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AUSTRALIA

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Amendment No.	Date:	Nature of Amendment:	Approved by:
1.	11 May 2001	Issue of EPS	SO
2.	22 May 2001	Amendment of certification requirements for seed.	SO
3.	20 December 2001	Amendment to Section 2.5, MPL's. Amendment to Section 3.4.1, seed for sowing. Removal of requirement for <i>Allium</i> spp. to be sourced from an area free of White Rot, refer Section 4.1.1. Amendment to Section 4.4, Growing Media. Reformatting of EPS	WJH
4.	23 January 2002	Amendment to Section 3.6.2. Inclusion of Additional Declaration for consignments of plant material which contain timber packaging	WJH
5.	12 July 2002	Amendment to Section 2.5, MPL's	WJH
6.	14 February 2003	Renaming and reformatting of standard. Amendment to Section 2.5 re MPLs.	WJH
7.	24 June 2003	Reissue of ICPR	WJH
8.	29 July 2003	Addition of Horowhenua as an area free of Onion Smut (<i>Urocytis cepulae</i>) re <i>Allium</i> spp.(except <i>A. sativum</i>) Section 4.1.1	WJH
9.	8 October 2003	Addition of URL link to MAF's Certification Programme for Truss Tomatoes, Section 4.1.1	WJH
10.	8 October 2004	Removal of <i>Cupressus</i> spp. from Section 2.1. Addition of requirements for <i>Cupressus</i> seed to Section 4.3.1.	WJH

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		Addition of requirements for Onion for processing, refer Section 4.1.4. Update of url for canned or hermetically sealed fruits and vegetables. Addition of url to Section 3.1.5 and addition of new commodity group for Lemon. Minor reformatting to text.	
11.	15 October 2004	Addition of requirements for <i>Metasequoia</i> spp seed to Section 4.3.1. Addition of Tomato to Section 3.1.5	WJH
12.	7 December 2004	Addition of new additional declaration requirements for Blueberries Refer Section 4.1.1, Correction of MAF fax number in Section 1.1, Addition of <i>Leptospermum scoparium</i> and <i>Metrosideros excelsa</i> seed for sowing, Refer Section 3.4.1, and inclusion of Strawberry as a crop eligible for preclearance, refer Section 3.1.5	WJH
13.	27 May 2005	Addition of treatment requirements for <i>Allium</i> seed exported to Tasmania. Refer Section 4.3.1. Minor amendments to document formatting.	WJH
14.	11 July 2006	Amendment of requirements for cut flowers and foliage of <i>Rosa</i> spp., refer Section 4.2.1. Update of urls for commodity pest lists, preclearance programme and Truss Tomato Export Certification Compliance Programme within Sections 2.5, 3.1.5 and 4.1.1. Amendment of contact details for Biosecurity New Zealand, refer Section 1.1.	WJH
15.	22 March 2007	Amendment of MAF contact details Section 1.1	SW
16.	29 March 2007	Amendment of MAF contact details Section 3.1.5	SW
17.	31 July 2007	Amendment of 3.4.1 Seed (grains) and Nuts for Sowing General Conditions	IV
18.	23 January 2008	Amendment of Prohibitions (section 2.1.2) - Inserting reference to other relevant parts of the document. Amendment of section 3.4.2 Seed (grains) and Nuts for Sowing: Updating Restricted seed contamination	IV

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		tolerances and updating the list of Prohibited seed. Amendment of section 4.1.1 - requirements for cherries, apricots, nectarines, peaches and plums.	
19.	21 November 2008	Amendment of section 4.1.1, requirements for blueberries	LK
20	08 December 2008	Addition of Additional Declaration for fresh tomatoes and capsicums Section 4.1.1 Please note: implementation will commence on the 10th December 2008	LK
21	08 December 2008	Additional Declarations for wood packaging, Section 3.6.2 and 3.6.3	JW
22	17 April 2009	Addition of note; Section 2.4.1 stating where the quarantine seed list can be found (Section 3.4.1)	LK
23	25 June 2009	Clarification of onion smut import provisions for Australia. Section 4.1.1 Update of link to pre-clearance program on MAFBNZ website. Section 2.5 and 3.1.5 Update of Permitted and Prohibited seed weblinks and tables. Section 3.4.1	GI
24	8 July 2009	Refer to ICON for Australia's importing requirements. New Zealand specific information is in this standard.	BP
25	9 July 2009	Change links for ICON	GI
26.	8 September 2009	Addition of link to Quarantine Proclamation 1998 Vol 1 (updated 27 June 2009) and Vol 2: quarantine pest list and permitted seed list. Updates of seed laboratory contact details.	GI
27.	10 September 2009	Clarification: Summerfruit: Cherries to Western Australia are not prohibited. Access to the restricted and prohibited seed tolerance tables now through a link.	GI

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1. ACCESS TO AUSTRALIA'S IMPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Australia's phytosanitary importing requirements are available on Australia's ICON system and can be accessed via the internet at:

http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

Tasmanian State phytosanitary import requirements may be accessed at:

<http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/PCOX-7HLVXB?open>

Note: This ICPR covers phytosanitary certification information pertinent to New Zealand that is not captured in ICON.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

For enquires about this standard email the Plants Exports Group:

plantexports@maf.govt.nz

To help Plant Exports process your email please record in the subject line of your email descriptive keywords which are relevant to your enquiry i.e. ICPR enquiry-Country-specific details.

For urgent enquiries phone or fax the Plant Exports Group
Telephone: 64 4 894 0515
Fax: 64 4 894 0733

3. PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT PERMITS

Phytosanitary import permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

Phytosanitary import permits may be requested from:

Plants Programme Section
Quarantine and Export Operations
Australian Quarantine Inspection Service
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA
ACT 2601
Telephone: 64 2 6272 4578
Facsimile: 64 2 6273 2097

Australia phytosanitary import requirements may be requested from the above address, or accessed via the internet at:

http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

Tasmanian State phytosanitary import requirements may be accessed at:

4. PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

Due to the diverse range of commodities exported to Australia, no specific guidance can be given as to all cases where a phytosanitary certificate must accompany a consignment. If a specific commodity is not identified within Section 3 and Section 4 of this standard, exporters are advised to verify requirements prior to export.

Phytosanitary certificates must accompany consignments of:

- fresh fruit and vegetables
- commercial consignments of cut flowers / foliage which require mandatory endorsements and or additional declarations to be met
- some genera / species of seed

Phytosanitary certificates are not generally required for:

- non-commercial consignments of fresh flowers and foliage
- frozen fruit and vegetables
- some types of dried fruits and vegetables

Exporters are advised to always verify the commodity's specific phytosanitary requirements prior to export

Where applicable, the original phytosanitary certificate for the consignment must be made available to AQIS at the time of inspection

5. QUARANTINE PESTS

Quarantine pests for Australia include:

- organisms identified within Quarantine Pest List, restricted and prohibited seed list and pest plant list (Australian Quarantine Proclamation 1998, links below)
- organisms categorised by Australia as actionable in pre-clearance commodity pest lists, refer:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/exports/plants/pre-clearance>

For commodities exported under **pre-clearance programmes only**, organisms which have not been categorised within the appropriate Pest Lists are to be regarded as 'quarantine pests' with a MPL of 0.5% until categorised by AQIS.

- organisms identified within additional declarations either within this ICPR or ICON or upon an Australian phytosanitary import permit

[Exporters should note, Australia may categorise organisms which are non plant pests as quarantine pests](#)

List of quarantine pests for Australia, link below (Part 7); (please note that the Australian Quarantine Proclamation 1998 is updated regularly)

[http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrumentCompilation1.nsf/0/476BB0C53CD2F5DACA2575F50025A135/\\$file/Quarantine1998_Vol1.pdf](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrumentCompilation1.nsf/0/476BB0C53CD2F5DACA2575F50025A135/$file/Quarantine1998_Vol1.pdf)

List of permitted seeds (Schedule 5) in link below;

[http://www.frli.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrumentCompilation1.nsf/0/49614A255146FF72CA2575AC00122DC8/\\$file/Quarantine1998_Vol2.pdf](http://www.frli.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrumentCompilation1.nsf/0/49614A255146FF72CA2575AC00122DC8/$file/Quarantine1998_Vol2.pdf)

List of Restricted and Prohibited Seeds and Tolerances

<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/plants-grains-hort/contaminants-tolerance>

List of Pest Plants:

The following plants are considered quarantine pests for Australia. Note this list is not exhaustive.

Aegilops spp.
Alhagi maurorum
Alternanthera philoxeroides
Ambrosia spp.
Amsinckia spp.
Asclepias syriaca
Asphodelus tenuifolius
Cabomba caroliniana
Calotropis procera
Carduus nutans
Carthamus glaucus
Carthamus leucocaulos
Cenchrus spp. — all that have burrs
Cenchrus gracillimus
Chondrilla juncea
Chromolaena odorata
Conium chaerophylloides
Cuscuta spp. (other than *C. australis*)
Cyperus aromaticus
Datura spp.
Eichhornia crassipes (*Eichhornia speciosa*)
Eleocharis palustris
Elodea spp.
Galeopsis tetrahit (*Galeopsis bifida*)
Halogeton glomeratus
Harrisia spp.
Helenium spp.
Homeria spp. (other than *H. miniata*, *H. flaccida* and *H. ochroleuca*)
Ibicella lutea
Iva axillaris
Kochia scoparia (*Bassia scoparia*)
Lactuca pulchella
Lagarosiphon major
Lantana camara
Linaria dalmatica
Malachra fasciata
Mimosa invisa
Mimosa pigra
Myriophyllum aquaticum
Myriophyllum spicatum
Nassella trichotoma (*Stipa trichotoma*)
Opuntia spp. (other than *O. aurantiaca*, *O. elatior*, *O. ficus-indica*, *O. imbricata*, *O. stricta*, *O. tomentosa* and *O. vulgaris*)
Orobanche spp.

Parthenium hysterophorus
Picnemon acarna
Prosopis spp.
Rorippa austriaca
Saccharum spontaneum
Sagittaria montevidensis
Salvinia spp.
Senecio pterophorus
Setaria faberi
Solanum dimidiatum
Sonchus arvensis
Stipa brachychaeta
Stratiotes aloides
Striga spp.
Taeniatherum caput-medusae
Toxicodendron radicans
Trapa spp.

6 MAXIMUM PEST LIMITS (MPLS)

For all commodities exported to Australia requiring phytosanitary certificates the MPL's are:

Quarantine pests* as specified by Australia	0.5%
Soil	25g/600

For commodities exported under **pre-clearance programmes only**, organisms which have not been categorised within the appropriate Pest Lists are to be regarded as 'quarantine pests' with a MPL of 0.5% until categorised by AQIS.

*Quarantine pests for Australia include:

- organisms identified within Quarantine Pest List, restricted and prohibited seed list and pest plant list (Australian Quarantine Proclamation 1998)
- organisms categorised by Australia as actionable in commodity pest lists, refer:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/exports/plants/pre-clearance>

For commodities exported under **pre-clearance programmes only**, organisms which have not been categorised within the appropriate Pest Lists are to be regarded as 'quarantine pests' with a MPL of 0.5% until categorised by AQIS.

- organisms identified within additional declarations either within this ICPR or ICON or upon an Australian phytosanitary import permit

Exporters should note, Australia may categorise organisms which are non-plant pests as quarantine pests

7. SEED ANALYSIS CERTIFICATES (Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Sowing)

See also ICON via the following link:

http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

Seed consignments over 10kgs NOT accompanied by an acceptable seed analysis certificate

issued by an ISTA-accredited seed laboratory in New Zealand will be subject to mandatory sampling and analysis on arrival. Consignment will be held by AQIS in quarantine pending the results of the sampling / analysis.

- AQIS reserves the right to check-inspect, at any time, seed accompanied by a seed analysis certificate
REFER also to permitted seed list. Schedule 5 in the following link:

[http://www.frli.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrumentCompilation1.nsf/0/49614A255146FF72CA2575AC00122DC8/\\$file/Quarantine1998_Vol2.pdf](http://www.frli.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrumentCompilation1.nsf/0/49614A255146FF72CA2575AC00122DC8/$file/Quarantine1998_Vol2.pdf)

and

REFER also to the restricted and prohibited seed tolerances in the following link:

<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/plants-grains-hort/contaminants-tolerance>

- Two seed labs in New Zealand are currently ISTA accredited and are certifying seed for export to Australia:

AgriQuality New Zealand Ltd National Seed Laboratory
Tennent Drive
PO Box 609
Palmerston North

New Zealand Seed Lab
60 Ryans Road
P.O. Box 16-101
Christchurch

The seed analysis certificate must conform to the following requirements:

- be issued by an ISTA-accredited seed laboratory
- be endorsed that the sample has been officially drawn in accordance with ISTA rules from an identified seed lot
- be endorsed that sample was analysed in accordance with ISTA rules
- give the actual weight of the bulk sample and the working sample examined
- give the botanical name and the number of each identified species of seed found in the sample (any identified genera or species are to be recorded as such)
- give the percentage of soil particles found in the sample
- certify that none of the quarantine weed seeds as listed in Condition C7100 of the AQIS ICON import conditions (Table 2) were present in the sample.

8. SUMMERFRUIT

Please refer *Workplan for the Preclearance of Summerfruit to Australia* available at

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/regs/exports/plants/summerfruit/workplan-summerfruit-australia.pdf>

Entry into Western Australia is PROHIBITED (except cherries) unless:

- Fruit was sourced from a MAFBNZ approved, and Summerfruit New Zealand registered, production sites as listed on MAFBNZ website. Please refer:

9. GROWING MEDIA

See also ICON via the following link:

http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

Sphagnum spp.

Sphagnum moss

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate not required. Will be inspected and undergo mandatory treatment on arrival. Treatment options on arrival (at the importer's expense) are either:

- heat treated at 85°C for 12 hours
- or
- fumigated with ethylene oxide
- or
- gamma irradiated
- or
- removed and destroyed by an AQIS approved method.

If insects are found on inspection, mandatory methyl bromide fumigation will be required.

Exporters may request a dispensation to mandatory treatment upon arrival. All imported consignments that require exemption from mandatory treatment must obtain **prior** approval from AQIS Canberra Office.

Refer url below for further details

http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

New Zealand companies with exemptions from mandatory treatment.

Sphagnum moss matting product exempt from mandatory fumigation manufactured by Lake View Moss Ltd.

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Will be inspected on arrival.

Additional declaration:

"Lake View Moss Ltd matting is clean and free of viable seed"

Sphagnum moss product exempt from mandatory treatment manufactured by Just Moss from Christchurch

Conditions:

Import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Will be inspected on arrival.

Additional declaration:

"The consignment is free of viable plant material" (viable plant material includes seed)

Sphagnum moss matting product exempt from mandatory treatment manufactured by Suttons Moss Ltd

Conditions:

Import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Will be inspected on arrival.

Additional declaration:

"The consignment from Suttons Moss Ltd is free of viable plant material" (viable plant material includes seed)

Sphagnum moss matting exempt from mandatory treatment manufactured by Ultragrow (New Zealand)

Conditions:

Import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.. Will be inspected on arrival.

Additional declaration:

"The consignment from Ultragrow (New Zealand) is free of viable plant material" (viable plant material includes seed)