

CTO Direction to MPI Inspector for equivalent measures in relation to biosecurity clearance of *Capsicum annuum* seed

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Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, **Peter Thomson**, Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for measures, different from those required in section 2.15.2 of the import health standard IHS 155.02.05: *Seeds for sowing*, that may be applied for biosecurity clearance of the consignment of *Capsicum annuum*, hybrid excel (C2017/284879) imported from India by South Pacific Seeds Sales (NZ) for the purposes of sowing under the phytosanitary certificate PSC9New2017012778:

- (a) That this consignment of *Capsicum annuum* seeds be tested in New Zealand in a MPI-approved facility for the following pathogens: PSTVd and PCFVd.
- (b) A representative sample of 3000 seeds from each lot, officially drawn according to ISTA methodology, must be tested for the presence of, and found free from, the named regulated viroids PSTVd and PCFVd.
- (c) All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.05: *Seeds for sowing* for *Capsicum annuum* seeds from all countries must also be complied with.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and applies only to the consignment listed above.

This direction is valid for 6 months from the date of signing of this direction.



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