

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DROSOPHILA SPECIES INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM APPROVED COUNTRIES

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation of specified *Drosophila* species (see section 5) into New Zealand from approved countries.

2. PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation of *Drosophila* spp. into New Zealand from approved countries.

2.2 Authorisation, in the form of biosecurity clearance, for the importation of *Drosophila* spp. into New Zealand from approved countries will be given at the border after verification that the conditions of this import health standard have been met by the importer.

3. INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER

3.1 Each consignment must be accompanied by an original certificate signed by the Director/Manager of the institution providing the culture:

3.1.1 identifying that only approved species of *Drosophila* are being shipped,

3.1.2 certifying that the invertebrates are in good health and free from mites, and pathogenic organisms,

3.1.3 certifying that the culture medium is free of pathogenic organisms.

4. REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

The import health standard may be reviewed and amended if there are changes in the New Zealand's import policy, or animal health status of the originating country, or for any reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

The following species are approved for importation:

Drosophila melanogasta, *D. funebris*, *D. hydei*, *D. simulans* and *D. mauritiana*.

The following countries are approved:

Australia, Canada, European Union, Finland, Israel, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America,

6. PACKAGING

Each consignment must be packaged in such a manner so as to prevent the escape of any of the invertebrates or associated material.

7. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 7.1 **The package containing the invertebrates is not to be opened**, but is to be inspected by the New Zealand Quarantine Service.
- 7.2 Material in a broken, leaking or permeable container must be destroyed or reshipped from the port of entry.
- 7.3 A biosecurity clearance shall be given if the consignment is accompanied by the Director/Manager's declaration.

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