



## Register of Ministry for Primary Industries approved suppliers of pest identification services

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This register identifies MPI approved suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for pests and diseases associated with imported and export goods:

- **Imports** - [Suppliers of identification services for interceptions at the border](#)
- **Imports** - [Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for material in quarantine](#)
- **Plant Exports** - [Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for plant and plant product exports](#)
- **Animal Exports** - [Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for animal and animal product exports](#)

To report suspected exotic pests or diseases on plants in New Zealand, or recently imported goods, call the Ministry for Primary Industries hotline on **0800 80 99 66**.

Any changes to details included within this register should be directed to [plantimports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantimports@mpi.govt.nz).

### Table 1. Suppliers of identification services for interceptions at the border

Key:

**Invertebrates** – includes molluscs, insects, spiders, nematodes, and mites, ticks and fleas **(all animal mites, ticks, and fleas must be referred to MPI Plant Health & Environment Laboratory Tamaki or Christchurch)**

**Microorganisms** – includes bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroids, and phytoplasmas

Supplier	MPI Facility Code	Contact	Address	Scope of approval for diagnosis and/or identification
<b>AsureQuality National Seed Laboratory</b> PALMERSTON NORTH	901	Barbara Campbell <a href="mailto:Barbara.Campbell@asurequality.com">Barbara.Campbell@asurequality.com</a> Tel: 06 351 7940 Fax: 06 351 7907	Batchelor Agriculture Centre Dr Tennent Drive PO Box 609 Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of contaminant seed</li> <li>• Seed purity and germination testing</li> <li>• Inspection of pelleted seed (<b>samples up to and including 10kg</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>AsureQuality Pest Laboratory</b> AUCKLAND	952	John Keall <a href="mailto:John.Keall@asurequality.com">John.Keall@asurequality.com</a> Tel: 09 626 8260 Fax: 09 626 8270	131 Boundary Road Blockhouse Bay Auckland 0600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of interceptions on fresh produce, cut flowers, dried plant material, foodstuffs, nursery stock, seed, vehicles, and general cargo:</li> <li>• Invertebrates</li> </ul> <p><i><b>Weekend identification service for invertebrate border specimens.</b></i></p>

<b>New Zealand Seedlab</b> CHRISTCHURCH	2578	Decima McCloy or Mary Anne McErlane <a href="mailto:info@nzseedlab.co.nz">info@nzseedlab.co.nz</a> Tel: 03 342 8860 Fax: 03 342 8820	60 Ryans Rd PO Box 16101 Harwood, Christchurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of contaminant seed</li> <li>• Seed purity and germination testing</li> <li>• Inspection of pelleted seed (<b>samples up to and including 5kg only</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL)</b> TAMAKI	25509	<p><b>Invertebrates:</b> Sherly George <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717</p> <p>Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070</p> <p><b>Fungi, bacteria, nematodes:</b> Brett Alexander <a href="mailto:Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz">Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5724 / 029 909 5724</p> <p><b>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas, Liberibacter :</b> Catia Delmiglio <a href="mailto:Catia.Delmiglio@mpi.govt.nz">Catia.Delmiglio@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5735 / 029 909 5716</p> <p><b>Plant identifications:</b> Sathish Puthigae <a href="mailto:Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz">Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 952 6891 / 022 013 2390</p>	231 Morrin Road St. Johns PO Box 2095 Auckland 1140	<p>Identification of interceptions on all commodities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invertebrates (including all external animal parasites, e.g. mites, ticks and fleas)</li> <li>• Microorganisms</li> <li>• Mushroom spawn, truffles, and ergots</li> <li>• Identification of seed and plant material</li> </ul> <p><b>Send all invertebrate border specimens intercepted from Northland down to Tauranga to Tamaki (Auckland) lab.</b></p> <p><b>All invertebrate samples from below Tauranga must be sent to MPI Plant Health &amp; Environment Laboratory Christchurch.</b></p> <p><b>Weekend identification service for invertebrate border specimens.</b></p> <p>Contact - Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070</p> <p><b>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas, Liberibacter: Services include border fresh produce and seed testing, testing for quarantine, export certification and domestic high health schemes.</b></p>
<b>Supplier</b>	<b>MPI Facility Code</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Scope of approval for diagnosis and/or identification</b>
<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL)</b> CHRISTCHURCH	3473	Sherly George <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717	14 Sir William Pickering Drive Burnside PO Box 14018 Christchurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of interceptions on all commodities:</li> <li>• Invertebrates (including all external animal parasites, e.g. mites, ticks and fleas)</li> </ul> <p><b>Weekend identification service for invertebrate border specimens. Contact duty Entomologist- 029 943 3205</b></p>
<b>MPI Animal Health Laboratory</b> WALLACEVILLE	396	Richard Clough <a href="mailto:Richard.Clough@mpi.govt.nz">Richard.Clough@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 04 894 5619 / 029 894 5619	66 Ward Street Wallaceville Upper Hutt	<p>Identification of interceptions on all commodities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snakes</li> <li>• Amphibians</li> <li>• Reptiles</li> </ul> <p><b>Send all external animal parasites (e.g. mites, ticks, and fleas) to MPI Plant Health &amp; Environment Laboratory Tamaki or Christchurch.</b></p>

**Table 2. Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for material in quarantine**

Key:

**Invertebrates** – includes molluscs, insects, spiders, nematodes, and mites (**all animal mites, ticks, and fleas must be referred to MPI Plant Health & Environment Laboratory Tamaki or Christchurch**)

**Microorganisms** – includes bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroids and phytoplasmas

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MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) TAMAKI	25509	<p><b>Invertebrates:</b>                      Sherly George  <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a>                      Tel: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717</p> <p>Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070</p> <p><b>Fungi, bacteria, nematodes:</b>                      Brett Alexander  <a href="mailto:Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz">Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz</a>                      Tel: 09 909 5724 / 029 909 5724</p> <p><b>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas:</b>                      Catia Delmiglio  <a href="mailto:Catia.Delmiglio@mpi.govt.nz">Catia.Delmiglio@mpi.govt.nz</a>                      Tel: 09 909 5735</p>	231 Morrin Road St. Johns PO Box 2095 Auckland 1140	Identification of plant pests and diseases (including pre-determined testing) of nursery stock and germinated seed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invertebrates (including all external animal parasites, e.g. ticks, mites, and fleas)</li> <li>Microorganisms</li> </ul>
MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) CHRISTCHURCH	3473	<p>Sherly George  <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a>                      Tel: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717</p> <p>Duty Entomologist : 029 943 3205</p>	14 Sir William Pickering Drive Burnside PO Box 14018 Christchurch	Identification of plant pests of nursery stock and germinated seed for Invertebrates
MPI Animal Health Laboratory WALLACEVILLE	396	<p>Richard Clough  <a href="mailto:Richard.Clough@mpi.govt.nz">Richard.Clough@mpi.govt.nz</a>                      Tel: 04 894 5619 / 029 894 5619</p>	66 Ward Street Wallaceville Upper Hutt	Identification of interceptions on all commodities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snakes</li> <li>Amphibians</li> <li>Reptiles</li> </ul> <p><b>Send all external animal parasites (e.g. mites, ticks, and fleas) to MPI Plant Health &amp; Environment Laboratory Tamaki or Christchurch.</b></p>
Plant & Food Research PALMERSTON NORTH	5322	<p>Mary Horner  <a href="mailto:mary.horner@plantandfood.co.nz">mary.horner@plantandfood.co.nz</a>                      Tel: 06 975 8930</p>	Palmerston North Research Centre Fitzherbert Science Centre Tennent Drive Private Bag 11 600 Palmerston North 4442	Pre-determined testing of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Vitis</i> (grape) nursery stock by herbaceous indexing and woody indexing</li> <li><i>Actinidia</i> (kiwifruit) nursery stock and seed by herbaceous indexing and RT-PCR for <i>Apple stem grooving virus</i></li> <li>Herbaceous indexing for all crops requiring pre-determined testing while in post entry quarantine.</li> </ul>

**Table 3. Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for plant and plant product exports**

**Key:**

**Invertebrates** – includes molluscs, insects, spiders, nematodes, and mites

**Microorganisms** – includes bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroids, and phytoplasmas

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<b>AsureQuality National Seed Laboratory</b> PALMERSTON NORTH	EO-PIR-2006-1110	Barbara Campbell <a href="mailto:Barbara.Campbell@asurequality.com">Barbara.Campbell@asurequality.com</a> Tel: 06 351 7940 Fax: 06 351 7907	Batchelor Agriculture Centre Dr Tennent Drive PO Box 609 Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of contaminant seed</li> <li>• Seed purity and germination testing</li> </ul>
<b>AsureQuality Pest Laboratory</b> AUCKLAND	SO-PIR-2006-1106	John Keall <a href="mailto:John.Keall@asurequality.com">John.Keall@asurequality.com</a> Tel: 09 626 8260 Fax: 09 626 8270	131 Boundary Road Blockhouse Bay Auckland 0600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invertebrates – entomology and nematology</li> </ul>
<b>AsureQuality Plant Health Laboratory</b> LINCOLN	SO-PIR-2006-1111	Rouke Bakker <a href="mailto:BakkerR@asurequality.com">BakkerR@asurequality.com</a> Tel: 03 358 1720 Fax: 03 325 7088	South Drive, Lincoln University PO Box 6, Lincoln 7647	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invertebrates – nematode identification on seeds only</li> <li>• Microorganisms – plant and seed pathology; virology (ELISA testing for viruses using commercial kits)</li> </ul>
<b>Hill Laboratories</b> HAMILTON		Eilidh Mowat Tel: 07 848 9070 0508 44 555 22 <a href="mailto:eilidh.mowat@hill-labs.co.nz">eilidh.mowat@hill-labs.co.nz</a>	28 Duke Street, Private Bag 3205 Hamilton 3420	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing of Kiwifruit budwood for Psa</li> </ul>
<b>New Zealand Seedlab</b> CHRISTCHURCH	SO-PIR-2006-1112	Decima McCloy or Mary Anne McErlane <a href="mailto:info@nzseedlab.co.nz">info@nzseedlab.co.nz</a> Tel: 03 342 8860 Fax: 03 342 8820	60 Ryans Rd PO Box 16101 Harwood Christchurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of contaminant seed (provisional)</li> <li>• Seed purity and germination testing (provisional)</li> </ul>
<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL)</b> TAMAKI	155-04-03 ISO 17025	<b>Invertebrates:</b> Sherly George <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070  <b>Fungi, bacteria, nematodes:</b> Brett Alexander <a href="mailto:Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz">Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5724 / 029 909 5724	231 Morrin Road St. Johns PO Box 2095 Auckland 1140	<p>Identification of interceptions on all commodities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invertebrates – entomology</li> <li>• Microorganisms – plant and seed pathology; virology</li> </ul>

		<b>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas:</b> Catia Delmiglio <a href="mailto:Catia.Delmiglio@mpi.govt.nz">Catia.Delmiglio@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5735 / 029 909 5716		
<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL)</b> CHRISTCHURCH	155-04-03 ISO 17025	Sherly George <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Tel: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717  Duty Entomologist: 029 943 3205	14 Sir William Pickering Drive Burnside PO Box 14018 Christchurch	Identification of interceptions on all commodities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invertebrates – entomology</li> </ul>
<b>Plant &amp; Food Research</b> LINCOLN	SO-PIR-2006-1105	Dr Hayley Ridgway <a href="mailto:hayley.ridgway@plantandfood.co.nz">hayley.ridgway@plantandfood.co.nz</a> Tel: 03 325 6400	Canterbury Agricultural Centre Gerald Street Lincoln Private Bag 4704 Christchurch Mail Centre Christchurch 8140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invertebrates – nematology</li> <li>Microorganisms – PCR testing for 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' only</li> </ul>
<b>Seed Tech Services</b> PALMERSTON NORTH	SO-PIR-2011-1439	Ruth G Morrison <a href="mailto:r.g.morrison@massey.ac.nz">r.g.morrison@massey.ac.nz</a> Tel: 06 350 5123	Institute of Natural Resources Massey University University Ave Private Bag 11 222 Palmerston North 4442	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of contaminant seed</li> <li>Seed purity and germination testing</li> </ul>

**Table 4. Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for animal and animal product exports**

Click here to view a list of [laboratories approved to undertake export testing](#) for animals and animal products.