

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF TROPICAL BUTTERFLY AND MOTH PUPAE INTO NEW ZEALAND

Issued pursuant to Section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993

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Important information for importers and border staff

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The following relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction CTO 2023 100 [B].

A chief technical officer approval authorising unwanted organisms under section 52 and/or 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (Clause 6.4.4) is not required for butterfly and moth pupae species that have a containment approval from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

USER GUIDE

The information in the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) animal and animal product import health standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MPI import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a containment facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand containment facilities of tropical butterfly and moth pupae from all countries.
- 1.2 Approval for the importation of each consignment of tropical butterfly and moth pupae into New Zealand is dependent on containment approval from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the particular species and the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.
- 1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Manager Import and Export Animals or other person having delegated authority.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The costs of MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of tropical butterfly and moth pupae shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a Biosecurity direction shall be borne by the importer or importer's agent.
- 2.3 The importer must make all arrangements for transport of the tropical butterfly and moth pupae to and within New Zealand.
- 2.4 If a species of tropical butterfly or moth that is not currently held in a zoo/containment facility within New Zealand is to be imported, the importer is responsible for obtaining approval from EPA before importation will be permitted.

3 EQUIVALENCE

The import health standard has been agreed as suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the consignment will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it may be found that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply with the specific

requirements in this import health standard, but may meet the outcomes sought. In such cases, a permit to import application may be made, an equivalence granted and import permit issued at the discretion of MPI. The following information must be forwarded by the certifying government's veterinary authority for an equivalence to be considered:

- which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- the reason the consignment is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status;
- the reasons why the veterinary authority of the country of origin believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and their recommendation for its acceptance.

4 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The following international standards are incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations (LAR) - a copy is available for reading free of charge at Ministry for Primary Industries, Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, Wellington New Zealand.

The following Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) material is incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:

- Environment Protection Authority (EPA) decision document NOC03002 (including approved species) – information available at <http://www.epa.govt.nz/search-databases/Pages/applications-details.aspx?appID=NOC03002#>
- Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) decision document ERMA200600 (including approved species) – information available at <http://www.epa.govt.nz/search-databases/Pages/applications-details.aspx?appID=ERMA200600>
- Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) decision document NOC98008 (including approved species) – information available at <http://www.epa.govt.nz/search-databases/Pages/applications-details.aspx?appID=NOC98008>

Under section 142O(3) of the Act it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply, that is, a notice under section 142O(2) of the Act is not required to be published before material that amends or replaces the above listed standards, guideline or lists has legal effect as part of these documents.

5 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity authorisation

Written authority from an inspector, given under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, to move uncleared goods from a transitional facility, containment facility or biosecurity control area to another transitional facility, containment facility or biosecurity control area, or to export those goods from New Zealand.

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act (1993) for the entry of goods into New Zealand. (Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an Inspector are released to the importer without restriction).

Manager Import and Export Animals

The Manager Import and Export Animals, Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), New Zealand, or any other person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the powers and functions of the Manager Import and Export Animals.

Containment facility

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993

EPA

The Environmental Protection Authority, New Zealand

MPI

New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.

Permit to import

A written order issued by the Director General of MPI under section 24 (D)(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Unwanted organism

Any organism that a chief technical officer believes is capable or potentially capable of causing unwanted harm to any natural and physical resources or human health (Biosecurity Act 1993). For further reference please use the link below to view the unwanted organisms register: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/finding-and-reporting-pests-and-diseases/registers-and-lists/>

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE**6 PERMIT TO IMPORT**

- 6.1 A permit to import is required for consignments of tropical butterfly and moth pupae imported into New Zealand from all countries.

6.2 The permit to import will be issued for multiple consignments for a period of up to six months.

6.3 Application for a permit to import must be made prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to:

Animal Imports Team
Ministry for Primary Industries
PO Box 2526
Wellington
New Zealand.
Email: animalimports@mpi.govt.nz

6.4 The importer must supply the following information:

6.4.1 Name and address of the containment facility in New Zealand, to which the consignment is to proceed following importation;

6.4.2 Confirmation from the authorised supervisor of the containment facility stating that the facility is registered according to MPI [Standard 154.03.04: Containment facilities for zoo animals](#) and has the capacity to accommodate the consignments proposed to be imported.

6.4.3 List of butterfly/moth species proposed to be imported.

6.4.4 For unwanted organisms, a chief technical officer approval issued by MPI, authorising the unwanted organisms under section 52 and/or 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

7.1 Each consignment shall be accompanied by copy of the permit to import and all appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION. The required documentation is:

7.1.1 Zoosanitary Certificate and

7.1.2 Permit to Import.

7.2 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented is in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard and is clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining a biosecurity direction or result in rejection of consignments.

7.3 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).

[Note: Any requirement for the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) or other conservation related documentation must be met by the exporter/importer and is independent of this certification.]

8 ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 8.1 Eligibility for importation under this import health standard is confined to the species of tropical butterfly and moth approved by EPA for importation into containment within any of the applicable EPA decision documents NOC03002, ERMA200600 and NOC98008.
- 8.2 Tropical butterfly and moth pupae consigned to New Zealand must be sourced from tropical locations or facilities maintained at temperatures of at least 20° Celcius.
- 8.3 The premises of origin of the tropical butterfly and moth pupae must have been free of quarantine restrictions during the 90 days prior to the scheduled date of export.
- 8.4 All requirements of this import health standard, including those detailed in the Model Zoosanitary Certificate must be met for the consignment to be eligible for importation.

9 TRANSPORT TO NEW ZEALAND

- 9.1 Pupae of butterflies and moths must be transported by air and carried in a container meeting requirements of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations for insects.
- 9.2 Each consignment must be packaged in such a manner so as to prevent the escape of any butterflies and moths that may have emerged during transport
- 9.3 The containers must be closed with tamper-evident seals.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

10 BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

- 10.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The containers containing the butterfly and moth pupae must not be opened, but are to be inspected to ensure that the seals are intact and the container is escape proof.

- 10.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, may give a biosecurity direction authorising the consignment to be moved to the containment facility named in the permit to import.

11 CONTAINMENT FACILITY

- 11.1 Following biosecurity direction being given the consignment shall proceed to the containment facility registered according to MPI [*Standard 154.03.04: Containment facilities for zoo animals*](#) named on the permit to import.
- 11.2 The containment facility must be located south of 34° latitude (Cape Reinga)
- 11.3 On arrival at the containment facility the consignment will be held according to the enclosure standard for invertebrates, butterflies and moths detailed in MPI [*Standard 154.03.04: Containment facilities for zoo animals*](#), and subject to the following quarantine conditions:
- 11.3.1 All imported pupae must be held in the quarantine room of the containment facility.
- 11.3.2 Pupae must be checked daily for signs of disease. Procedures detailing the checks must be included in the quality manual of the containment facility.
- 11.3.3 Any diseased pupae must be rendered nonviable and held in a sealed container until disposed of by MPI approved methods.
- 11.3.4 All packing materials used in importation must be held in the containment facility prior to disposal by MPI approved methods.
- 11.3.5 On emergence the adult butterflies and moths can be moved to the display enclosure within the containment facility.
- 11.4 No stage of the life cycle will be eligible for biosecurity clearance.
- 11.5 Transfer to another containment facility may occur only with the prior approval of the Supervisor of the containment facility.
- 11.6 The containment facility must also operate in accordance with all EPA controls set down in any of the applicable EPA decision documents NOC03002, ERMA200600 and NOC98008.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MPI to accompany each import of tropical butterfly and moth pupae into New Zealand from all countries:

MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

For: TROPICAL BUTTERFLY AND MOTH PUPAE

To: NEW ZEALAND

Permit to import number:

Exporting Country:

I: IDENTIFICATION

1 Species in consignment:

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II: ORIGIN

1 Name and address of exporter(s):

2 Premise(s) of origin of pupae:

3 Port of embarkation:

III: DESTINATION

1 Name and address of importer:

2 Flight Number:

3 Port of arrival:

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

EXPORT CERTIFICATE

I, the Director/Manager of the premises of origin of the tropical butterfly and/or* moth pupae certify that:

**delete as applicable*

1 All the tropical butterfly and/or moth species included in this consignment:

1.1 are listed under I: IDENTIFICATION.

1.2 showed no signs of disease or parasitism at the time of export.

2 The premises of origin of all tropical butterfly and/or moth pupae in this consignment:

2.1 are maintained at temperatures of at least 20 degrees Celsius.

2.2 have been free of any quarantine restrictions in the 90 days preceding export.

3 The transport containers comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations for insects and are closed with tamper-evident seals.

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Name and Signature of Director/Manager

date

Name and address of premises of origin:

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