## **CTO Direction to MPI Inspector**

## CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlants:

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 1, Rosalyn Anderson-Lederer, give the following directions for consignments of home interior panels made of dried processed plant material to be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by Part 3.4 (bleach and dyed commercially preserved foliage) of import health standard (IHS) PLANTMATERIAL. IHS

The drying, dying and preserving processes used on interior panels made of lichen (*Cladonia stellaris*) or reindeer moss (*Cladonia rangiferina*) is equivalent to bleaching and dying commercially preserved foliage arrangements outlined in Part 3.4 of PLANTMATERIAL.IHS. The products may look fresh due to a colouring process involving being dipped in salt solutions such as magnesium chloride, however commercial processing/ drying renders the product non-viable.

The products 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 PLANTMATERIAL.IHS 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: 2019012)

Equivalence is granted to imports of interior decorative panels made of dried plant material such as lichen and moss under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The goods imported under this CTO direction must be coloured, dried and preserved which will occur prior to export and are considered equivalent to the requirements in Part 3.4 of PLANTMATERIAL, IHS.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to multiple consignments of interior decorative panels made of dried plant material which is not compliant with the measures required by Part 3.4 of the import health standard (IHS) PLANTMATERIAL.IHS.

This CTO direction is valid until 1 May 2020 at which stage it must be reviewed, unless it is amended or revoked.