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A CTO may give direction, under section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, that measures, different from those set out in the IHS, may be applied to effectively manage the risks set out in the IHS. An inspector may then give biosecurity clearance to the goods in accordance with section 27(1)(d).

DECISION

That a permit to import may be issued which details equivalent phytosanitary requirements for chips, staves and other wood used in wine flavouring. The permit to import will be issued to specify a range of temperatures that are equivalent to the requirement to heat treatment for more than 4 hours at a minimum continuous core temperature of 70°C in the IHS *Sawdust, Wood Chips, Wood Shavings, and Wood Wool from All Countries*, which effectively manage the risks identified in the IHS.

The IHS will be amended at a future date to include these temperatures/times that may be certified on a phytosanitary certificate or manufacturers treatment certificate:

- heat treatment at a minimum continuous core temperature of 70°C for 240 minutes
- heat treatment at a minimum continuous core temperature of 80°C for 120 minutes
- heat treatment at a minimum continuous core temperature of 90°C for 60 minutes
- heat treatment at a minimum continuous core temperature of 100°C for 30 minutes
- heat treatment at a minimum continuous core temperature of 110°C for 20 minutes
- heat treatment at a minimum continuous core temperature of 120°C for 15 minutes

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you accept the proposal described below.

1. That a permit to import is issued to specify that a phytosanitary certificate or a manufacturers treatment certificate certifying heat treatment of 2 hours at a minimum core temperature of 80°C prior to export is equivalent to the requirement for heat treatment for more than 4 hours at a minimum continuous core temperature of 70°C in the IHS *Sawdust, Wood Chips, Wood Shavings, and Wood*

Wool from All Countries, which effectively manage the risks identified in the IHS. A 8kg sample is not required for inspection.

~~AGREE / DISAGREE~~

2. The CTO approved equivalent measures will be identified in the Special Conditions section of the permit to import in the following manner:

EQUIVALENCE (MPI reference number: CTO – 20140021)

Equivalence is granted to importers of wood chips, staves and wood used for wine flavouring sawdust under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The goods imported under this permit to import must be accompanied by a manufacturers certificate certifying drying and/or pelleting which will occur prior to export which is equivalent to the requirement for heat treatment for more than 4 hours at a minimum continuous core temperature of 70°C.

~~AGREE / DISAGREE~~

3. If approved the CTO equivalent measures are used as a basis to amend the IHS for *Sawdust, Wood Chips, Wood Shavings, and Wood Wool from All Countries* to add the additional temperatures to the IHS to guide inspectors on accepted temperature and times and to remove the requirement for a permit for these imports. These amendments to the IHS would require stakeholder consultation prior to recommendation that the IHS be issued.

~~AGREE / DISAGREE~~ ✓

Deputy Chief Technical Officer

Date:

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