

CTO Direction on measures for biosecurity clearance of consignment/s which do not comply with the import health standard (IHS) for Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origin

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This direction on measures applies only to phase 3 mushroom growing medium inoculated with *Agaricus bisporus* (white button mushroom) spawn that is produced in the Netherlands by Walkro BV and exported to Mercer Mushrooms by the Dutch Trading Office BV (DTO) ("**the goods**").

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 we, _____ (Chief Technical Officer) and _____ (Deputy Chief Technical Officer), give the following directions as to measures different from those in the above IHS to be applied to effectively manage risks in relation to consignments of the goods.

1. Each consignment must be accompanied by the following documentation that can be clearly linked to the exported consignment:
 - i. A manufacturer's certificate issued on company letterhead by a person authorised to act on behalf of the exporter (DTO) that includes the following information:
 - a) Their signature, job title and date of issue;
 - b) Name and address of the supplier (DTO) and manufacturer (Walkro);
 - c) Product identity (description or brand name of the phase 3 growing medium) and the processing involved;
 - d) A description of the raw materials used in manufacturing the phase 3 growing medium;
 - e) A statement that the phase 3 growing medium has undergone processing for at least 48 hours at a minimum temperature of 80°C, thermographs must be provided to verify this statement, each thermograph must be clearly linked to each individual consignment;
 - f) Date of manufacture;
 - g) Full scientific name of the spawn (*Agaricus bisporus*) with which the product is inoculated;
 - h) A declaration that the spawn is a pure strain of the above listed species and has been kept free from any contaminants;
 - l) A declaration that the phase 3 growing medium has been tested and found free from *Trichoderma aggressivum* and Mushroom Virus X.
 - ii. A phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the exporting country that is endorsed with the following additional declaration:

The consignment has been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free of any visually detectable soil, contaminant animal or plant material and other extraneous matter.
2. Consignments may be inspected as described in part 1.5 of the IHS for *Fertilisers and Growing Medium of Plant Origin*.
3. The MPI Plant Imports team is to verify that all the required documents accurately reflect the information which has been provided to MPI in regards to processing and testing undertaken in the Netherlands.

This CTO direction on measures is valid for one year from date of signing unless:

- i. revoked sooner; or
- ii. an import health standard that includes the types of material covered by this direction is issued within that year, in which case this direction is revoked on the date of issuance of that import health standard.

Chief Technical Officer

Date: 11 May 2016

Deputy Chief Technical Officer

Date: 11/5/16