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Hawkins

Leaders in forensic investigation

Plant Pathology

We investigate plant diseases, crop failures, and contamination issues across agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and marine environments to identify causes and prevent future losses.



Plant Pathology Expertise

At Hawkins, our plant pathology expertise encompasses agricultural, horticultural, forestry, marine, and contamination claims. Our experts are experienced in investigating the causes of plant diseases, crop failures and spoilage of fresh produce and agricultural cargoes.

These symptoms could be leaf spots, tissue discolouration, blight, wilting, stunting, dieback, cankers, tumours, abnormal growth, deformed plant parts or combinations of the above.

During transport and storage, post-harvest rots, moulds, breakdown, contamination and collapse can render shipments of grains, fresh produce, dry produce and plant products unmarketable.

How Hawkins Can Help



- We provide the answers you need to determine why an incident occurred.
- We employ experts who can investigate all aspects of a plant pathology case.
- We use laboratories that can perform the analyses specific to your case.
- We help you determine if an incident could have been avoided and advise on preventing future occurrences.

What We Do

Hawkins is a multi-disciplinary forensic practice established in 1980. With a recognised and growing global presence, we have over 150 experts providing worldwide coverage from offices in Europe, MEA, and Asia, as well as key locations across the UK & Ireland. Our team of experienced investigators is able to provide advice and assistance at any stage of an incident, along with ongoing support and guidance for the future.



PRE-FAILURE RISK MANAGEMENT

Guidance on design, installation, and regulations to ensure safety, compliance, and risk reduction.



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Scientific investigation into all aspects of an incident to determine what happened, why and in what sequence.



EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

Independent and impartial technical advice, including quantum & delay services to assist Counsel during all aspects of litigation.



POST-FAILURE ADVICE

Consultancy advice to reduce, mitigate and prevent risks associated with similar events happening in the future.



MAJOR & COMPLEX LOSS

Global resources and multidisciplinary teams, armed with the knowledge, equipment and facilities to manage and investigate major and complex incidents.

