



Goods journey using the Northern Ireland Plant Health Label (NIPHL) Scheme in TSS

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OVERVIEW: NORTHERN IRELAND PLANT HEALTH LABEL (NIPHL) SCHEME

What

The NIPHL scheme is a way for growers and traders in Great Britain (GB) to move certain plant goods to Northern Ireland (NI). Like the United Kingdom (UK) plant passport scheme, the [NIPHL scheme](#) provides both assurance the goods meet the NI entry requirements and full traceability throughout the supply chain.

The NIPHL scheme differs from the phytosanitary certificate in that it is issued and/or attached by the authorised operator. Rather than applying for a phytosanitary certificate for each consignment, operators can become authorised with their relevant competent authority to issue and/or attach NIPHLs themselves.

Who

Growers and traders who move the below goods can benefit:

- Plants and seeds for planting (plants and seeds which will be grown by professional growers or traded for retail sale)
- Seed potatoes (for commercial growing)
- Used agricultural and forestry machinery and vehicles

When

The scheme went live on 1st October 2023.

Further Information

Both the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ([DEFRA](#)) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs ([DAERA](#)) have released guidance which outlines the respective GB and NI arrangements and prerequisites for moving goods under the NIPHL scheme.

If you wish to receive goods under the NIPHL scheme, you must be registered with DAERA Plant Health as a Professional Operator and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the NIPHL scheme.

To better understand the necessary steps required for GB operators, please refer to the [DEFRA NIPHL Flow Diagram](#).



END TO END JOURNEY: NORTHERN IRELAND PLANT HEALTH LABEL (NIPHL) SCHEME

Registration



GB Sender (Consignor)

Register as a GB professional operator via [GOV UK](https://gov.uk)

Apply for authorisation to issues and/or attach NIPHLs (valid for 12 months):

- For England & Wales, refer to the Animal and Plant Health Agency ([APHA](https://apha.gov.uk))
- For Scotland, refer to the Science & Advice for Scottish Agriculture ([SASA](https://sasa.gov.uk))

Before Departure of Goods from GB



Dependant on the consignment type, journey varies as follows:

Plants & Seeds	Used Machinery & Vehicles	Seed Potatoes
Ensure the consignment meets the NI phytosanitary and NIPHL requirements	Ensure the machinery is clean and free of any soil or plant debris	Notify APHA / SASA , providing details of the Seed Potato Classification Scheme (SPCS) Certificate, stock quantity and NIPHLs required
Print and attach the NIPHL to the smallest tradeable unit	Print and attach the NIPHL to the individual unit	APHA / SASA issue NIPHLs, which are attached to the consignment of seed potatoes



Provide NI Receiver (Consignee) with details of the consignment and movement, including:

- Planned date and time of arrival
- Point of entry
- Vehicle registration
- Packing list
- NIPHL details
- [NIPHL pro forma](https://niphilproforma.gov.uk)

Before NI Arrival



Haulier

Create Goods Movement Reference (GMR) via the TSS Portal, or Goods Movement Vehicle Service (GVMS)

Review GMR inspection status prior to arrival at NI port of entry. If selected for inspection, report to the advised Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) facilities. If no checks are required, driver can continue to destination

NI Receiver (Consignee)

Register as a NI professional operator via [DAERA](https://daera.gov.uk)

If you are already a professional operator and intending to receive NIPHL consignments, you must [sign a NIPHL declaration](https://niphildeclaration.gov.uk)

Register with [TRACES NT](https://tracesnt.gov.uk) for pre-notification

Receive consignment and transportation details from GB Sender, including:

- Planned date and time of arrival
- Point of entry
- Vehicle registration
- Packing list
- NIPHL details
- [NIPHL pro forma](https://niphilproforma.gov.uk)



If you require further assistance, please contact the [TSS Contact Centre](https://tsscontactcentre.gov.uk) on 0800 060 8888