



Requirements and guidance for exporters of Queensland fruit fly host material

Guidance:

- Refer to the Queensland fruit fly section on the MPI website <http://www.mpi.govt.nz> for current information about the response.
- Please ensure these requirements and the following documents are reviewed regularly as they may be updated without notice.
 - [Frequently asked questions](#)
 - [Export restriction zone map](#)
 - [Queensland fruit fly host material](#)
- MPI has implemented a compulsory Export Restriction Zone (ERZ) with a 3.5 km radius around the detection sites.
- The ERZ is a defined zone from which Queensland fruit fly host material cannot be harvested, packed or stored. Note – this incorporates the Controlled Area (Zones A and B).
- MPI is continuing to issue export phytosanitary certification for all eligible host material that has been harvested, packed and stored outside of the ERZ.
- Phytosanitary certificates for host material should be requested as early as possible, and preferably before departing New Zealand. This enables MPI to identify host material and provide advice to exporters if importing countries' requirements change. Extra time should also be allowed for verification and issuance of certificates as additional requirements mean this process may take longer than usual.
- MPI does not guarantee acceptance of your consignment by the importing country.

A. Transit requirements for exporters of host material

These requirements apply to the MPI 3.5 km ERZ and are in addition to the Controlled Area requirements that apply in the A and B zones. Exporters must also comply with the supplementary requirements of any importing country. For these requirements, please refer to the country specific ICPR and if necessary, check with your Independent Verification Agency (IVA).

1. To retain its eligibility for export certification; host material for export must be pest-proofed whenever it transits the MPI 3.5 km ERZ.
2. Security seals must be applied to the packages, pallets or containers as appropriate following phytosanitary inspection for host material whenever it transits the MPI 3.5 km ERZ.
3. Host material transiting the MPI 3.5 km ERZ that requires export phytosanitary certification must comply with the following pest-proofing requirements. This applies to host material at any stage of the export pathway, including material transiting before and after phytosanitary inspection. Export host material transiting the MPI 3.5 km ERZ must:
 - a. be harvested, packed and stored outside the ERZ;
 - b. be fully enclosed and have intact pest-proofing with no gap greater than 1.6mm along the diagonal axis; and
 - c. have intact security seals.
4. A movement control permit may also be required to transit the Controlled Area. Information on permitting and movement controls is available on the MPI website www.mpi.govt.nz
5. Compliance with these requirements must be validated by an IVA or MPI Approved Organisation (MAO) as per the pre-approved procedures available from your nominated IVA.

Disclaimer: This information is accurate at the time and date of issue. It is subject to change as new information comes to light.



Requesting phytosanitary certification

To request MPI phytosanitary certification for host material that has transited the MPI 3.5 km ERZ, exporters must:

- a. provide documented evidence of compliance with the pest-proofing requirements from their IVA or MAO;
- b. provide documented evidence confirming the locations outside the ERZ where host material has been harvested, packed and stored from their IVA or MAO; and
- c. declare under “Additional Information (Not Printed On Certificate) Observations”:

“This host material has been harvested, packed and stored outside the (insert distance in km[^]) Export Restriction Zone. It has been pest proofed as required when transiting through the Export Restriction Zone”.

[^] The relevant ERZ for the importing country e.g. 3.5 km

Please note that this declaration may be superseded by any country specific requirements.

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Examples of compliant pest-proofing include:

- closed packages with no ventilation openings;
- plastic bags/polyliners with an overlap of at least 120 mm to create a pest-proof seal inside outer packaging;
- pallets or bins completely enclosed within pest-proof wrap or mesh with a maximum gap of 1.6 mm;
- sea containers with six hard sides, intact rubber door seals and pest-proofed vents and drains;
- fully enclosed conveyances free from gaps or other entry points greater than 1.6 mm.

Examples of compliant security seals include:

- tamper evident sealing label;
- tamper evident sealing tape;
- tamper proof or tamper evident container door seal.

B. Non-transit requirements for exporters of host material

1. Host material that requires export phytosanitary certification NOT transiting the MPI 3.5 km ERZ must comply with the following requirements. Exporters must also comply with any additional requirements of the importing country. Export host material must be:
 - a. harvested, packed and stored outside the applicable ERZ;
 - b. transported outside the applicable ERZ; and
 - c. verified as having been transported outside the applicable ERZ by receiving organisations
2. Compliance with these requirements must be validated by an IVA or MAO as per the pre-approved procedures available from your nominated IVA.

Requesting phytosanitary certification

To request MPI phytosanitary certification for host material NOT transiting through the ERZ, exporters must:

- a. provide documented evidence from their IVA or MAO confirming that the host material has been harvested, packed and stored outside the applicable ERZ; and
- b. declare under “Additional Information (Not Printed On Certificate) Observations”:

“This host material has been harvested, packed and stored outside the [insert distance in km[^]] Export Restriction Zone, and has not transited through this Export Restriction Zone”

[^] The relevant ERZ for the importing country e.g. 3.5 km

Please note that this declaration can be superseded by any country specific requirements.

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