

Request For Development Of An Import Health Standard

(Fresh Produce, Nursery Stock, Grain For Processing And Seed For Sowing)



Filling in your application form:

- A separate form is required for each commodity.
- You must complete ALL questions or mark the question as not applicable. This information is essential for the prioritisation of your request. If all questions are not completed, the application will not be processed. MAF does not have resources to investigate or do research on your behalf. You should assume that MAF may not know the information unless you tell them. However, unsubstantiated claims will carry little weight. Include references for facts wherever possible, such as where they have been published. Supplementary information may be attached to the application form.
- Email the completed application to plantimports@maf.govt.nz.
- Questions regarding this application should be directed to plant imports on 0800 008 333.

Once we have received your application:

- MAF will acknowledge receipt of your application.
- MAF will prioritise your request and you will be advised of the result.
- If your request can be prioritized on the work programme based on self funding, you will be contacted.
- The import health standard work programme will be published at: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/ihp/request#making>

Confidential information

- Under the Official Information Act 1982 MAF is required to consider all requests to release information. However, MAF may withhold information where it is considered confidential or commercially sensitive.
- Some of the questions on this form may require applicants to provide sensitive information. If you consider that the information you give is commercially sensitive or is given in confidence and should not be released by MAF, please give your reasons below. (Please note that MAF will release the annual work programme and the resulting risk analyses and import health standards.)

Contact details of importer

1. Name of company or individual

Contact person

Postal address

Email address

Telephone no.

Fax no.

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Country of origin

2. Location(s) that the commodity is grown or collected, processed or packaged (e.g. country/countries, state or region)

3. Name and contacts for government officials of the exporting country / countries

Description of intended consignment

4. Please complete the table by filling in details of the consignment specifying whether the plants/seeds/produce material are new organisms, including whether they are genetically modified organisms (GMOs), as per the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act¹, or listed in the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Please specify if any of the plants are genetically manipulated and attach supporting documentation

Common name	Scientific or botanical name (Genus, species)	Description (e.g. seed for sowing, budwood for propagation)	New organisms or GMO	CITES

5. Specify the intended end use of produce, plant, grain or seed (e.g. commercial sale, research).

¹ Note if any of the commodities for import are new organisms, they must be approved by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Please contact EPA if you are unsure if these commodities are new organisms.

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6. Provide contact details of the authority in the exporting country responsible for official inspection and certification².

7. Outline the pest or disease management, disease testing procedures or quality systems used in the country of origin to produce this commodity.

8. Describe whether the procedures or systems outlined in question 6 come under a certified scheme or whether the raw materials come from an accredited source.

Background information

9. If MAF has issued any permits to you for similar produce, plant, grain or seed in the past, provide the permit number(s) or the date that the last permit was issued and a description of the produce, plant, grain or seed.

Prioritisation

10. What technical information has been published that would assist MAF to assess the biosecurity risks resulting

² MAF recommends importers contact the relevant Ministry in the exporting country regarding their request. This Ministry will be required to provide information during the development of the import health standard.

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from importing the requested fresh produce, nursery stock, grain for processing or seed for sowing and developing the import health standards? For example, published risk assessments, international codes or standards, peer reviewed articles, findings of research projects. Please attach copies of relevant documents or reference sources.

11. Is the exporting country's government able to provide a list of pests and diseases present in their country that are associated with the requested fresh produce, nursery stock, grain for processing or seed for sowing?

12. What commercial benefits would there be to New Zealanders if this produce, plant, grain or seed were imported? In terms of better quality/different/ or lower priced products? Please quantify if you can.

13. Is the produce, plant, grain or seed used as an input into other commodities/industries? How big are these industries? How important are these industries to New Zealand's economy?

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14. What is the expected volume or value of trade? Within 12 months? Over the longer term?

15. What other benefits would there be to New Zealanders if this produce, plant, grain or seed were imported (e.g. economic, social or cultural, environmental or human health)? Who would benefit and how? Please quantify if you can.

16. Do you anticipate public concern over the requested import health standard? If so, why? How would you counter these concerns?

Funding

Crown funding is allocated to the applications that are ranked as highest priority. When Crown-funding has been fully allocated, applicants that have indicated they are willing to fund development themselves will be offered that option, in order of priority and provided suitable resources can be found to perform the work.

17. If you were offered the option, would you be willing to fund development the import health standard you have requested?

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Please check you have:

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- Attached any supporting documents