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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about imported plants, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 09 December 2022. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR's) 2004.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Xanthomonas arboricola pv. pruni

I would be very grateful, if you could provide me with data on:

1. The number of positive interceptions of the above pathogen on imported material and where it came from.
2. The number of detections on UK premises since the first time (in 2014)

I expected that this info would be collated somewhere and publicly available - but I can only find isolated snippets like here:

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/assets/uploads/25-31-March-2022-Imports-interception-EU.pdf?>”

Information on Northern Ireland (NI) and Scotland (SCOT.Gov) are not held by APHA as these functions are carried out by the devolved governments. They can be contacted here:

[Home | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](http://daera-ni.gov.uk)

[Request information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Please find below the information requested in relation to England and Wales:

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

	Interceptions from outside England and Wales ¹	Outbreaks on England and Wales Premises ²
Year		
2014	6 (5 BE + 1 NL)	7
2015	6 (3 NL + 3 FR)	5
2016	11 (7 NL + 4 FR)	5
2017	6 (4 NL + 2 FR)	10
2018	3 (1 NL + 1 BE + 1 FR)	4
2019	10 (5 NL + 5 FR)	4
2020	10 (5 NL + 1 BE +3 FR + 1 IT)	4
2021	17 (12 NL + 3 BE + 1 ES + 1 IT)	8
2022	16 (15 NL + 1BE)	10

Note 1 : Countries of Despatch of intercepted consignments :-

BE = Belgium
NL = Netherlands
FR = France
IT = Italy
ES = Spain

An interception is a finding of infected plants where those plants can be attributed with certainty as having being sourced from outside England & Wales.

Note 2:

Outbreaks on premises are those findings where the infected consignment has been on the premises for a period of time so as not be able to attribute with certainty the initial source of infection.

Help and advice

A year to date summary for 2021 and 2022 is publically available under the alert list tab on the plant health portal at: [Alert List - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://defra.gov.uk/alert-list). You can download the annual and rolling data as a CSV spreadsheet and then filter that on the species name to get the results you require.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you need to contact the ICO, it's best to do so online. Please click [here](#) for contact details. You can also call them on 0303 123 1113.