

THE FORESTRY COMMISSION
The Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms)
(England) Regulations 2019

The Plant Health (*Ips typographus*) (Demarcated Area No. 7) Notice

A plant health inspector appointed by the Forestry Commissioners for the purposes of the Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) (England) Regulations 2019 (“the Regulations”) has confirmed the presence of *Ips typographus* (Heer) (*larger eight-toothed spruce bark beetle*) on premises in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Kent, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex.

The Forestry Commissioners, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 17(2) of the Regulations, give the following notice:

Citation and amendment

1. This notice –
 - a) may be cited as the Plant Health (*Ips typographus*) (Demarcated Area No.7) Notice; and
 - b) with effect from midday on 29th October 2024, revokes and replaces the Plant Health (*Ips typographus*) (Demarcated Area No.6) Notice made at 07:30 on 5th June 2024.

Demarcated area

2. Pursuant to regulation 17(2)(a) of the Regulations, areas in the ceremonial counties of Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey, City and County of the City of London, Greater London, West Sussex, East Sussex, Kent, Essex and Hampshire within the boundary described in Annex 1, and shown depicted on the map in Annex 2, is demarcated.

Restriction on felling susceptible material without prior notification

3. Pursuant to regulation 17(2)(b) of the Regulations, a person must notify the Forestry Commission in advance in writing of their intention to fell any relevant susceptible material within the demarcated area.

Restriction on killing any trees of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr, over three metres in height, without prior notification

4. Pursuant to regulation 17(2)(b) of the Regulations, a person must notify the Forestry Commission in advance in writing of their intention to kill (either by ring-barking, chemical injection or application, mechanical means, biological control or arboricultural intervention) any trees of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr, over three metres in height, within the demarcated area.

Prohibition on susceptible material being left in situ

5. Pursuant to regulation 17(2)(b) of the Regulations, no person may leave any relevant susceptible material arising from any felling in situ in the demarcated area unless authorised in writing by an inspector.

Prohibition on the movement of susceptible material

6. Pursuant to regulation 17(2)(b) of the Regulations, no person may move any relevant susceptible material out of or within the demarcated area specified in this notice, unless authorised in writing by an inspector.

Prohibition on planting plants of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr

7. Pursuant to regulation 17(2)(b) of the Regulations, no person may plant any plant(s) of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr, within the demarcated area unless authorised in writing by the Forestry Commission or the Animal and Plant Health Agency –
 - (i) excluding any varieties or cultivars of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr that do not exceed 3 metres in height at full maturity,
 - (ii) excluding the planting of plants of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr;
 - (a) for ornamental or scientific purposes, where the total number of plants of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr established in any one hectare does not exceed five,
 - (b) for the purpose of trade at nursery sites,
 - (c) for the purpose of trade in Christmas trees, that do not exceed 3 metres in height above the root collar. The purpose of trade in Christmas trees must apply for the entire duration the plants are on site.

Interpretation

8. For the purposes of paragraph 3, 4, 5 and 6 above, relevant susceptible material means the following material that has originated within the demarcated area –
 - (i) any wood of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr., other than in the form of wood packaging material or dunnage, which—
 - (a) retains all or part of its bark; or
 - (b) is in the form of chips, waste wood, logs, billets, twigs, faggots or is in other similar forms;
 - (ii) any isolated bark of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr.;
 - (iii) any trees of the genus *Picea* A. Dietr., over three metres in height, including felled or fallen trees, other than fruit, seeds, leaves or foliage.
9. For the purposes of paragraph 7, the terms plants and planting are defined as within Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

Commencement of measures

10. The measures stipulated in this notice, apply on and after midday on 29th October 2024 until further notice.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Barker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Richard Barker

Secretary to the Forestry Commissioners, 8th October 2024

ANNEX 1

Description of the extent of the demarcated area

The boundary starts in Southampton at the eastern side of the Itchen Bridge on the A3025 (SU435112). Here it leaves the road and follows the eastern bank of the River Itchen southwards to where the river meets the tidal estuary of Southampton Water. It follows the eastern edge of Southampton Water until it joins the coastline in the Solent. The boundary then follows the coastline east until reaching the mouth of the River Welland (TF390380). It follows the southern bank of the River Welland until reaching Fosdyke Bridge on the A17.

Here it continues southeast along the A17 until it meets the A151 at a roundabout at TF350258. The boundary continues down the A151 until it meets Spalding Road (A151) at a roundabout at TF346248.

It takes the second exit off the roundabout, continuing along Spalding Road (A151) westwards until it meets High Road (A151) at a roundabout (TF280244). The boundary takes the third exit, continuing westwards along High Road (A151) until it meets the A16 at a roundabout at TF265238. It then takes the first exit and continues south on the A16. The boundary continues along the A16 via the Crowland Bypass, continuing past Cowbit and Crowland.

The boundary continues until it meets the A47 at a roundabout at TF204023. From here it takes the first exit and continues east along the A47. At the next roundabout (TF216026) it takes the third exit and continues south down the A1139. It follows the A1139 past Eye and through Newark, where it changes into the Frank Perkins Parkway (A1139) at TF213015, and then changes again into Fletton Parkway (A1139) at TL201964.

At TL179957 it takes the exit to The Serpentine (A1260), which it follows southeast. At the roundabout at TL183950 it takes the third exit to follow London Road (A15). It continues along London Road until TL158907 where it meets the A1(M) at junction 16. Here it continues southbound along the A1(M). It continues down the A1(M) when it changes to the A1, and then back again to the A1(M), before joining the M25 at junction 23 (TL224002), travelling anti-clockwise to junction 15 (TQ045784).

At junction 15 of the M25 the boundary joins the M4, heading westwards until junction 13 (SU480728) where it joins the A34 heading south. The boundary follows the A34 south to the eastern side of Winchester where it joins the M3, heading south, at junction 9 (SU497305).

Leaving the M3 just before it terminates north of Southampton, at junction 14 (SU428181), taking the slip road to join the M27. The boundary follows the M27 for ~ 500 m until junction 5 at SU442167 where it takes the A335 heading south (Stoneham Way).

The A335 meets the A35 at a junction at SU438158, the boundary continues along the A335 by staying left onto Thomas Lewis Way heading south. Continuing on the A335 the boundary takes the left-hand bend onto Bevois Valley Road at SU425134 until it meets the A33 at a roundabout at SU422125. The boundary exits the roundabout onto St. Andrew's Road, the A33 heading south. At a crossroads (SU424122) with the A3024 the boundary continues south on the A33, Kingsway.

The boundary stays on the A33 until it meets the A3025 at a 'T' junction at SU425112. In ~ 600m the A3025 crosses the River Itchen via the Itchen Bridge which is where the boundary ends.

ANNEX 2 Map of demarcated area

