

REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD (PROCESSED PLANT AND FORESTRY PRODUCTS)



Filling in your application form:

- A separate form is required for each type of plant or forestry product.
- 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 prioritised 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/ihs/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 a list of all requested work, the annual work programme, and the resulting risk analyses and import health standards.)

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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 plant or forestry product 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 and describe its state (e.g. dried, frozen or refrigerated), specifying whether the product is listed in the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

Common or product name	Scientific or botanical name (Genus, species)	Description of processing (e.g. cooked, dried, frozen, irradiated)	CITES

5. Specify the intended end use of plant/forest product. (e.g. commercial sale, research)

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6. Provide contact details of the authority in the exporting country responsible for official inspection and certification¹.

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.

9. Describe any treatments used to render the commodity sterile (e.g. heat treatment (state core (internal) temperature reached), filtration, acid or alkali treatment, irradiation, long term maturation etc). Include relevant parameters (e.g. pH level, radiation dose) and the time the product is maintained at these levels.

¹ 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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Background information

10. If MAF has issued any permits to you for similar plant/forestry products in the past, provide the permit number(s) or the date that the last permit was issued and a description of the commodity.

Prioritisation

11. What technical information has been published that would assist MAF to assess the biosecurity risks resulting from importing this plant or forestry product 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.

12. Is the government of the exporting country able to provide a list of the pests and diseases in that country that have been associated with the requested plant or forestry products?

13. What commercial benefits would there be to New Zealanders if this plant/forestry product were imported? In terms of better quality/different/ or lower priced products? Can you quantify?

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14. Is the plant/forestry product used as an input into other commodities/industries? How big are these industries? How important are these industries to New Zealand's economy?

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

16. What other benefits would there be to New Zealanders if this plant/forestry product were imported (e.g. economic, social or cultural, environmental or human health)? Who would benefit and how? Can you quantify?

17. 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 may be willing to do so will be given the option funding the work, in order of priority and provided suitable resources can be found.

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18. If you were given the option, would you be willing to fund development of the import health standard you have requested?

Please check you have:

- Completed all questions or marked not applicable
- Attached any supporting documents