

# Export of Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Compliance Programme

**Requirements for: Growers, Packers, Exporters and  
Independent Verification Agencies**

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## **Introduction**

All truss tomatoes exported to Australia from New Zealand are to be produced in accordance with this Compliance Programme.

This document defines MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's operational requirements to expedite the entry of New Zealand Truss Tomatoes to Australia

Operational Requirements are identified for **growers, PSTVd survey personnel, packers, exporters and IVA's** to provide guidance in the application of an export phytosanitary compliance programme in order to meet Australian phytosanitary import requirements.

The "AFFA Conditions Governing the Entry of Truss Tomatoes from New Zealand to Australia" are:

- All truss tomatoes for export to Australia from New Zealand are to be produced in accordance with the "Code of Practice for the management of Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid (PSTVd) in greenhouse tomato and capsicum crops"
- All growers who wish to export truss tomatoes to Australia are to be registered with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.
- Only registered growers will be eligible for MAF Biosecurity New Zealand phytosanitary certification
- Registered grower's production sites are to be audited annually before export by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand or an authorized Independent Verification Agency (IVA) for compliance with the Code of Practice. Audit reports are to be made available to AFFA on request

- MAF Biosecurity New Zealand phytosanitary certification is to be withheld while cases of non-compliance are investigated and resolved. Resolution of on-going non-compliance is to be negotiated with AFFA

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand utilizes HACCP principles for the production, handling and export of NZ Truss Tomatoes to recognize PSTVd is a regulated pest under official control.

## References

- Code of Practice for the management of Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid (PSTVd) in Greenhouse Tomato and Capsicum Crops
- Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid in Tomatoes. Photo set and description of Symptoms
- MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Standards

Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Technical Requirements: Pest Surveys

Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements

Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Technical Requirements: Phytosanitary Inspection

Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: IVA Requirements

ICPR (Importing Countries Phytosanitary Requirements) for Australia

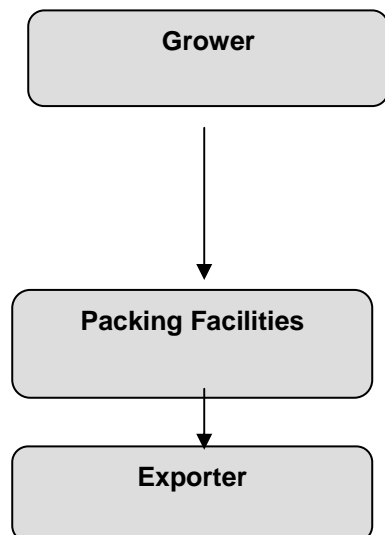
Plant MAF Biosecurity Policy Memorandum 2002/50, 20.12.02

## Definitions

<b>PSTVd surveyor</b>	Person approved by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand and responsible for the monitoring and sampling of diseased plants, co-ordination of precautionary measures and supervision of disinfection of production sites
<b>Truss tomatoes</b>	Tomatoes still attached to the truss or stem of the plant. Also known as 'tomatoes on the vine'
<b>Designated production units</b>	Defined production sites dedicated to the production of truss tomatoes for export to Australia

## Summary of Responsibilities

### Sector



### Responsibility

1. Register grower production sites
2. Nominate and register PSTVd survey personnel
3. Map designated production units
4. Undertake monitoring and identification of diseased plants
5. Implement precautionary measures
6. Conduct disinfection procedures

1. Register packing facilities
2. Apply unique grower and packer identifiers to packed product to enable traceability

1. Register for the Compliance Programme
2. Implement post inspection security measures where the exporter is a MAF Approved Organisation for this phytosanitary activity

Note: Where product is subjected to IVA endpoint inspection, the IVA is responsible for implementing suitable product traceability and post inspection security measures

# 1 Grower / Survey Requirements

## 1.1 Registration of Grower Designated Production Sites

- All production sites must be MAF Biosecurity New Zealand registered
- Independent Verification Agencies (IVA) on behalf of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand will undertake the registration of production sites

Direct registration enquiries to AgriQuality NZ Ltd or SGS NZ Ltd. Refer Section 6 for contact details.

For your registration to be accepted and for your eligibility within the Australia Programme to be confirmed, you must demonstrate to the IVA compliance with the requirements of this work procedure

## 1.2 Compliance Procedures for Implementation by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand approved PSTVd Surveyors

### 1.2.1 Survey Personnel Requirements

- Persons responsible for the monitoring and sampling of diseased plants, coordination of precautionary measures and supervision of disinfection of production sites must be registered as a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand approved PSTVd surveyor
- To become MAF Biosecurity New Zealand approved, all PSTVd surveyors must be assessed by an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) to demonstrate competency in the identification and sampling of PSTVd diseased plants, coordination of precautionary measures and disinfection procedures

### 1.2.2 Map of Designated Production Site(s)

- Produce a map which clearly identifies the designated production units and have available for audit by the IVA

### 1.2.3 Scouting of Truss Tomato Crops for PSTVd

- Ensure that staff working plants in the designated production units are familiar with the symptoms of PSTVd.
- Ensure that PSTVd photo identification booklets (distributed by Horticulture New Zealand) are readily available to all staff working the crop during the scouting period.

- Ensure that each designated production unit is scouted for PSTVd within one month prior to the commencement of harvest of truss tomatoes intended for export to Australia.
- During the scouting programme, ensure that staff working plants in the designated production units inspect each plant for symptoms of PSTVd.
- Monitor staff to ensure symptoms resembling those of PSTVd being detected, are reported.
- Inspect the suspect plants and determine whether the plants are likely to be infected with PSTVd, or if there is another cause of infection.
- Maintain records of scouting activities, including the specific production unit scouted, the findings, and actions taken. Scouting records must be available to an IVA for audit.

#### 1.2.4 Sampling from Plants Displaying Symptoms of PSTVd

For plants displaying symptoms of PSTVd, either:

1. Collect leaf samples and submit them to Crop and Food Research Ltd. (Lincoln) for testing according to the following sampling procedure:

Attention: John Fletcher  
 Virology – Plant Sample for testing  
 NZ Institute for Crop and Food Research Ltd (Lincoln)  
 Canterbury Agriculture and Science Centre  
 Gerald Street  
 LINCOLN

Ph. 03 325 6400  
 Fax 03 325 2074

**Sampling Procedure:** Taking and submitting samples from plants displaying symptoms of PSTVd

**Note: Costs associated with laboratory analysis for PSTVd must be borne by the submitter**

- Do not touch the suspect plants with bare hands but wear a disposable glove for sampling
- Use a new pair of disposable gloves for each plant sampled
- Take a sample of 5 leaves from each suspect plant. Take leaves at equal distances from between 5cm from the top down to 1m from the top

- Collect each sample using gloved hand and while still holding sample turn glove inside-out leaving sample well inside (so the leaves do not come out of the glove)
- Place samples in a zip-lock plastic bag with the air expressed prior to sealing. This bag should be placed inside another zip-lock bag and sealed
- Label the bag with details of the greenhouse and grower.
- Keep bags containing leaf samples are kept cool at all times and ensure they are not frozen. Do not leave samples in the sun or in hot cars. Place samples in a small chilly bin with a cold pack wrapped in layers of towels/newspaper to prevent freezing of samples.
- Provide full details of the grower's name, address, and contact phone numbers with the samples.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water and decontaminate any equipment.
- Confirm with the laboratory prior to submission of the sample by phone or fax to inform them of the pending samples arrival. If sample is to be sent on a Friday or Saturday, confirm with the laboratory if any special arrangements must be met.
- Clearly identify plants from which samples have been taken from. Fruits from the plant must **not** be exported until the test results have been received.
- Mark, using labels or "Caution/Danger Indicator Tape" **5** plants on either side of the sampled plant. Fruit from the 10 plants must **not** be exported until the test results have been received.

**If laboratory tests confirm PSTVd, supervise staff in the removal of suspect plants and the 10 marked neighboring plants, according to Section 1.2.5**

**OR**

2. In the absence of requesting laboratory confirmation of PSTVd infection, remove the plant(s) displaying symptoms of PSTVd and **5** plants on either side of the infected plant(s) from the production unit.
  - Fruit from the removed plants may **not** be exported

Refer Section 1.2.5 for Removal and Disposal Requirements

### **1.2.5 Removal and Disposal of Infected Plant Material from the Production Unit(s)**

- Wear gloves and protective clothing when removing infected plants
- Remove plants and place in bags for disposal
- Dispose of bags by burning or deep burial
- Dispose of growing media by deep burial
- Dispose of, or sanitise, other equipment (such as bobbins, support clips and truss clips) used in conjunction with infected plants

### **1.2.6 Hygiene Procedures to Prevent the Spread of PSTVd into Designated Production Units**

- Ensure that, once PSTVd scouting has been completed, staff moving into designated production units wear new gloves.

### **1.2.7 Disinfestation of the Designated Production Unit at the End of the Production Cycle**

- At the end of production, supervise staff in the removal of all plants, their disposal, and cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in the designated production unit.
- Confirm all persons involved in this process wear disposable suits that are left in the greenhouse during breaks and discarded at the end of the cleanup.
- Ensure that the crop is removed as quickly as possible.
- Confirm the plant material is removed and either deep buried or bagged and burned.
- After the crop has been removed, confirm:
  - (i) Pathway and all concrete floor areas are cleaned and sprayed with a suitable disinfectant
  - (ii) Plastic sheeting is cleaned and disinfected or alternatively burned or deep buried
  - (iii) Pathways remain clear and clean at all times
  - (iv) Growing substrate is either removed and burnt or deep buried or, where substrate is being reused it should be sanitised after removal of the old crop and prior to the introduction of new plants
  - (v) Irrigation lines are flushed and sterilised
  - (vi) CO<sub>2</sub> lines are replaced
  - (vii) Bobbins, support clips and truss clips are either be replaced or sanitised
  - (viii) Production unit is fogged using a thermal fogger with a suitable disinfectant

- Maintain records of the disinfection operations, including the following information:
  - (i) Date harvesting finished
  - (ii) Date(s) disinfection commenced and finished
  - (iii) Method of disposal of plant material
  - (iv) Method of treatment/disposal of growing substrate and other substrate
  - (v) Chemicals used to disinfect/sterilise/sanitise
  - (vi) Date the unit is fogged and the disinfectant used

### 1.2.8 Records

Maintain the following records and make them available to the IVA for audit:

- maps of production sites, clearly identifying the designated production units
- scouting activities, including the specific production unit scouted, the findings, and actions taken
- disinfection operations at the end of production

### 1.2.9 Grower Unique Identification Number

- **Every production site** participating within the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Programme must possess a unique MAF Biosecurity New Zealand identification code.
- **The unique identification code will only be confirmed by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (via the IVA) after the packing facility has applied for, and meets registration requirements (verified by an IVA), which are identified within this workplan.**

## 1.3 Grower Compliance Agreement

The Grower Compliance Agreement (Appendix 1) must be signed by all growers who have nominated a designated production unit and PSTVd survey personnel for inclusion into the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.

Designated production sites and survey personnel will not be eligible for the Australia export programme until the Compliance Agreement has been signed by the grower, and the IVA has verified all 'grower / survey personnel requirements' have been met.

The Grower Compliance Agreement defines the relationship between the Grower and MAF Biosecurity New Zealand for the operation and management of the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.

Failure to sign and or adhere to the conditions of the Compliance Agreement will result in the removal of the grower and or designated production site(s) from the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.

## **2 Packhouse Requirements**

### **2.1 Registration of Packing Facilities**

- All packing facilities must be MAF Biosecurity New Zealand registered
- IVA's on behalf of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand will undertake the registration of packing facilities.
- Registration must be completed between 1 July and 30 June in any year.

Direct registration enquiries to AgriQuality NZ Ltd. or SGS NZ Ltd. Refer Section 6 for contact details.

**Note:** Where a packing facility is not MAF Biosecurity New Zealand approved (under Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements), inspection and post inspection processes must be accommodated within an IVA's MAF authorized procedures

### **2.2 Packaging Labeling Requirements**

Each package (carton) is clearly marked with the following:

- Packing run number (date).
- The unique MAF Biosecurity New Zealand identification code of the growers designated production site(s)
- The unique packing facility code as confirmed by the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand registration process

### **2.3 Facilities for Inspection**

Where ever export phytosanitary inspection is undertaken the operator's facility must possess appropriate inspection facilities and equipment as specified within Section 2.3 of Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Technical Requirements: Phytosanitary Inspection..

### **2.4 Inventory**

The packing facility must utilize an appropriate inventory system that identifies the production sites that Truss tomatoes will be sourced from, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand registered exporter they are supplying, and how packed product will be traceable from grower production site to the point of export from New Zealand.

## 2.5 Unique Identification Codes

- **Every packing facility** participating within the Truss tomatoes to Australia Programme must possess a unique MAF Biosecurity New Zealand identification code.
- The unique identification code will only be confirmed by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (via the IVA) after the packing facility has applied for, and meets registration requirements (verified by an IVA), as identified within this work plan.

## 3 Exporter Requirements

### 3.1 Exporter Registration

All exporters (i.e. after 1 July in any year) participating in the Truss tomatoes to Australia Programme must register annually with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

- Complete registration form, Refer Appendix 3
- Attach cheque for \$500 including GST (Make cheques payable to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand).

**Send completed registration form to:**

**Team Support Officer  
Plant Exports  
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand  
PO Box 2526  
Wellington**

- Registration is valid for a period of 12 months from the date the payment was received by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

### 3.2 Phytosanitary Certificates

Upon confirmation that the requirements of this compliance programme have been met, the following additional declaration must be identified upon the phytosanitary certificate:

"The truss tomatoes in this consignment have been produced in New Zealand in accordance with the AFFA-MAF Agreed Conditions Governing the Entry of Truss Tomatoes from New Zealand to Australia."

## **4 Independent Verification Requirements (IVA)**

**This work instruction must be used in conjunction with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand authorized IVA operating procedures and all other specific work plans, which have been developed by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand for the Truss Tomatoes to Australia, Phytosanitary Certification Programme.**

### **4.1 IVA Communication with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand**

Communication with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand must be through the respective IVA Programme Co-coordinators.

### **4.2 Grower / Survey Personnel Requirements**

#### **4.2.1 Survey Personnel**

Persons responsible for the monitoring and sampling of diseased plants, co-ordination of precautionary measures and supervision of disinfection of production areas must be registered as a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand approved PSTVd surveyor.

The IVA must maintain a register of survey personnel who have been assessed as 'competent' in the Truss Tomato Hygiene Requirements.

#### **4.2.2 Grower Maps of Designated Production Units**

Grower maps, which identify designated production areas within each registered grower production site, must be audited by the IVA.

#### **4.2.3 Compliance Agreement**

The IVA must ensure all growers who wish to participate within the Truss Tomato to Australia Phytosanitary Certification Programme complete and sign the Compliance Agreement, refer Appendix 1.

The IVA must maintain an accurate register of production sites, which have been assessed as complying within the Australia Truss Tomatoes Phytosanitary Programme.

The IVA must retain on file a copy of the completed and signed Grower Compliance Agreement.

#### **4.2.4 Auditing of Growers / Survey Personnel (Post Registration)**

One full system audit and ongoing monitoring of hygiene records must be completed by the IVA.

#### 4.2.5 Audit Scope

Grower / Survey compliance to the requirements of the Truss Tomato to Australia Phytosanitary Certification Programme i.e. activities associated with monitoring and sampling of diseased plants, co-ordination of precautionary measures and supervision of disinfection of production areas.

#### 4.2.6 Timing/Frequency of audits for Compliance to the this programme's requirements

##### **Export Consignments on End Point Consignment Inspection**

Annual audit of each production site contributing product to the export consignment(s) prior to initial harvesting from each of the registered grower production site(s).

Ongoing audit check, at each consignment inspection, of each grower's PSTVd surveyors records.

##### **Organisations approved under MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements**

System Audit: Annually prior to initial harvesting of the registered grower production site.

Surveillance Audit As per the frequency specified by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements.

#### 4.2.7 Grower / Survey Non Compliance

If during an audit/inspection it is identified that the CoP hygiene measures are not being complied with, the grower and their PSTVd surveyor is to be suspended immediately from the Australia Programme.

The grower's production sites will be suspended from the packing of Truss Tomatoes to Australia until the IVA is satisfied that the hygiene measures been implemented.

The IVA is to notify MAF Biosecurity New Zealand within **24hrs** of non-compliance being identified.

Where the grower wishes to continue within the programme, the grower has 3 days to implement corrective actions for the non-compliance. The IVA is to verify corrective actions have been undertaken. If corrective actions have not been completed, the grower's production sites are to be withdrawn from the programme.

## 4.3 Packhouse Requirements

### 4.3.1 Registration

All Packing facilities must be MAF Biosecurity New Zealand registered for inclusion within the Truss Tomato to Australia Phytosanitary Programme.

Prior to registering a packhouse operator for the Australia Programme, the IVA must confirm that the packhouse facility operator:

- Demonstrates understanding of the Australia Programme as it relates to 'packing requirements'
- Possesses appropriate inspection facilities and equipment
- Utilizes an appropriate inventory system in compliance with section 2.4.

The IVA must maintain a current register of packing facilities, which comply with the Australia Programme and provide this to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand for posting on the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand web site. The IVA will assign to each registered packing facility a unique 'identifier code'.

## 4.4 Export Certification

### 4.4.1 Verification of Phytosanitary Certification

For each export consignment of Truss tomatoes to Australia, as a component of the certificate verification process, the IVA must confirm:

- Fruit was sourced from MAF Biosecurity New Zealand approved and registered grower(s)
- Fruit was packed in a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand registered packing facility(s)
- Consignment is presented for export by a registered exporter

### 4.4.2 Additional Declaration

The following Additional Declaration to be applied to phytosanitary certificates once the requirements of the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Phytosanitary Programme have been confirmed:

"The truss tomatoes in this consignment have been produced in New Zealand in accordance with the AFFA-MAF Agreed Conditions Governing the Entry of Truss Tomatoes from New Zealand to Australia."

## 4.5 Inventory of Export Volumes

The IVA must maintain an inventory, which identifies the volume of fruit exported to Australia by each registered exporter.

The inventory is to be provided to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand at the conclusion of the export season.

## 5 Key Contacts

### Horticulture New Zealand

Ken Robertson  
Business Manager  
Horticulture New Zealand  
PO Box 10232  
Wellington  
Ph. 04 472 3795  
Fax 04 471 2861

Email: [Ken.R@hortnz.co.nz](mailto:Ken.R@hortnz.co.nz)

### MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

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Appendix 1



## Grower Compliance Agreement for the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme

1. **Grower Name**..... (Please print)

Note: Grower is the individual responsible for the designated production unit(s) and management of Hygiene Code of Practice associated with the designated unit(s)

2. **Physical Address of Production Site and Property Valuation Number**

Address	Valuation Number

*Note. Attach a continuation sheet if required*

3. **Names of personnel who will be designated PSTVd surveyors**


I agree to comply with the requirements specified within the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme (the programme) and with the requirements specified in the 'Implementing the Hygiene Code of Practice (grower)'.

I agree to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand making enquiries and using the information supplied by me, in connection with the Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme, and to audit my compliance to the programme.

I consent to publication of my status within the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme in any publication, which may be made available to the public.

I agree to afford the Director of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (Preclearance) and his representative's reasonable co-operation and access necessary to carry out audits in relation to the Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.

I agree to afford MAFBNZ, or their representatives (e.g. IVAs), co-operation and access necessary to carry out audits in relation to the programme.

I understand that if I fail to provide all or any of the information requested in connection with the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme, I will be removed from the programme forthwith.

I understand that under the Information Privacy Principles of the Privacy Act 1993, I have rights of access to, and correction of, personal information held in connection with participation within MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.

I understand that this registration does not entitle me to automatically undertake export inspection activities on behalf of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand without first becoming an organisation formally approved by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

I agree to notify the IVA of any changes to the above details.

I acknowledge that the IVA's normal Terms of Trade apply.

**EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

1. I accept that under no circumstances will MAF, crown officers, or agents of or other persons associated with MAF or crown officers, be liable for any loss, claim, action, demand, expense, inquiry, harm, or damage, however caused, arising directly or indirectly from or connected in any way to:
2. The performance, or as the case may be, non-performance of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract) of any of its obligations in respect of this programme; or
3. The provision or non-provision of any inspection and/or audit and/or documentation service for MAF export certification by the operator.

**INDEMNITY**

1. I will indemnify and keep indemnified MAF from and against any liability, loss, damage, costs and expenses (including legal costs and any expenses of going to arbitration), which MAF may suffer or incur arising directly or indirectly from:
2. The performance, or as the case may be, non-performance of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract) of any of its obligations in respect of this programme;
3. Negligent acts or omissions on the part of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract).

.....  
(Signature of Grower)

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(Date)

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(Name - please print)

.....  
(Title)

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**IVA to Complete**

Grower Compliance to Programme Requirements verified by IVA

<b>Action</b>	<b>Completed</b>	
PSTVd Surveyors Assessed	Y	N
Maps of designated production units provided	Y	N
Hygiene procedures in operation	Y	N
Grower Compliance Agreement signed	Y	N
Date of verification		
Signature		
Name (please print)		
IVA represented (circle one)	AQNZ	SGS

TRUSS TOMATOES TO AUSTRALIA

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION: PACKING FACILITY**

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**Packing facility Information Requirements:**

Please use Block Letters to provide the following information, which is required, if you intend to participate as a packing facility in the **Truss Tomatoes to Australia programme**

**Forward your application for registration to your Independent Verification Agency (AQNZ or SGS); refer Section 6 for contact details**

**The operator should confirm with their IVA the costs associated to become registered for the Truss tomatoes to Australia Programme**

I [*state authorised packing facility officer name*] ..... hereby apply for a "Truss tomatoes to Australia" Registered Mark under the New Zealand Fruit and Vegetable Regulations 1975.

Packing Facility Company or Partnership Name: .....

Packing facility Postal Address:.....

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Telephone Number:..... Fax Number:.....

Postal Code:..... Email Address: .....

Physical location of packing facility(s): .....

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Packing facility site(s) Valuation Number: .....

Are you are a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Approved Organisation under the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements?

YES  NO

If YES, please state your Contract of Approval number: .....

**Exporter Details:**

State the Company name, address & contact person of the exporter(s) who will be exporting your packed truss tomatoes to Australia:

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- (a) I agree to comply with the requirements specified within the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme (the programme).
- (b) I agree to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand making enquiries and using the information supplied by me, in connection with the Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme, and to audit my compliance to the programme.
- (c) I consent to publication of my status within the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme in any publication, which may be made available to the public.
- (d) I agree to afford the Director of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (Preclearance) and his representative's reasonable co-operation and access necessary to carry out audits in relation to the Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.
- (e) I agree to afford MAFBNZ, or their representatives (e.g. IVA), co-operation and access necessary to carry out audits in relation to the programme.
- (f) I understand that if I fail to provide all or any of the information requested in connection with the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme, I will be removed from the programme forthwith.
- (g) I understand that under the Information Privacy Principles of the Privacy Act 1993, I have rights of access to, and correction of, personal information held in connection with participation within MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.
- (h) I/We understand that this registration does not entitle us to automatically undertake export inspection activities on behalf of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand without first becoming formally approved as per the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements.
- (i) I agree to notify the IVA of any changes to the above details.
- (j) I acknowledge that the IVA's normal Terms of Trade apply.

**EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

- 1. I accept that under no circumstances will MAF, crown officers, or agents of or other persons associated with MAF or crown officers, be liable for any loss, claim, action, demand, expense, inquiry, harm, or damage, however caused, arising directly or indirectly from or connected in any way to:
- 2. The performance, or as the case may be, non-performance of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract) of any of its obligations in respect of this programme; or
- 3. The provision or non-provision of any inspection and/or audit and/or documentation service for MAF export certification by the operator.

**INDEMNITY**

- 1. I will indemnify and keep indemnified MAF from and against any liability, loss, damage, costs and expenses (including legal costs and any expenses of going to arbitration), which MAF may suffer or incur arising directly or indirectly from:
- 2. The performance, or as the case may be, non-performance of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract) of any of its obligations in respect of this programme;
- 3. Negligent acts or omissions on the part of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract).

**Signature**

(Applicant):..... **Date:** .....

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**Official Use Only**

Receipt No: ..... Mark number allocated: .....

Applicant notified: *Letter/Fax/Email*..... Previous details amended: .....

Database updated: ...../...../..... Signed:.....

**Appendix 3**

**TRUSS TOMATOES TO AUSTRALIA**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION: EXPORTER**

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**Exporter Information Requirements:**

Please use Block Letters to provide the following information, which is required, if you intend to participate as an exporter in the Compliance Programme for the Export of Truss Tomatoes to Australia.

**Note:** A fee of **\$500** including GST is required to accompany this application for registration as an exporter of Truss tomatoes to Australia. Registration is valid a period of 12 months.

Please forward your application for registration to:

**Team Support Officer  
Plant Exports  
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand  
PO Box 2526  
Wellington**

I [*state authorised name of the person representing the exporter*]  
..... hereby apply to be registered as an exporter in the "Truss tomatoes to Australia Programme" (as per the New Zealand Fruit and Vegetable Regulations 1975).

Exporter Company or Partnership Name: .....

Exporter's Postal Address: .....

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Telephone Number: ..... Fax Number: .....

Postal Code: ..... Email Address: .....

Physical location of the exporter's registered (GST) office: .....

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Are you a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Approved Organisation under the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements?

YES  NO

If YES, please state your Contract of Approval number: .....

If NO, please state which IVA will be employed by you to provide export phytosanitary services (AQNZ or SGS).....

- (a) I agree to comply with the requirements specified within the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme (the programme).
- (b) I agree to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand making enquiries and using the information supplied by me, in connection with the Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme, and to audit my compliance to the programme.
- (c) I consent to publication of my status within the Truss Tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme in any publication, which may be made available to the public.
- (d) I agree to afford the Director of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (Preclearance) and his representative's reasonable co-operation and access necessary to carry out audits in relation to the Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.
- (e) I agree to afford MAFBNZ, or their representatives (e.g. IVA), co-operation and access necessary to carry out audits in relation to the programme.
- (f) I understand that if I fail to provide all or any of the information requested in connection with the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme, I will be removed from the programme forthwith.
- (g) I understand that under the Information Privacy Principles of the Privacy Act 1993, I have rights of access to, and correction of, personal information held in connection with participation within MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme.
- (h) I/We understand that this registration does not entitle us to automatically undertake export inspection activities on behalf of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand without first becoming formally approved as per the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements.
- (i) I agree to notify the IVA of any changes to the above details.
- (j) I acknowledge that the IVA's normal Terms of Trade apply.
- (k) I/We agree to the information contained in this application being made available to Independent Verification Agencies (IVAs) to enable them to verify the requirements of the "Truss tomatoes to Australia Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme"
- (l) I/We understand that this registration does not entitle us to automatically undertake post export inspection product security activities on behalf of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand without first becoming formally approved as per the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Export Certification Standard: Organisation Requirements.

**EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

1. I accept that under no circumstances will MAF, crown officers, or agents of or other persons associated with MAF or crown officers, be liable for any loss, claim, action, demand, expense, inquiry, harm, or damage, however caused, arising directly or indirectly from or connected in any way to:
2. The performance, or as the case may be, non-performance of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract) of any of its obligations in respect of this programme; or
3. The provision or non-provision of any inspection and/or audit and/or documentation service for MAF export certification by the operator.

**INDEMNITY**

1. I will indemnify and keep indemnified MAF from and against any liability, loss, damage, costs and expenses (including legal costs and any expenses of going to arbitration), which MAF may suffer or incur arising directly or indirectly from:
2. The performance, or as the case may be, non-performance of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract) of any of its obligations in respect of this programme;
3. Negligent acts or omissions on the part of the operator (or any of its contractors, sub-contractors, agents, or employees that are not a party to this Contract).

**Signature**

(Applicant):..... **Date:** .....

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**Official Use Only**

Receipt No: ..... Mark /number allocated: .....

Applicant notified: *Letter/Fax/Email*..... Previous details amended: .....

Database updated: ...../...../..... Signed:.....