



CTO Direction to MPI Inspector

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlants: 20170017

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, _____, give the following directions for consignments of reindeer moss by Polarmoss to be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by section 2.3 (bleach and dyed commercially preserved foliage) in the import health standard (IHS) MPI.STD.PLANTMATERIAL:

The reindeer moss has gone through the process of colouring, drying and preserving in magnesium chloride prior to export to New Zealand. The moss is dried and then immersed in a colouring liquid. After this, the product is placed in a drying chamber for several hours at 60°C. The dried product is then dipped in a 40% salt solution (magnesium chloride) which keeps the product soft. The processed used on the moss is equivalent to bleaching and dying commercially preserved foliage arrangements outlined in section 2.3 of the IHS MPI.STD.PLANTMATERIAL. The reindeer moss looks fresh because it has been coloured and dipped in magnesium chloride, but the mosses' processing deems the product non-viable. The product will require a manufacturer's certificate describing the preserving process used with a current date and link to invoice form.

All other relevant sections of the IHS MPI.STD.PLANTMATERIAL for reindeer moss by Polarmoss must be complied with.

The CTO approved equivalent measures will be identified in the CTO direction in the following manner:

EQUIVALENCE (MPI reference number: CTOPlants: 20170017)

Equivalence is granted to Polarmoss to import reindeer moss under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The goods imported under this CTO direction must be coloured, dried and preserved with magnesium chloride which will occur prior to export which is equivalent to the requirement to section 2.3 of the IHS MPI.STD.PLANTMATERIAL.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to multiple consignments of reindeer moss by Polarmoss which is not compliant with the measures required by section 2.3 in the import health standard (IHS) MPI.STD.PLANTMATERIAL. This CTO direction is valid until 21 July 2019 at which stage it must be reviewed, unless it is amended or revoked.

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Date: 21/7/2017