

Definitions and Abbreviations – Seed for Sowing

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Active ingredient.

Basic

The basic conditions with which all consignments of seed must comply, unless their import conditions are covered by a schedule of special conditions.

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

Authority responsible for administering the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

Fleshy Fruit

Any fruit (matured ovary) that is succulent or semi-succulent e.g. a berry, drupe, pome.

Genetically Modified Organism (as defined by the HSNO Act 1996)

Any organism in which any of the genes or any other genetic material:

- a. has been modified by *in-vitro* techniques; or
- b. is inherited or otherwise derived, through any number of replications, from any genes or other genetic material which has been modified by *in-vitro* techniques.

Import Health Standard (IHS)

A statement approved under section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 by a chief technical officer of the conditions that must, if an import is to be made, be met in the country of origin or export, during transit, during importation and quarantine, and after introduction.

Inspector

Inspector under the Biosecurity Act (1993).

ISTA

International Seed Testing Association.

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

International Plant Protection Convention, as deposited with FAO in Rome in 1951 and as subsequently amended [FAO, 1990]

International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)

An international standard adopted by the Conference of FAO, the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures or the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, established under the IPPC [CEPM, 1996; revised CEPM, 1999]

Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 Post-Entry Quarantine

A system of post entry quarantine screening whereby seed is grown under certain specified conditions on a property approved to the MPI operational standard [PBC-NZ-TRA-PQCON](#).

MPI

The New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (formerly the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry).

Maximum Pest Limit (MPL)

The maximum level of infestation/contamination allowed within a consignment.

National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO)

Official service established by Government to discharge the functions specified by the IPPC. [FAO, 1990; formerly Plant Protection Organisation (National)].

Pelleted Seed

Seed encased in a man-made nutritive or protective covering.

Permit (Permit to Import)

A Permit to Import issued by MPI that specifies the conditions under which a particular commodity may be imported into New Zealand.

Pest

Any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal or pathogenic agent injurious to plants or plant products [FAO, 1990; revised FAO, 1995; IPPC, 1997]

Note: For the purpose of this standard “pest” includes an organism sometimes associated with the pathway, which poses a risk to human or animal or plant life or health (SPS Article 2).

Pest free area

An area in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained [FAO, 1995]

Pest free place of production

Place of production in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained for a defined period [ISPM Pub. No. 10, 1999]

Phytosanitary Certificate

The certificate is issued by the exporting country's NPPO, in accordance with the requirements of the IPPC, to verify that the requirements of the relevant import health standard have been met. The certificate must follow the pattern set out in the model phytosanitary certificate, ISPM Pub. No. 12, “Guidelines for phytosanitary certificate”.

Pre-Germinated Seed

Seed with only the radicle (embryonic root) emerged.

Quarantine Pests (Regulated Organisms)

Quarantine pests (regulated organisms) are those pests (organisms) for which phytosanitary actions would be undertaken if they were intercepted/detected. These

include new organisms as defined by the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

SAC

Seed Analysis Certificate.

Seed

A unit of reproduction used for sowing. This includes spores but excludes vegetative propagules.