

CTO Direction to MPI Inspector
Equivalence of biosecurity measures for imported risk goods

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlants: 20160051. Pursuant to section 27(1)(b)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, give the following directions for consignments of *Prunus* and *Malus* nursery stock from a MPI approved facilities (Washington State University – WSU, Centre for Plant Health, Canada - CFIA, Centre Technique Interprofessionnel des Fruits et Legumes - CTIFL, or Central Attivita Vivaistica - CAV), may be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required under section 2.2.1.11 iii 'For nursery stock sourced from MPI approved offshore facilities' listed under 'Measures for *Phytophthora ramorum*' in the import health standard (IHS) 155.02.06 Importation of Nursery Stock.

That all consignments of *Prunus* and *Malus* nursery stock from MPI approved facilities WSU, CFIA, CTIFL, or CAV (in countries where *Phytophthora ramorum* is known to be present), imported into New Zealand, are to be directed to PHEL on arrival in New Zealand, tested and found free of *Phytophthora ramorum* prior to being directed to the PEQ facility named on the permit to import. Testing must be performed on each individual budwood stick. An additional test for *Phytophthora ramorum* will be undertaken on each plant during the growing season along with growing season inspection for disease symptom expression.

All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.06 Importation of Nursery Stock for *Prunus* or *Malus* arriving from the MPI approved facilities (WSU, CFIA, CTIFL, or CAV) must still be complied with.

The CTO approved equivalent measures will be identified in the Special Conditions section of the permit to import in the following manner:

EQUIVALENCE (MPI reference number: CTOPlants: 20160051)

Equivalence is granted to importers of *Prunus* or *Malus* (from MPI approved facilities – WSU, CTIFL, CTIFL, or CAV) under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The goods imported under permit must be directed to PHEL on arrival in New Zealand and tested and found free of *Phytophthora ramorum* prior to being directed to the PEQ facility indicated on the permit to import. An additional test for *Phytophthora ramorum* will be undertaken during the growing season along with visual inspection for disease symptom expression which is equivalent to the requirement to section 2.2.1.11 iii 'For nursery stock sourced from MPI approved offshore facilities' listed under 'Measures for *Phytophthora ramorum*'.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and applies only to consignments of *Malus* or *Prunus* exported from MPI approved facilities (WSU, CFIA, CTIFL, or CAV).

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