



## **CTO** Direction

Equivalent measures to "Pest Free Area/Pest Free Production Site" declarations on Phytosanitary Certificates for importation of grain/seeds under BNZ.GCFP.PHR Import Health Standard

## CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTOPlants: 20180029

Pursuant to section 27(1) (d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, I, give the following directions for measures, different from those required in the <u>BNZ.GCFP.PHR</u>: grain/seeds for consumption, feed or processing Import Health Standard.

MPI accepts the "laboratory testing result for regulated pests" as an equivalence to the "Pest Free Area/Pest Free Production Site" additional declarations on Phytosanitary Certificates for importation of grain/seeds in the BNZ.GCFP.PHR Import Health Standard, if the following steps are meet:

- 1. The laboratory test must be carried out in an NPPO approved diagnostic laboratory (off-shore or in New Zealand) using scientific-based diagnostic methods; and
- 2. For tests carried out off-shore, the laboratory test result must be issued or endorsed by the NPPO of the exporting country verifying that the consignment is free from regulated pests, as below:
- The "name of the grain/seed" have been representatively sampled using ISTA, AOSA or other MPI approved guidelines/methodologies, were tested at an NPPO approved diagnostic laboratory and found free of "name of the regulated pest".

Importers may also apply to MPI to have consignments representatively sampled by the NPPO using ISTA, AOSA or other MPI approved guidelines/methodologies, and the samples tested in a MPI approved diagnostic laboratory and found free from "name of the regulated pest".

All other relevant sections of the Import Health Standard for grain/seeds for consumption, feed or processing must be complied with.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to grain/seeds which are not compliant with the "PFA/PFPS" additional declarations on Phytosanitary Certificate specified in the IHS "<u>BNZ.GCFP.PHR: grains/seeds for consumption, feed or processing</u>". This CTO direction is valid no more than 2 years after issuance at which it must be reviewed, unless it is amended or revoked.

Manager Facilities & Pathways Acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer authority.

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