



CTO Direction to MPI Inspector:

Movement of uncleared goods (covered by an import health standard) to a transitional facility

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlantDir: 20160079

This direction applies to fresh leaves of basil (*Ocimum basilicum*), being uncleared goods covered by an import health standard, and imported.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Stephen Butcher, give the following directions for fresh basil leaves consignments imported, to be given biosecurity direction in accordance with the following measures, different from those required in the import health standard (IHS) 155.02 for basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) from Fiji:

1. That all consignments of fresh basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) leaves imported should be inspected under section 30A of the Act upon arrival in New Zealand at the approved transitional facility listed in 3 below, and the following processes must be followed:
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 - i. If any live insect(s) are detected, they are sent to the approved laboratory for confirmation of the identification and the result sent to the Fresh Produce team in Wellington for notification to Fiji NPPO.
 - ii. All consignments of basil leaves will be directed for destructive processing within the approved processing/transitional facility (listed in 2 below) irrespective of the outcomes of the inspection.
3. The facility covered under this direction and which require MPI full transitional facility approval is:

Facility standard	:	MPI Standard for Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared risk Goods (TFGEN)
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4. The processing facility as a transitional facility for general uncleared risk goods by the Director-General of MPI as required under section 39(3) of the Act; and also the inspection room (within the TF) to allow the MPI on-arrival inspection to be conducted at the approved TF as required under section 3.9 of the *MPI Standard for Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared Risk Goods* (TFGEN) must be approved by MPI before any imports of basil leaves from Fiji is approved under this CTO direction.

5. Emptied cartons of basil leaves will be re-stacked into their original pallets and when all the cartons from the same pallet are empty, they will be shrink-wrapped inside the herb chiller room before they are shifted to the secured (system to prevent escape of any insect) container where they are treated as per the treatment specifications listed below. All treated packaging materials must be MPI-approved first before they can be re-used.
 - a. Freezing at -18°C and held for 7 days to kill insect(s), and
 - b. Recycled to kill pathogens.
6. All of the following must apply to the basil leaves:
 - i. All consignments of fresh uncleared basil leaves must be transported in accordance with the requirements specified in section 3.2.2 of the MPI Standard for Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared Risk Goods.
 - i. The consignments directed for transportation to the approved TF must be transported directly from the border to xxx without any unnecessary diversion.
 - ii. During transportation the consignment must remain sealed and not opened or exposed to the public as required under section 30A of the Act
7. The BACC authorisation must be given to the facility operator.
8. The following conditions in relation to the basil leaves must be included in the authorisation:
 - a. The goods (basil leaves) must be held in accordance with the conditions set out in Table 1 below; 'Requirements in the transitional facility' as specified on the CTO direction to MPI Inspector 'CTOPlantDir: 20160079 by including the following statement in the Authority Conditions' section of the BACC: 'Further conditions must be followed as per table 1 of CTOPlantDir: 20160079

Table 1: Requirements in the transitional facility

Condition	
1	<p>On arrival at the transitional facility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The consignments must remain and be securely stored only in the above mentioned transitional facility. b. Records must be kept by the facility operator and continually updated to correctly reflect the movement of consignments to and within the facility and processing including destruction and treatment of packaging materials and waste basil leaves.
2	The basil leaves must be stored and used only at the containment facility in accordance with the quality operating system that is approved with the facility by MPI.

9. This direction repeals CTOPlants:20160069.
10. CTOPlants:20160079 takes effect from the date of signing but importation (trade) of basil leaves under this direction from Fiji will commence through Wellington airport only after;
 - MPI approval of the inspection room for MPI on-arrival inspection at the TF in accordance with the requirements of section 3.9 of the *MPI Standard for Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared Risk Goods* (TFGEN), and
 - Approval of the current facility as a full Transitional facility for general uncleared risk goods in alignment with *MPI Standard for Transitional Facilities for General Uncleared Risk Goods* (TFGEN) until further notice.
11. This decision document is applicable only to fresh basil leaves imported through the Wellington Airport in New Zealand. Basil leaves imported through other ports in New Zealand will be subject to the normal process of clearance under the current IHS.

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Acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer Authority.

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