

# Request for the Development of an Import Health Standard

(Processed Plant and Forestry Products)

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua



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## Filling in your application form:

- A separate form is required for each commodity.
- You must complete ALL questions or mark the question as not applicable. This information is essential for the prioritisation of your request. If all questions are not completed, the application will not be processed.  
MPI does not have the resources to investigate or do research on your behalf. You should assume that MPI does not know the information unless you tell us. However, unsubstantiated claims will carry little weight. Please include references for facts wherever possible, such as published scientific articles. Supplementary information may be attached to the application form.
- Email the completed application to [plantimports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantimports@mpi.govt.nz)
- Questions regarding this application should be directed to plant imports at the above email address or by calling 0800 008 333.

## Once we have received your application:

- MPI will acknowledge receipt of your application.
- MPI will prioritise your request and you will be advised of the result.
- If your request can be prioritised for the work programme based on self funding, you will be contacted.
- The import health standard work programme will be published at the following website:  
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/ihs/request#making>

## Confidential information:

- Under the Official Information Act 1982 MPI is required to consider all requests to release information. However, MPI may withhold information where it is considered confidential or commercially sensitive.
- Some of the questions on this form may require applicants to provide sensitive information. If you consider that the information you give is commercially sensitive or is given in confidence and should not be released by MPI, please give your reasons below (Please note that MPI will release the annual work programme and the resulting risk analyses and import health standards).

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## Contact details of Importer

1. Name of company or individual

Contact person

Postal address

Email address

Telephone no.




## Country of origin

2. Location(s) that the product is grown or collected, processed or packaged (e.g. country, state or region).

3. Name and contact details for government officials of the exporting country(s).

## Description of intended consignment

4. Please complete the table by providing details of the product and describe its state, specifying whether the product is listed in the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

Common or product name	Scientific name (genus and species)	Description of processing (e.g. cooked, dried, frozen, irradiated)	CITES (Yes/No)

5. Specify the intended end use of the product (e.g. commercial sale, research).

6. Provide contact details of the authority in the exporting country responsible for official inspection and certification<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> MPI recommends importers contact the relevant Ministry in the exporting country regarding their request. This Ministry will be required to provide information during the development of the import health standard.



7. Outline the pest or disease management, disease testing procedures or quality systems used in the country of origin to produce this product.

8. Describe whether the procedures or systems outlined in question 7 come under a certified scheme or whether the raw materials come from an accredited source.

9. Describe any treatments used to render the commodity sterile e.g. heat treatment, filtration, acid or alkali treatment, irradiation, long term maturation. Please ensure you include relevant parameters (e.g. internal temperature, pH level, radiation dose) and the time the product is maintained at these levels.

### Background information

10. If MPI has issued any permits to you for a similar product, please provide the permit number(s) or the date that the last permit was issued and a description of the product.



## Prioritisation

11. What technical information has been published that would assist MPI to assess the biosecurity risks resulting from importing this product and developing the import health standards? For example, published risk assessments, international codes or standards, peer reviewed articles, findings of research projects. Please attach copies of relevant documents or reference sources.

12. Can the government of the exporting country provide a list of pests and diseases that are associated with the product and are known to be present in their country?

13. What commercial benefits would there be to New Zealand if this product were imported (in terms of quality and price)? Please quantify if possible.

14. Is the product required as an input into another industry(s)? If so, please outline this input and the economic significance of the other industry(s).

15. What is your expected volume or value of trade? Within 12 months and over the longer term?



16. What benefits would there be to New Zealand if this product were imported (e.g. economic, social or cultural, environmental or human health)? Who would benefit and how? Please quantify if possible.

17. Do you anticipate public concern over the requested import health standard? If so, why? How would you counter these concerns?

### Funding

Crown funding is allocated to the applications that are ranked as having the highest priority. When Crown-funding has been fully allocated, applicants who have indicated that they are willing to fund development themselves will be offered that option, in order of priority and provided suitable resources can be found to perform the work.

18. If you were given the option, would you be willing to fund development of the import health standard you are requesting?

### Please check that you have:

- Completed all questions or marked not applicable.
- Attached any supporting documents.