



Ref: CTO 2014 081 [G]

Invertebrates: Non-exotic Nematode

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the release of free living terrestrial nematodes classified as not new organisms when commercially manufactured and packaged.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for free living terrestrial nematodes classified as not new organisms under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 from all countries to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures different from those in the *Import Health Standard for the Importation of Invertebrates into New Zealand* [INVNONIC.ALL]:

BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

Clause 12 of the above Import Health Standard is amended to allow for the release of nematodes that are not new to New Zealand (as defined in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996) without being subject to the requirements in Clause 11 of the standard provided the imported nematodes are commercially manufactured and packaged.

Nematodes are often imported into New Zealand for use as biological control agents. Under Clause 11 of the above Import Health Standard, all imported nematodes are directed to a transitional facility where they are held for disease testing, identity confirmation, treatments or procedures as required by the permit to import, and the MAF Standard 154.02.08 before granting release.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. Advice received from the Science and Risk Assessment Directorate is that biosecurity risks with imported nematodes that are not new to New Zealand are mitigated if sourced from a commercial manufacturer and commercially packaged.

All consignments must be accompanied by a permit to import.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.