



## Auckland fruit fly 2019 –Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This document has been developed to provide answers to questions asked by exporters and freight forwarders of fruit fly host material. It should be read in conjunction with the Requirements and Guidance for the export of fruit fly host material; specific importing country requirements and if necessary, exporters should seek advice from their Independent Verification Agency (IVA).

### 1. Where can I find the most up-to-date information?

Up-to-date information about the response can be found on the Biosecurity New Zealand website at the following link:

[www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly)

### 2. Where can I find a list of fruit fly host material?

The full list of fruit fly host material can be found by following the link here:

[www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32983-host-list-for-fruit-and-vegetables-retailers-qff-feb-2019](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32983-host-list-for-fruit-and-vegetables-retailers-qff-feb-2019)

### 3. Where can I find maps of the Controlled Area and the Export Restriction Zone (ERZ)?

Maps of the Controlled Areas can be found on the Biosecurity New Zealand website under 'Find out if you're in the Controlled Area'.

The map of the 3.2 km Northcote ERZ can be found on the Biosecurity New Zealand website under 'Export Restriction Zone Map'.

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### 4. What is the difference between a Controlled Area and an ERZ?

The purpose of the Controlled Area is to enforce movement controls of all host material and implement other measures under the Biosecurity Act 1993 as necessary to eradicate fruit fly. All fruit fly host material, domestic and for export, is subject to the movement controls set out in the Controlled Area Notice. An MPI ERZ is a defined zone from which fruit fly host material intended for export cannot be harvested, packed or stored.

### 5. How do the requirements for transiting the Controlled Area differ from ERZ requirements?

The requirements for transiting the Controlled Area can be found on the Controlled Area Notice, which is available on the Biosecurity New Zealand website. A permit may be required. To get advice or apply for a permit call the 0800 80 99 66 (MPI Pest and Disease hot line). You will be prompted to dial 2 for Fruit Fly Response.

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Host material for export transiting the MPI 3.2 km ERZ must meet pest-proofing requirements to be eligible for export phytosanitary certification. Exporters sending to some specific markets may also need to meet additional requirements specified by the importing country.

Note: the Controlled Area is at the centre of the ERZ and any export host material transiting the Controlled Area is subject to both sets of requirements.

**6. Is a permit required for transit?**

If the host material transits through the centre of the 3.2 km MPI ERZ that is also the Controlled Area, then the Controlled Area requirements (including permit requirements) apply. If the host material transits an area outside the Controlled Area; permit requirements do NOT apply. Refer to question 5.

**7. Is a permit required to be eligible for export certification?**

No. A permit is not required for export certification.

**8. Can the host material be exported if it has been harvested, packed or stored within the MPI 3.2 ERZ?**

No, this product is not eligible for export to fruit fly sensitive markets.

Note: Fruit fly sensitive markets are those which list *Bacterocera* sp. (whole genus), *Bacterocera tryoni* as a quarantine pest, or have specified requirements for managing the phytosanitary risk associated with fruit fly.

**9. Can the host material be exported if it has been harvested, packed or stored outside the MPI 3.2 km ERZ?**

Yes, this product is eligible for export.

**10. Can the host material be exported if it has been harvested, packed or stored outside the 3.2 km ERZ but it has transited this zone?**

Yes, this product is eligible for export, as long as it has been appropriately pest-proofed when transiting the zone.

**11. When is pest-proofing required?**

To retain its eligibility for export certification; all host material for export to fruit fly sensitive markets that transits the MPI 3.2 km ERZ must be pest-proofed. Importing countries may have additional requirements and exporters should refer to the country specific Importing Country Phytosanitary Requirements (ICPR) and seek advice from their IVA if necessary.

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12. Is pest-proofing needed for host material going from the grower or storage facility to the packhouse?

Yes. To retain its eligibility for export certification, host material for export must be pest-proofed whenever it transits the MPI 3.2 km ERZ. This applies at any stage of the export pathway including host material transiting the ERZ before and after phytosanitary inspection.

13. Where can I find information on pest proofing requirements?

The pest-proofing requirements can be found in the Requirements and Guidance document on the Biosecurity New Zealand website:

<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/33208-requirements-and-guidance-for-the-export-of-fruit-fly-host-material>.

Exporters sending to some specific markets may also need to meet additional requirements specified by the importing country. Importing countries may have additional requirements and exporters should refer to the country specific Importing Country Phytosanitary Requirements (ICPR) and seek advice from their IVA if necessary.

14. What is the status of export host material that has transited the MPI ERZ (3.2 km) without meeting the pest-proofing requirements before phytosanitary inspection?

Any host material that transits an ERZ, at any stage, without pest-proofing is NOT eligible for export phytosanitary certification for fruit fly sensitive markets.

15. Are there any other options for exporting host material that has gone through the 3.2 km ERZ without pest-proofing?

All host material intended for export to fruit fly sensitive markets must be pest-proofed when transiting the 3.2 km ERZs. Host material that is not pest-proofed when transiting these zones becomes ineligible for export phytosanitary certification to fruit-fly sensitive markets.

16. Does the pallet have to be pest-proofed (e.g. wrapped) if the individual trays or packs have been pest-proofed?

No, the host material in the trays is already pest-proofed. It does not require additional pest-proofing.

17. Can a pest-proofed pallet be transported on the same truck as a non pest-proofed pallet?

Yes, provided that the pest-proofing remains intact. Only the pest-proofed pallets will be eligible for certification to fruit fly sensitive markets.

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18. What do I need to do to the base and tops of pallets that are being pest-proofed by shrink-wrapping?

Pallets or bins must be completely enclosed, including the top and bottom with pest-proof wrap or mesh with a maximum gap of 1.6mm. This must remain intact during movement of the pallet.

19. Can pest proofing be removed inside the ERZ?

No, removing the pest-proofing inside the ERZ will mean that the host material is not eligible for export to fruit fly sensitive markets.

20. How will I know if the ERZ changes?

The MPI 3.2 km ERZ will be updated to reflect any new fruit fly detections. Please check the website regularly. You can find the latest map on the Export Requirements section of the web page (refer to Question 3).

21. Who do I contact for further assistance?

In the first instance, contact your IVA. If your IVA is unable to assist please contact the Plant Exports team at [FF.Feb2019.Market\\_Access@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:FF.Feb2019.Market_Access@mpi.govt.nz)

22. What additional declarations are required in relation to fruit fly?

An additional declaration on the phytosanitary certificate is only used if required by the importing country. Check the ICPR of the intended market for additional declarations and any other requirements before moving host material intended for export and before requesting phytosanitary certification.

However, additional information is required to obtain a phytosanitary certificate relating to transit through the ERZ. Refer to: <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/33208-requirements-and-guidance-for-the-export-of-fruit-fly-host-material>

23. If my export host material has been grown, packed and stored outside the MPI 3.2 km ERZ and has not transited it, do I need to do anything?

Yes. Additional information is required to obtain a phytosanitary certificate confirming the material has not transited through the ERZ. Refer to:

<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/33208-requirements-and-guidance-for-the-export-of-fruit-fly-host-material>.

To fully understand the requirements you should also refer the ICPR for your intended market.

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24. If I'm sending product to a country that doesn't require phytosanitary certification, what conditions do I need to comply with for fruit fly host material?

There are no additional export requirements for fruit fly host material destined for export to a country that does not require phytosanitary certification. Note: fruit fly host material must still meet all relevant Controlled Area requirements.

25. What requirements apply if I am re-exporting fruit fly host material imported into NZ?

If you are aware of host material coming into New Zealand which will be re-exported and requires transit through the MPI 3.2 km ERZ, you must ensure it complies with the pest-proofing requirements. Host material that is imported into New Zealand (e.g. via Ports of Auckland) and transits the MPI 3.2 km RZ without pest-proofing is not eligible for re-export phytosanitary certification (for fruit fly sensitive markets).

26. Will the radius of the ERZ be the same for all importing countries?

Importing countries may have different requirements; refer to the relevant ICPR and ask your IVA what applies for your intended export market. When an importing country imposes different requirements, this will be communicated to exporters through the country specific ICPR and through the IVA.

27. Can the size of the ERZ change?

The size of the ERZ may change depending on the location(s) of new fruit fly detections. The ERZ map on the MPI website ([www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly)) is the current ERZ.

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