Ministry for Primary Industries Manatū Ahu Matua

CTO Direction to MPI Inspector

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlants20180016- Pre-export equivalence measures for Zea mays from USA

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I give the following directions for consignments of *Zea mays* grain imported for processing from USA, to be given biosecurity direction in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by Appendix 2 of the *Zea mays* schedule in the import health standard (IHS): "BNZ.GCFP.PHR: grains/seeds for consumption, feed or processing" for regulated fungi.

Proposed additional declaration and test results requirements for regulated fungi, different from those listed in Appendix 2 of the *Zea mays* schedule in the IHS are as follows:

a) "Peronosclerospora maydis, Peronosclerospora philippinensis, Peronosclerospora saccharis, and Sclerophthora rayssiae var zeae are not known to occur in the USA."

AND

b) The importer must provide laboratory test results for each consignment confirming that the grain in the consignment was tested and found free from *Peronosclerospora sorghi* and *Stenocarpella* macrosporaere."

All other relevant sections of the IHS "BNZ.GCFP.PHR: grains/seeds for consumption, feed or processing" for importation of Zea mays grain from USA must be complied with.

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

EQUIVALENCE (MPI reference number: CTO - 20180016)

"Equivalence is granted to import Zea mays grain from USA for processing under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The below additional declaration on the phytosanitary certificate and testing results for regulated fungi are considered as equivalent to the additional declaration requirements for regulated fungi as specified in the Appendix 2 of the *Zea mays* schedule in the IHS: "BNZ.GCFP.PHR: grains/seeds for consumption, feed or processing":

 a) "Peronosclerospora maydis, Peronosclerospora philippinensis, Peronosclerospora saccharis, and Sclerophthora rayssiae var zeae are not known to occur in the USA."

AND

b) The importer must provide laboratory test results for each consignment confirming that the grain in the consignment was tested and found free from *Peronosclerospora sorghi* and *Stenocarpella* macrosporaere."

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to multiple consignments of *Zea mays* grain imported for processing from USA which are not compliant with the measures required by *Zea mays* schedule in the IHS: "BNZ.GCFP.PHR: grains/seeds for consumption, feed or processing".

This CTO direction is valid until the revised standard is updated, unless it is amended or revoked.

Team Manager of Facilities and Plant Products
Acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer authority

Date: 29th October 2018