

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



CTO Direction to MPI Inspector for equivalent measures in relation to biosecurity clearance of *Zea mays* seed

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTODir:20160075

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I [redacted], acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer authority, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for measures, different from those required in sections 2.82.1 of the import health standard IHS 155.02.06: *Seeds for sowing*, that may be applied for biosecurity clearance of the consignment of *Zea mays* parent seeds, imported by Genetic Technologies under the phytosanitary certificate 7875237:

- (a) That this consignment of *Zea mays* seeds containing the seed lots E6Z (lot 17671); 106S2 (lot 17674) and 8GJ (lot 17756) be tested in New Zealand for the following pathogens: *Acidovorax avenae subsp. avenae* (bacterial blight), *High plain virus* and *Sugarcane mosaic virus*.
- (b) A representative sample of 3400 seeds from each lot, officially drawn according to ISTA methodology, must be tested for the presence of and found free from the named regulated bacteria *Acidovorax avenae subsp. avenae* and virus *High plain virus* and *Sugarcane mosaic virus*.
- (c) All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.06: *Seeds for sowing* for *Zea* seeds from approved countries must also be complied with.
- (d) The equivalent measures in (a), (b) and (c) above will be set out in the Special Conditions section of the permit to import in the following manner:

EQUIVALENCE (MPI reference number: CTODir:20160075)

Equivalence is granted to Genetic Technologies, to import *Zea mays* seeds (identified in this Permit to Import) from Australia under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The goods imported under this permit to import must have a representative sample of 3400 seeds officially drawn from each lot according to ISTA methodology, and the sample must be tested for the presence of, and found free from, the named regulated bacteria *Acidovorax avenae subsp. avenae*, and viruses *High plain virus* and *Sugarcane mosaic virus* prior to biosecurity clearance. The sampling and testing must be carried out on arrival in New Zealand, while the consignment of seeds are held in the transitional facility. This measure is equivalent to the requirements in sections 2.82.1 of the IHS 155.02.06: *Seeds for sowing* to have the seeds tested offshore and found to be free from these bacteria and viruses."

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and applies only to the consignment accompanying this permit.

This direction is valid for 6 months from the date of signing of this direction.

[Signature]
Acting Manager Import & Export (Plants) Group
Acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer authority

Date: 18/11/16.

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