

APPENDIX 1 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COCO PEAT SUPPLIERS

Responses to this questionnaire are to accompany an application to import Coco Peat Products (as defined in section 1.1 of the Import Health Standard for Coco Peat and Coir Fibre Products). Please attach any relevant information to your responses. Feel free to skip those questions which are not applicable to the products you intend to import. All information supplied to MAFBNZ will be handled confidentially.

Return this questionnaire with your import permit application to:

Plant Import Office
MAF Biosecurity Authority
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
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Wellington
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PRODUCT INFORMATION

1. What is the brand or trade name of the products?

2. What is the method of storage of husk pieces in supplying copra factories?

3. What is the method of transport and storage from supplying copra factories (e.g. in clean bags)?

4. How frequently are coconut husk pieces delivered from supplying copra factories to your processing factories or your fibre mill suppliers?

5. Do you have a factory that processes husk pieces to the finished product and which is specifically used for growing media products?

6. Do you buy coco peat from the wholesale market, including material used in these products? If so, is it handled in the same processing premises as materials destined for New Zealand?

7. How many suppliers of dried coco peat supply your production process?

8. Please describe the area where the coconut husks are delivered on your premises or on the premises of each of your suppliers of dried coco peat.

9. Is there a plant-free buffer zone where husks are delivered and where the coco peat is dried for each supplier or premises? If so, please provide details, including how frequently these zones are monitored.

10. Is there any rinsing with water of plant material in the production process? If so, what is the source of water used (e.g. bore water, nearby stream)?

11. Are any of the production or processing sites susceptible to flooding?

12. What are the measures taken to keep all storage areas free of contamination (including arthropods and rodents)?

13. At what points in the production system are samples taken to inspect for contamination?

14. How frequently do you take samples and undertake grow-out tests for seed contamination? Please give details of the methods undertaken for the grow out tests (e.g. sample size, length of grow out period).

15. Do you maintain records of grow-out tests? If so, where do you hold these records?

16. Will the products receive heat treatment or ethylene oxide fumigation before export? If so, please give full details of the intended treatment.

17. Are there any live organisms added to any of the products? If so, please provide the names of these organisms.

18. What is the method of storage of dried coco peat before compressing and packaging?

19. Do you have any quality system audited by a third party (e.g. RHP, ISO accreditation)? If so, please provide details about this quality system.

20. Do you source any of your products from another company? If so, please state which products and the name of the company who produces them.

21. Do you export the products produced from your premises to countries other than New Zealand? If so, please state which countries.