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DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS**Importation of Strawberry Plants**

ORDER, DATED 8TH MAY, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1877 TO 1934.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects Act 1877(a), as amended by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act 1907(b) and Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act (Northern Ireland) 1934(c) respectively, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Strawberry Plants Order (Northern Ireland) 1964 and shall come into operation on the 1st June, 1964.

Revocation

2. The Importation of Blackcurrant Bushes and Strawberry Plants (Northern Ireland) Order 1953(d) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Order:—

“authorised officer” means an officer of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland authorised for the purposes of this Order;

“importer” includes any person who, whether as owner, consignee or agent or broker, is for the time being in possession of or in any way entitled to the custody or control of the strawberry plants;

“landing” includes importation into Northern Ireland by any method whatsoever;

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

“plant” means a strawberry plant and includes runners.

Restriction on Importation

4.—(1) The landing in Northern Ireland from Great Britain, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or the Irish Republic of any plants is hereby prohibited, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Ministry or by an authorised officer.

(2) The aforementioned licence shall require that the plants are accompanied by a certificate issued by the Plant Protection Service of the country of origin to the effect that the soil in which the plants were grown has been tested and found free from Potato Root Eelworm (*Heterodera rostochiensis* Wollenweber).

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) the Ministry may at its discretion license the importation of plants without such certificate provided the roots of the plants have been thoroughly washed and are free from soil.

(a) 40 & 41 Vict. c. 68.

(b) 7 Edw. 7. c. 4.

(c) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 4 (N.I.).

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 11.