

# Application for Permit to Import Plant Germplasm

- Nursery Stock / Plants for Planting
- Seeds for Sowing

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua



## PLEASE NOTE:

1. Ministries for Primary Industries (MPI) aims to process your import permit application within thirty (30) working days. Delays in processing may result if applications are incomplete and/or where MPI needs to do additional risk assessment.
2. The agency collecting and holding the information on this form is Biosecurity New Zealand, MPI.
3. This information is required to enable the Director-General of MPI, or a duly authorised delegate, to consider whether or not to issue a permit following assessment of biosecurity risks under the Biosecurity Act 1993. This decision will depend on the requirements of the applicable import health standard and the outcome of the assessment. MPI is unable to advise whether or not a permit will be issued until after this assessment. Importers should take this into account when planning to import goods. Any financial or other commitments made prior to MPI issuing a permit are at the importer's own risk.
4. Please ensure that you read and understand the import health requirements for all items to be imported - refer to the [import health standard](#) search link.
5. The plant genera [listed here](#) were last imported before 2017, so their import requirements might be out of date. If you want to import species of these genera, MPI will need to reassess potential biosecurity risks, which might lead to changes in import requirements. Contact [Plant Imports](#) before booking post-entry quarantine, applying for an import permit, or ordering plants or seeds.
6. The personal information you have supplied in this form is collected, used, and managed in accordance with the privacy Act 2020. You have rights of access to, and correction of, personal information supplied in this application form as provided by the information privacy principles in section 22 of the Privacy Act 2020. If you have any question, please contact [Plant Imports](#)

## DISCLAIMER:

This plant/ plant parts permit is granted based on scientific information available up to and including, the date of authorisation. If import requirements for this/these commodities change after permit issuance and before goods have arrived in New Zealand, a new permit may be required.

## Part 1: Importer Details

<b>Company name</b> (if applicable)			
<b>Given name(s)</b>			
<b>Surname(s)</b>			
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Address</b> (postal)			
<b>Email</b> (Permit will be sent to this email address unless specified)			
<b>Email address to send permit if different from the importer's address</b>			
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Email</b>			

## Part 2: Exporter Details

**Q1: Is the material being sourced from an MPI-approved offshore facility?**

Yes, please specify below     No, go to **Q2**

**Name of offshore facility**

**Q2: Exporter Name**

(Company name)

**Address**

(postal)

**Email**

**Phone**

**Mobile**

**Country of Export**

### NOTE:

Approved facilities can be viewed at the following link: <http://mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/offshore/>

## Part 3: Importing goods listed on a previously issued permit

**Are you applying to import goods listed on a permit that has previously been issued?**

Yes, please specify below     No, go to **Part 4**

**What is the previously issued permit number?**

**Are there any changes to the previously issued permit?**

Yes, please specify below     No, go to **Part 4**



### Part 5: Containment/Transitional Facility

Is your commodity required to enter a Transitional Facility? (see Notes below)

Yes  No

For goods that are required to undergo biological indexing (herbaceous indexing and/or woody or green indexing) as a part of pre-determined testing in PEQ in New Zealand, do you have access to a testing facility?

Yes  No

If 'Yes', please attach evidence and provide the following details:

Facility Name

Facility Number

Physical Address

Standards the facility is approved to:

- Transitional Facility for General Uncleared Risk Goods  Facilities for Microorganisms and Cell Cultures: 2007a  
 Containment Facilities for Plants: 2007  Transitional Facilities for Biological Products  
 Other: (please specify)

Operator Name

Operator Email

Has the operator been contacted to confirm that this facility may be used?

Yes  No

#### NOTES:

1. Some imported plant germplasm may require initial storage or testing in a facility different to that where post-entry quarantine will take place.

**Part 6: Post-Entry Quarantine Facility**

NOTE: The plant genera [listed here](#) were last imported before 2017, so their import requirements might be out of date. If you want to import species of these genera, MPI will need to reassess potential biosecurity risks, which might lead to changes in import requirements. Contact [PlantImports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:PlantImports@mpi.govt.nz) before booking post-entry quarantine, applying for an import permit, or ordering plants or seeds.

**Is your commodity required to enter a Post-Entry Quarantine Facility?** Yes  No, go to **Q3****If 'Yes', please provide the following details:****Facility Name****Facility Number****Physical Address****Type of facility approved to under the MPI Standard: *Post Entry Quarantine for Plants (MPI.STD.PEQ)* (please tick):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 Open Field Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3A Greenhouse Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 Aquarium Facility   | <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3B Greenhouse Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 Greenhouse Facility |   |

**Operator Name****Operator Email****Has the operator been contacted to confirm that this PEQ facility may be used to receive and hold the materials, including any required propagation and PEQ inspections?** Yes  No**Has the operator confirmed that laboratory and/or greenhouse capacity will be available for any required diagnostic testing and/or indexing?** Yes  No**Q3: Is your commodity required to enter a Tissue Culture Facility?** Yes  No**If 'Yes', please provide the following details:****Facility Name****Facility Number****Physical Address****Type of facility approved to under the MPI Standard: *Post Entry Quarantine for Plants (MPI.STD.PEQ)* (please tick):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 Tissue Culture Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 Tissue Culture Facility |
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**Operator Name****Operator Email****Has the operator been contacted to confirm that this PEQ facility may be used to receive and hold the materials, including any required propagation and PEQ inspections?** Yes  No**Has the operator confirmed that laboratory and/or greenhouse capacity will be available for any required diagnostic testing and/or indexing?** Yes  No

**NOTES:**

1. For more information regarding PEQ, please see: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/11368-post-entry-quarantine-for-plants-facilities-standard>
2. Some plant germplasm materials may require further growing and/or testing while being held in PEQ (such as ex-flasking of tissue cultures in a glasshouse, diagnostic testing, woody indexing and/or herbaceous indexing). In addition, there may be space limitations in PEQ facilities for holding and/or the aforementioned growing/testing activities.
3. It is the importers responsibility to confirm that PEQ space has been booked for the plant germplasm requiring post-entry quarantine, and for any testing activities (e.g., herbaceous indexing). It is the importer's responsibility to confirm that:
  - (a) the facilities receiving plant material are **approved** to receive and hold the type of seeds for sowing / nursery stock materials imported;
  - (b) the PEQ facility operator **has agreed to receive and hold** the imported seeds for plant germplasm materials; and
  - (c) any post-entry **growing and/or testing activities** required for imported plant germplasm materials (e.g., herbaceous indexing tests), is able to be done in a PEQ facility(ies) approved for the activity, and that the PEQ facility operator(s) has agreed to receive and hold the plant material for those activities.
  - (d) the PEQ **testing** facility operator will receive, hold and test the required specimens.
4. Failure of the importer to confirm applicable requirements above may delay and/or prevent imported plant germplasm being tested and/or receive biosecurity clearance.

<b>Part 7: Importation of new organisms (including genetically modified organisms)</b>	
<b>Are you knowingly importing new organisms?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If Yes, please provide the HSNO Act approval number(s)</b>	
<b>If 'No' please complete the declaration below</b>	
<b>I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, none of the plant germplasm listed in the imported materials (Part 4) are new organisms, including genetically modified organisms.</b>	
<b>Name (Importer):</b> _____	<b>Signature:</b> _____

- NOTES:**
1. Please ensure that the purpose of the HSNO Act Approval allows the importation of the new organism(s) and the activities it is imported for. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) at [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz)
  2. A new organism, including a genetically modified organism, is defined in the HSNO Act 1996.
  3. Species listed in the Plants Biosecurity Index (PBI, <http://www1.maf.govt.nz/cgi-bin/bioindex/bioindex.pl>) have been determined to be not a new organism by the EPA.
  4. If the species is not listed in the PBI, please attach evidence that the organism is not a new organism – the EPA may be contacted through <https://www.epa.govt.nz/> for further information on new organism determinations.
  5. You may be asked to provide verification evidence attesting to your declaration above.

