

**Question for written answer E-004906/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Maritime trade and Brexit

On 29 March 2019, the UK will officially be leaving the EU. Following the referendum of June 2016, the EU has been planning to reinstate imports and exports customs declarations for cross-border trade with the UK, with new customs and phytosanitary rules. All players in the area of maritime trade are waiting for the agreement between the relevant stakeholders. Given the statements that have been made by UK Prime Minister Theresa May, their concerns seem not only understandable, but also legitimate.

Is the Commission planning to introduce phytosanitary certifications for imported plant products?

Will it be bringing in physical checks?