

MPI considers that seeds sourced from a production area where the parent plants have been sampled and tested and found to be free from CGMMV provides a similar level of assurance to 'Pest Free Area' (PFA) and seed lot testing.

This measure was one of the proposed measures to mitigate the risk of entry of CGMMV in the revised schedule for *Cucurbitaceae* seeds which was consulted in March and April this year, and is intended to be published when the IHS is re-issued this calendar year.

A permit to import will be issued specifying the accepted Additional Declaration which may be endorsed on the phytosanitary Certificate for *Cucurbita pepo* and *Cucurbita moschata* seed exported from the USA by Hybrid seeds.

The permit to import will be a single issue permit, and include the following statement:

1. The goods imported under this permit to import must be accompanied with a phytosanitary certificate issued by the USDA endorsing the following additional declaration:

'The seeds have been sourced from a production area where the parent plants have been sampled according to a NPPO approved methodology and tested using the International Seed Test Association (ISTA) validated ELISA method, or a NPPO approved PCR method, during the active growing period and found to be free from CGMMV'.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you accept the proposal described below.

1. That growing season testing of parent plants is considered equivalent to seed lot testing for the management of the risk of CGMMV in *Cucurbita* seeds for sowing, exported by Hybrid Seeds in the USA.

AGREE / DISAGREE

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