



Ref: CTO 2016 048 [G] Invertebrates: *Amblydromalus limonicus* ('Limonica') as a biocontrol agent

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of Limonica (containing *Amblydromalus limonicus* and *Carpoglyphus lactis*) from The Netherlands

Replaces CTO direction(s): CTO 2016 026 [G]

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for Limonica (containing *Amblydromalus limonicus* and *Carpoglyphus lactis*), manufactured by Koppert BV in The Netherlands, to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for the importation of invertebrates into New Zealand (INVNONIC.ALL):

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 of INVNONIC.ALL state:

- 11.1 *Following biosecurity authorisation being given, the container must proceed to the approved registered transitional facility which must be operated according to the MAF Standard 154.02.08: Transitional and containment facility for invertebrates.*
- 11.2 *On arrival in the transitional facility the culture must be subjected to such disease testing, identity confirmation, treatments or procedures as required by the permit to import, the MAF Standard 154.02.08 and the Animal Imports/Exports Group Manager.*

The product Limonica (containing *Amblydromalus limonicus* (also known as *Typhlodromalus limonicus*) and *Carpoglyphus lactis* (a food source for *A. limonicus* during importation)) does not need to be imported into a transitional facility approved to, and operating under, 154.02.18 (Transitional and Containment Facilities for Invertebrates) if the following requirements are met:

- The importation of the product is accompanied by a validated import permit; and
- The importation of the product is accompanied by a document signed by The Netherlands Competent Authority that verifies the following:
 - a) The biological control agents in the consignment described below are destined for biological control.
 - b) The breeding systems consist of strictly controlled processes (laboratory like conditions) and that there is no mixture with other species in the rearing systems.
 - c) The identity of the organisms in this consignment is in accordance with the identity as indicated.
 - d) The consignment is considered to be healthy and free from EU quarantine organism.

- e) Predatory mite products may contain prey mites which serve as food during transport. Identity and purity of these mites is also guaranteed.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. Advice was received from the Science and Risk Assessment Directorate.

Clause 5.2

Clause 5.2 of INVNONIC.ALL states:

5.2 *A permit to import will be issued for multiple consignments for a period of up to six months.*

Due to timeframes of importation, import permits relating to this commodity will be issued for a period of up to eight months.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.