

## LEGAL

A CTO decision is required, under section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act, to give directions or guidelines to the MPI Inspector that certain measures, different from those set out in the current IHS, be applied to manage the risks set out in the IHS to enable biosecurity clearance.

## DECISION

It is recommended that the following declaration on the phytosanitary certificate be accepted as equivalent to the current required action and declaration listed in the 'Importation of Coco peat and Coir fibre Products' standard:

'The coco peat has been randomly sampled and tested by a grow-out test showing freedom from viable seeds'

Due to the following factors:

- Importers had queried the interpretation of 1% sampling indicating that the requirements of the standard are not clear.
- MPI had acknowledged that 1% sampling was impractical and had indicated to importers that there were plans to remove the 1% sampling requirement from the Group A sampling conditions.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you accept the proposal described below.

That you accept the following recommendations:

1. That the following additional declaration should be endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate and be accepted as equivalent to the declaration currently required in the Importation of Coco peat and Coir Fibre products: 'The coco peat consignment has been randomly sampled and tested by a grow-out test showing freedom from viable seeds'.

AGREED / NOT AGREED

2. That any mention of 1% sampling be removed from the standard as soon as practicable

AGREED / NOT AGREED

Team Manager – Plant and Forestry Imports  
Acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer authority

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