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# 1 General Information

## 1.1 For enquires about this standard email the Plant Exports Group: [plantexports@maf.govt.nz](mailto: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, fax or email the Plant Exports Group

- Telephone: 0800 008 333 (selecting option 3, then option 4) Fax : 64 4 894 0733; or
- Email: [PlantExports](mailto:PlantExports)

## 1.2 Scope

This standard specifies the Cook Island's phytosanitary import requirements for plant products being exported from New Zealand. If a commodity or commodity group is not identified within this ICPR exporters should contact:

- Cook Islands directly to ascertain requirements
- or
- MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ). (Plant Exports)

Please note, the determination and provision of phytosanitary requirements, for a commodity not identified within an ICPR, is undertaken on a cost recovery basis. A link to the list of Plant Exports Fees and Charges is available on

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/exports/plants/fees>

Users of this document are strongly advised to review all sections of the ICPR for the determination of a commodity's phytosanitary requirements.

## 1.3 Phytosanitary Legislation

The following legislation controls the importation of plants and plant materials into the Cook Islands:

- Plants Act 1973
- Plant Quarantine Regulation 1993

## 2 General Requirements

### 2.1 Prohibitions

The commodities identified within the table below are prohibited entry from New Zealand.

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Alocasia</i> spp.	Kape, giant taro
<i>Ambrosia</i> spp.	Ragweed
<i>Ascelepias tuberosa</i>	Pleurisy root
<i>Caladium bicolor</i>	Ornamental taro
<i>Carex longebrachiata</i>	Australia sedge
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Pawpaw
<i>Cassava manihot</i>	Cassava
<i>Cassia occidentalis</i>	
<i>Castanospermum australe</i>	Moreton Bay chestnut; black bean
<i>Cenchrus</i> spp. (except <i>C. ciliaris</i> )	Buffalo grass
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Skeleton weed
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	Coconut
Cones, pines	
Conkers	
<i>Colocasia</i> spp.	Taro
<i>Cuscuta</i> (all species) e.g. dodders	
<i>Cymbopogon schoenanthus</i>	Camel grass
<i>Cynanchum</i> spp.	Indian swallowart
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	Chufa
<i>Cyrtosperma chamissoni</i>	Giant swamp taro, puraka
<i>Datura metel</i>	Hairy thorn apple
<i>Discorea</i> spp.	Yam, wild yam
<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>	
<i>Eleocharis duleis</i>	Chinese water nut
<i>Ephedra sinica</i>	
<i>Euphorbia eseula</i>	Leafy splurge
Fungus dried (except mushrooms)	
<i>Hippobroma longiflora</i>	Star of Bethlehem; pua-hoku
<i>Homeria breyniana</i>	Cape tulip
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	
<i>Iva axillaris</i>	Poverty weed
Loranthaceae (all species)	Mistletoe
<i>Monardia punctata</i>	Horsemint
<i>Musa</i> spp.	Banana; plantain
<i>Nassella trichotomata</i>	Nassella tussock
<i>Palmae</i> spp	
<i>Petasites hybridus</i>	Butterbur
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	Snakeweed; snakeroot
<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Fleabane
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	Cascara; sagrada

<i>Salvia reflexa</i>	Mintweed
<i>Satureja calamintha</i>	Calamint
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock
Soil	
<i>Sorghum halepensis</i>	Johnson grass
Straw	
<i>Striga</i> (all species)	Witchweed
<i>Strychnos nux-vomica</i>	Strychnine
<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	Mexican marigold or stinking roger
<i>Tourretia volubilis</i>	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Puncture vine
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Coltsfoot
<i>Xanthium</i> (all species)	Cocklebur or burweed
<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i>	Tarua, taro-tarua, elephant ear

## 2.2 Phytosanitary Import Permits

2.2.1 Phytosanitary Import Permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

2.2.2 Phytosanitary Import Permits are required for the importation of::

- nursery stock

2.2.3 Phytosanitary import permits are not required for the importation of the following commodity classes

- fruit and vegetables
- cut flowers and foliage
- seed(grains) / nuts
- growing media or packing material

2.2.3 Phytosanitary Import Permits may be requested from:

Chief Quarantine Officer  
Mr Pavai Taramai  
P. O. Box 96  
Rarotonga,  
Cook Islands  
Telephone: (682) 28-711  
Facsimile: (682) 21-811  
E-mail: [cimoa@oyster.net.ck](mailto:cimoa@oyster.net.ck)  
Or  
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Biosecurity Service  
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Rarotonga  
Cook Islands

(+682) 28 711  
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nngatoko@agriculture.gov.ck;cimoa@oyster.net.ck

2.2.4 Where phytosanitary import permits are not required import conditions may be requested from:

Chief Quarantine Officer  
Mr Pavai Taramai  
P. O. Box 96  
Rarotonga,  
Cook Islands  
Telephone: (682) 28-711  
Facsimile: (682) 21-811  
E-mail: [cimoa@oyster.net.ck](mailto:cimoa@oyster.net.ck)

## 2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

2.3.1 Phytosanitary certificates are required to accompany consignments of the following commodity classes:

- fruit and vegetables
- cut flowers and foliage
- nursery stock
- seed(grains) / nuts

2.3.2 Phytosanitary certificates are not required to accompany consignments of:

- growing media
- packing material

## 2.4 Quarantine Pests

Not specified by Cook Islands

## 2.5 Maximum Pest Limits (MPLs)

For all commodities exported to the Cook Islands requiring phytosanitary certificates, the MPL's are:

Quarantine pests specified by the Cook Islands*	0.5%
Soil (excluding seed for sowing)	25g/600unit
Soil (seed for sowing)	0.1% by weight

\*Quarantine pests for the Cook Islands include organisms identified within:

- Section 2.4 of this standard
- Additional declarations

- Phytosanitary import permit

Note: Where an importing country does not specify any quarantine pests within the above, the MPL of 5% is to be applied for all injurious pests.

## **2.6 Ports of Entry**

Commodities are not restricted to enter the Cook Islands via specified ports.

## **2.7 Inspection on Arrival**

All consignments of imported plant material are subject to inspection by Cook Island authorities for phytosanitary purposes on arrival

## **2.8 Sampling Rate**

Requirements not specified

## **2.9 Transit**

Requirements not specified

# **3 Commodity Class Requirements**

## **3.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

### **3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

### **3.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit **and** Phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit **and** Phytosanitary certificate not required.

## **3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

### **3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

### **3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit **and** Phytosanitary certificate **not required.**

### **3.3 Nursery stock**

#### **3.3.1 Whole Plants**

Aquatic plants:

Import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required as specified on the import permit.

Whole plants:

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.3.2 Bud wood/Cuttings**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.3.3 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes etc for propagation**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.3.4 Tissue culture**

Conditions:

**Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate not required. Treatment required as specified on permit.**

### **3.4 Seeds and Grain**

#### **3.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

### 3.5 Growing Media and Packing Material

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

## 4 Commodity Specific Requirements

### 4.1 Fruit and Vegetables

#### 4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Actinidia deliciosa

Kiwifruit

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Agaricus bisporus

Mushroom

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and Phytosanitary certificate not required. Must be a commercial consignment.

Allium cepa

Onion

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Allium porrum

Leek

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Allium sativum

Garlic

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Asparagus spp.

Asparagus

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Brassica spp.

Brassicas

Including eg. *Brassica napobrassica* var. *solidiflora* (swede), *B. oleracea* var. *botrytis* (broccoli), *B. oleracea* Acephala Group (kale), *B. oleracea* var. *botrytis* (cauliflower), *B. oleracea* var. *capitata* (cabbage), *B. oleracea* var. *gemmifera* (Brussel Sprout), *B. rapa* var. *lorifolia* (turnip), *B. rapa* var. *pekinensis* (Chinese cabbage), and *Brassica* spp. (Chou Moellier).

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Treatment: Compulsory fumigation with methyl bromide prior to export is required.

Additional declaration:

"Free from *Plutella xylostella* and *Pieris rapae* (Diamond back moth and Cabbage white butterfly.)"

Capsicum annum

Capsicum

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Citrus limon

Lemon

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Citrus reticulata

Mandarin

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Citrus sinensis

Orange

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Cucumis melo

Melon

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Cucurbita pepo

Squash

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Cucurbita pepo

Pumpkin

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Daucus carota

Carrot

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Diospyros spp.

Persimmon

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Fragaria spp.

Strawberry

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

*Ipomoea batatas*

Kumara

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

*Lycopersicon esculentum*

Tomato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

*Malus sylvestris* var. *pumila*

Apple

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*"

*Persea americana*

Avocado

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

*Prunus ameriaca*

Apricot

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*"

*Prunus avium*

Cherry

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*"

*Prunus persica*

Peach/Nectarine

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

*Pyrus* spp.

Pear

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*"

*Pyrus pyrifolia*

Nashi

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:  
"Free of *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*"

*Solanum tuberosum*

Potato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Additional declaration:  
"Free from *Globodera spp.*"

*Vaccinium corymbosum*

Blueberry

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### 4.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables

Refer Section 3.1.2

*Agaricus bisporus*

Mushroom

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and Phytosanitary certificate not required. Must be a commercial consignment.

#### 4.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Refer Section 3.1.3

#### 4.2 Fresh Cut flowers and Foliage

*Brassica oleracea Acephala Group*

Kale

Refer to Section 4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.

*Chrysanthemum spp.*

Chrysanthemum

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

*Dianthus caryophyllus*

Carnation

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

*Lilium spp.*

Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and

additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Orchidaceae

Orchid

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Rosa spp.

Rose

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Sandersonia spp.

Sandersonia

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Tulipa spp.

Tulip

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

Zantedeschia spp.

Calla Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free of the Western flower thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis*)"

### **4.3 Nursery stock**

#### **4.3.1 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes (for propagation)**

Lilium spp.

Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Narcissus spp.

Daffodil

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Sandersonia spp.

Sandersonia

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Solanum tuberosum

Potato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free from *Globodera spp.*"

Tulipa spp

Tulip

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Zantedeschia spp

Calla Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **4.3.2 Whole Plants**

Lilium spp.

Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Narcissus spp.

Daffodil

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required

Sandersonia spp.

Sandersonia

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Solanum tuberosum

Potato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"Free from *Globodera spp.*"

Tulipa spp.

Tulip

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Zantedeschia spp.

Calla lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

## 4.4 Seeds and Grain

### 4.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing

Agaricus bisporus spawn/spores Mushroom spawn/spores

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Treatment required as specified on import permit.

Avena spp.

Oats

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Cicer arietinum

Chickpea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Festuca spp.

Fescue

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Hordeum spp.

Barley

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Lolium spp.

Ryegrass

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Lotus spp.

Lotus

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Pisum spp.

Pea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Trifolium spp.

Clover

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Triticum spp.

Wheat

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Zea mays

Corn/maize

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"*Xanthomonas stewartii*, *Ustilago zaeae*, and *Physoderma zaeae-maydis* do not occur in New Zealand"

#### 4.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption

Avena spp.

Oats

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Carum carvi

Caraway

Conditions:

Import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Fumigation required.

Castanea spp. (cooked/dried)

Chestnut

Import permit and Phytosanitary certificate not required. Must be free from insects.

Cicer arietinum

Chickpea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Hordeum spp.

Barley

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Lotus spp.

Lotus

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Pisum spp.

Pea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Triticum spp.

Wheat

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Zea mays

Corn/maize

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"*Xanthomonas stewartii*, *Ustilago zaeae*, and *Physoderma maydis* (syn. *P. zaeae-maydis*) do not occur in New Zealand"

#### 4.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing

Avena spp.

Oats

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Cicer arietinum

Chickpea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Festuca spp.

Fescue

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Hordeum spp.

Barley

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Lolium spp.

Ryegrass

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Lotus spp.

Lotus

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Pisum spp.

Pea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Trifolium spp

Clover

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Triticum spp.

Wheat

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Zea mays

Corn/maize

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional declaration:

"*Xanthomonas stewartii*, *Ustilago zaeae*, and *Physoderma zaeae-maydis* do not occur in New Zealand"

#### **4.5 Growing Media and Packing Material**

**Coconut fibre**

**Conditions:**

**Import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.**

**Compost**

**Import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate not required. Treatment required as specified on import permit. Must be commercially prepared and**

packaged.

Peat

Conditions:

Import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate not required. Must be free of quarantine pests.

Sphagnum spp.

Sphagnum moss

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate not required. Treatment as specified on import permit.