

**CTO Direction to MPI Inspector
Biosecurity clearance of non-compliant consignment/s**

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Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, ; give the following directions for consignments of *Malus* and *Prunus* dormant budwood from the approved offshore facility Washington State University to be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by the schedule of special conditions for *Malus* and *Prunus* in the import health standard (IHS) 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock.

- That the herbaceous indicators at Washington State University (WSU), as specified in the agreement between MPI and WSU for *Malus* and *Prunus* dormant cuttings, can be considered as equivalent to those required by the IHS. Herbaceous indexing will not be required while the plants in post entry quarantine in New Zealand.
- That the woody indicators at Washington State University (WSU), as specified in the agreement between MPI and WSU for *Prunus* dormant cuttings, can be considered as equivalent to those required by the IHS. Woody indexing will not be required while the plants in post entry quarantine in New Zealand.
- Only material which has been tested at WSU in accordance with their Standard Operating Procedure and has been granted release from their programme by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is eligible for import into New Zealand under the agreement with MPI. The WSDA certifies that the plant material to be exported to New Zealand has been tested in accordance with the agreement on the phytosanitary certificate.

To note: prior to issuance of a permit to import, MPI also check a testing history provided by WSU for each accession (variety) to ensure that testing on the indicators required by the agreement has occurred.

All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock, schedule for special conditions for *Malus* and *Prunus* must be complied with.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to multiple consignments of *Malus* and *Prunus* dormant budwood from the approved offshore facility Washington State University which are not compliant with the measures required by the schedule of special conditions for *Malus* and *Prunus* in the import health standard (IHS) 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock.

This CTO direction is valid until the agreement between MPI and WSU for *Malus* and *Prunus* dormant budwood is next updated, at which stage it must be reviewed, unless it is amended or revoked.

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Plant, Food & Environment Directorate

Date:

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