## CHANGES TO MPI PLANT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT LABORATORY COSTS

(Effective from 1 February 2012)

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Plant Health & Environment Laboratory (PHEL) provides diagnostic testing services for importers and exporters of plants and plant products where these are not available from other providers. The test prices have been set following an analysis of MPI's costs to provide these services.

PHEL has increased its charges for diagnostic testing by adjusting its prices in line with inflation. The aim of these adjustments is to ensure that charges remain fair and equitable while fully recovering the cost of testing.

As a result, charges for PHEL diagnostic testing services changed on 1 February 2012.

See over for schedule of charges.

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TEST TYPE	First Sample \$ excl GST	Additional sample \$ excl GS
Invertebrates, eg fruit fly		
Identification of 1 invertebrate	125	12
Identification of 2 invertebrates	200	20
Identification of 3 or more invertebrates	265	26
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	105	-
- PCR test	50	1
Sequencing (direct)	100	3
Sequencing (cloned product)	390	26
Nematodes, e.g. Bursaphelenchus xylophilus	000	
Identification of nematodes	275	27
Fungi, e.g. Monilinia fructigena	210	Z.
Diagnosis of fungal diseases	370	37
Screening for fungal diseases (negative results)	65	(
Seed wash test (inc. microscopic examination)	235	17
	200	20
Ganoderma testing	435	3.
Seed plate test		
Selective plating	50	
Selective plating – morphological identification	70	•
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	105	:
- PCR test	50	
Sequencing (direct)	100	
Sequencing (cloned product)	390	2
Bacteria, e.g. Xylella fastidiosa		
Diagnosis of bacterial diseases	565	5
Screening for bacterial diseases (negative results)	65	
Seed wash test	60	
Selective plating	55	:
Biochemical testing (e.g. Biolog, staining)	80	
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	105	
- PCR test	50	
Sequencing (direct)	100	
Sequencing (cloned product)	390	2
Phytoplasmas, e.g. Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma		
PCR – nucleic acid extraction	105	
– PCR test	75	
/iruses, viroids and virus-like organisms, e.g. <i>Plum pox virus</i>		
Diagnosis of viral diseases (inc. negative results)	525	5
Electron microscopy	75	
Bioassay – mechanical inoculation	165	
- woody grafting (e.g. <i>Fragaria, Ipomoea</i> )*	185	1
for other species contact peqtesting@mpi.govt.nz for a quotation		
ELISA	210	
PCR - nucleic acid extraction	105	
- RT-PCR test	90	
Sequencing (direct)	100	
Sequencing (cloned product)	390	2
Provision of PEQ space (per cultivar, per month; max 10 plants per cultivar)	265	2
Sample handling		
Packaging and handling for subcontracted tests (exc. transport)	40	
Transport for subcontracted tests (e.g. courier)	Actual	Actual
Other activities, e.g. technical advice (per hour)	105	1