

Implementing Regulation (EU)2019/66 as regards post-import checks of plants for planting and CHED-requirement

The Swedish Association of Leisure Gardening (Fritidsodlingens Riksorganisation (FOR)) represents 70 000 members and we are also the voice of all leisure gardeners in Sweden.

We are grateful that the commission has given this opportunity to comment on the new proposed amending Implemented Regulation 2019/66.

We welcome the initiative to strengthen the pest and pathogen control of plants and plant material to protect cultivated crops and wild nature in the EU against unintentional import of serious pests from third parties. However, suggested amendment in Article 1 A will entail complicated bureaucracy for all non-commercial growers wishing to import plants or seeds from third countries as the CHED-document is intricate and much of the information requested will be difficult for our members to respond to. We therefore suggest that a simplified CHED-document is developed that only request the most basic information needed for the necessary checks to be carried out. Otherwise, we are afraid that very few non-commercial growers will complete the form.

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