



# Phyto E-cert II Update

**30 May 2011**

## Development

Software development for Ecert II has been completed . User Acceptance Testing (UAT) carried out in May identified a number of issues that require attention. These are being worked on now. We expect to have the updated software available in mid June and we are planning to run workshops in a number of centres to give users the opportunity to see the system before it is implemented.

## Important Dates and Events

To support the move to Phyto Ecert II the following activities are planned :

- IVA's will provide feedback to users of the current phyto Ecert system to show where they will need to make changes to the way they input information for Ecert II
- In the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> we will contact all existing users to ask for organisational details to allow access the new system
- MAF will undertake internal UAT testing of recent changes from 7 June 2011
- Workshops/ external testing of Ecert II from 13 June 2011 with industry users involved  
Available for use by all from 28 June 2011
- The transition period will run from 28 June 2011 to 31 July 2011. Detailed documentation will be supplied to support the move. All organisations using Ecert will need to move to the new system by 31 July.

## Other Important Information

### ***Notification of new certificate***

To minimise any impact at the border associated with the new format of the Phytosanitary certificate MAF will:

- Notify the WTO that there will be a change of format and that the format adheres to ISPM 12. WTO will then send a notification to all National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPO's) around the world to notify border officials in their country.
- Notify New Zealand embassy's so that they are aware of the changes and so that they can assist border officials should any problems arise.
- Use its contacts within importing countries to resolve any issues arising from the new certificates, provided they are in compliance with ISPM12.
- Provide exporters with a note explaining the changes in phyto certificate format so that they can send this notification to the importers they deal with.

## ***Commercial Information on Certificates***

In respect of the information on the certificate decisions have been based on the requirements of ISPM12. You can see ISPM12 at the following link

[https://www.ippc.int/file\\_uploaded/1146658528409\\_ISPM12.pdf](https://www.ippc.int/file_uploaded/1146658528409_ISPM12.pdf)

In particular Specific Principles and Guidelines for Preparation and Issue of Phytosanitary Certificates

- **“1. Phytosanitary certificates and phytosanitary certificates for re-export should include only information related to phytosanitary matters.** They should not include statements that requirements have been met and should not include references to animal or human health matters, pesticide residues or radioactivity, **or commercial information such as letters of credit.** [emphasis added]
- **2. Name of produce and quantity declared:** The information provided here should be sufficiently descriptive of the commodity (which should include the commodity class, i.e. fruit, plants for planting, etc.) and the quantity expressed as accurately as possible to enable officials in the importing country to adequately verify the contents of the consignment. International codes may be used to facilitate identification (e.g. customs codes) and internationally recognized units and terms should be used where appropriate. Different phytosanitary requirements may apply to the different end uses (for example, consumption as compared to propagation) or state of a product (e.g. fresh compared to dried); the intended end use or state of the product should be specified. **Entries should not refer to trade names, sizes, or other commercial terms.** [emphasis added]
- **3. Botanical name of plants:** The information inserted here should identify plants and plant products using **accepted scientific names, at least to genus level but preferably to species level.**” [emphasis added]

### ***Transition Arrangements- your input is required***

To enable access to the new system it is important that you provide us with your organisational details. 190 organisations used the current Phyto Ecert system in the past 12 months.

We will shortly be contacting these organisations to ask them to provide up to date Organisation and User information and will setup the new system with this information.

We will need 5 working days from receipt of this updated information to load it into the new Phyto Ecert II system before you will be able to enter Ecert II.

The transition is planned to be completed by 31 July 2011. The old system will then be discontinued.