

APPENDIX A: ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The following regulations have been formulated in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society's policies on conservation and the environment.

**It is essential that you read and adhere to the information in the document referring to
Xylella & RHS Shows – High Risk List**
http://apps.rhs.org.uk/emails/pdf/est/2018/Stop_Press_Xylella.pdf

Restricted Plants & Plant Regulations

The Society reserves the right to demand the removal of any plants or other materials which compromise the following RHS policies:

- Exhibitors are not permitted to use or sell plants, moss, bulbs or corms which have been collected from the wild.
- Exhibitors should ensure they comply with CITES as implemented in the European Union and other conservation legislation designed to protect wild plants and their habitats. For more information see <http://www.cites.org/eng/disc/what.php>
- Regarding the use or sale of non-native invasive plants, exhibitors must adhere to Schedule 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act for England and Wales which can be found here <https://rhs.org.uk/shows-events/pdf/restricted-plants-at-rhs-shows>
- All plants entering the United Kingdom from outside the European Union (EU) require a phytosanitary certificate. Importers of consignments from outside the EU must notify the Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate (PHSI) using the PEACH system (<http://ehmipeach.defra.gov.uk/>). There are also restrictions on the movements of some plants within the EU, for example imports of *Castanea* (sweet chestnut), *Fraxinus* (ash), *Platanus* (plane), *Quercus* (oak) and *Ulmus* (elm) are restricted into the UK (<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/treeHealth/index.cfm>)
- Exhibitors must adhere to the regulations regarding Xylella and RHS Shows in relation to the nine high risk plants – *Coffea* spp. (coffee), *Hebe* spp. (hebe), *Lavandula* spp. (lavender), *Nerium oleander* (oleander), *Olea europaea* (olive), *Polygala myrtifolia* (polygala), *Prunus* spp. (cherry, plum etc.), *Rosmarinus officinalis* (rosemary) and *Spartium junceum* (Spanish broom).

For more information see: <http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/imports/index.cfm> Tel: +44 (0) 1904 465625; Fax: +44 (0) 1904 465628; Email planthealth.info@fera.gsi.gov.uk

Exhibitors must familiarise themselves with current regulations regarding:

Xylella fastidiosa

http://apps.rhs.org.uk/emails/pdf/est/2018/Stop_Press_Xylella.pdf

Agapanthus gall midge

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=9001>

Ash dieback (*Chalara Fraxinea*)

<http://forestry.gov.uk/chalara>

Asian Longhorn beetle

Fuchsia Gall Mite (*Aculops fuchsiae*) <http://fera.co.uk/plantClinic/documents/factsheets/fuchsiaGallMite12.pdf>

Oak Processionary Moth (*Thaumetopoea processionea*)

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-74CE39>

Phytophthora diseases including those caused by:

Phytophthora kernoviae:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/publications/documents/factsheets/phytophthoraKernoviaeFactsheet.pdf>

Phytophthora lateralis:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/publications/documents/factsheets/phytophthoraLateralis.pdf>

Phytophthora ramorum (Sudden oak death):

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/publications/documents/factsheets/phytophthoraRamorumFactsheet.pdf>

Information about further important pests and diseases can be found here:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/pestsDiseases/index.cfm>

Harmful plants

Most plants do not present any hazard to humans and serious incidents in the United Kingdom are rare. Nevertheless it is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that risks are avoided, for example by positioning plants known to have skin or eye irritant qualities away from the front of a stand, and that controls are in place in case of an incident.

Potentially harmful plants must be clearly identified. For further details refer to the Code of Recommended Retail Practice Relating to the Labelling of Potentially Harmful Plants published by the Horticultural Trades Association. (<https://hta.org.uk/resourceLibrary/code-of-practice-for-potentially-harmful-plants.html>)

For more information see www.rhs.org.uk/Advice/Profile?PID=524

Restricted Materials

- **Surface-stripped limestone** pavement must not be used at any RHS Shows.
- **Peat** must not be used for staging or mulching purposes.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to minimise or exclude **peat** from plant production as much as possible.
- Timber treated with **creosote** should not be used at RHS Shows. The European commission restricts the use of creosote-treated products. For more information see <http://www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/copr/creosote.htm>

Using & selling timber

Timber products brought to RHS Shows for sale or display must be proven to be from sustainable source. Exhibitors must provide a copy of their own timber certificate or, if they do not hold certificates themselves, a valid certificate from their direct supplier accompanied by a recent invoice. All exhibitors are encouraged to use sustainably sourced timber in the construction and staging of exhibits. Independent audits are undertaken at RHS Shows to ensure exhibitors are complying.