

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



CTO Direction to MPI Inspector

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlantDir:2017019 Equivalent Measures for Potato spindle tuber viroid and Pepper chat fruit viroid on small seed lots of Capsicum seeds for sowing

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Stephen Butcher, Deputy Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for one consignment of Capsicum seed imported by Terranova seeds, to be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different to the requirement for testing at the lot level in Part 2.15.2 of the import health standard (IHS) 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing.

A permit to import will detail the different sampling requirements for Capsicum seeds for sowing imported by Terranova seeds.

The CTO approved equivalent measures will be identified in the Special Conditions section of the permit to import in the following manner:

EQUIVALENCE (CTOPlantDir:2017019)

Terranova Seeds New Zealand are permitted to import Capsicum seeds for sowing from the Netherlands under equivalent phytosanitary measures as detailed below:

Testing requirements:

- Testing will occur on arrival in New Zealand at an MPI approved facility.
- A composite sample of a minimum of 3000 seeds must be officially drawn across all seed lots of the same seed species in a consignment, which have been produced at the same place of production or production site.
- In order to achieve a composite sample, proportionate sampling is to be carried out across all lots imported. The size of the sample from each lot must be proportionate to the volume of the imported lot within the consignment.
- Only consignments found free of *Potato spindle tuber viroid* and *Pepper chat fruit viroid* will be given biosecurity clearance.

All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.05: Seeds for sowing listed in Part 1 and under the specific requirements for Capsicum must be complied with.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and applies to **one** consignment of Capsicum seeds for sowing imported by Terranova seeds from Rijk Zwaan in Holland.

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Date

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