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To: All Professional Seed Operators **Our ref : CE 166**

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Movement Assistance Scheme:
Moving agrifood goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland

The Movement Assistance Scheme means that if you're:

- a trader moving agrifood goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, you do not need to pay for some inspections and certificates or some other costs you incur because of the Northern Ireland Protocol
- a certifier, you must not charge for some inspections, certificates and some other costs – the Scottish Government will charge HM Treasury for the fees

The following types of goods are included in the Movement Assistance Scheme:

- live animals and animal products
- plants and plant products
- some categories of high risk food and feed not of animal origin
- organic products

The scheme came into effect August 1st 2021 and will close at the end of December 2023.

Plants or plant products

If your business is moving plants or plant products from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, you do not need to pay for the phytosanitary certificates (PCs). SASA will not charge you for inspecting and certifying your goods.
If you move fruit, vegetables or cut flowers from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, you may be eligible for the plant health exports audited trader scheme (PHEATS). This means you'll be able to do your own inspections and apply for phytosanitary certificates to be issued.

You do not need to pay for:

- an inspection fee when you first register with PHEATS
- auditing or monitoring fees (charged per audit)

You can get financial support for International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) sample testing and certification. You need both ISTA certification and phytosanitary certification to move individual seed lots from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

Read guidance on the requirements you need to meet when moving plants and plant products.
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-plants-and-plant-products-from-great-britain-and-northern-ireland#temporary-operational-measures-for-movement-of-some-goods-from-gb-to-ni

the following services will not be chargeable:

- inspecting and certifying goods
- some of the costs incurred in getting a certificate to move plant and plant products
- an inspection fee when you first register with plant health exports audited trader scheme (PHEATS)
- auditing or monitoring fees for exporting fruit, vegetables and cut flowers from Great Britain to Northern Ireland
- International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) sample testing and certification for all individual seed lots moved from Great Britain to Northern Ireland
- Phytosanitary certification of individual seed lots moved from Great Britain to Northern Ireland

GB to NI Certified seed:

- As of 1st August 2021 the cost of ISTA testing and certification required for individual seed lots moving from GB to NI is included in The Movement Assistance Scheme. The scheme will cover the cost of testing and certification only when carried out solely to facilitate the movement of seed lots to Northern Ireland and ISTA application forms must state “Northern Ireland” in the “Country of Destination” field.
- Further information on the scheme is available at the following link https://www.sasa.gov.uk/sites/default/files/SEED%20CERT%20-%20Seed%20Certification%20Letter%20163%20-%20BSS042021.pdf

For further information on seed exports contact: seedtesting@sasa.gov.scot
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