purposes (UAFM).

These changes introduced arrangements, originally set out in the Windsor Framework, for GB to NI movement of the above goods, under what is named the Northern Ireland Plant Health Label (NIPHL) Scheme.

The NIPHL Scheme substitutes the requirement for an accompanying Phytosanitary Certificate.

Both Defra and DAERA have released guidance to their stakeholders, which outlines the respective GB and NI arrangements and prerequisites for moving goods under the NIPHL Scheme.

If you wish to receive goods under the NIPHL Scheme, you must first be registered with DAERA Plant Health as a **Professional Operator**.

Information about registering as a professional operator with DAERA Plant Health can be found at the following internet page:

[Registration as Professional Operator and application to become Registered Authorised Professional Operator | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

You must then agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the NIPHL scheme by completing and returning the NI Plant Health Label Scheme (NIPHL) Declaration below.

Existing Professional Operators (already registered as such with DAERA FS Plant Health Inspection Branch) who wish to receive goods under the scheme, will also need to complete and return the NI Plant Health Label Scheme (NIPHL) Declaration below.

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NI Plant Health Label Scheme (NIPHL) Declaration

I am a DAERA registered Professional Operator and agree to comply with the NIPHL Scheme requirements for moving NIPHL Scheme consignments, either individually or within mixed loads. The requirements are as follows:

1. NIPHL goods must be dispatched from a Defra/SASA Registered Authorised Professional Operator in GB and can only be received by a DAERA registered Professional Operator in NI.
2. Consignments must have a NIPHL label attached (i.e. to the smallest applicable trade unit).
3. The “operator responsible for the consignment” (business or agent) must notify the movement in advance, through a CHED-PP declaration on TRACES.
4. NIPHL goods must be presented for “point of entry” checks, in line with OCR requirements and Windsor Framework arrangements.
5. Surveillance measures and post-movement assurance checks will be carried out to ensure consignments moved under NIPHL have not subsequently moved to the EU. (Relevant records must be kept by the Professional Operator for 3 years.)

In signing this declaration, I agree that my details can be shared with other UK competent authorities.

I understand that non-compliance with NIPHL arrangements and applicable legislation could result in a range of enforcement actions, including detention notices, modification, and suspension or revocation of DAERA Professional Operator authorisation.

I agree to comply and cooperate with the requirements, terms, and conditions of the NIPHL scheme.

Name in BLOCK

Date:

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Company Name:

Plant Health
Registration number:

Please return completed form to: planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk

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