



Import Health Standard

Private Consignments of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Human Consumption

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Import Health Standard (IHS), but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

An **IHS** specifies the requirements for **importing risk goods** into New Zealand. This **IHS** specifies the requirements that must be met when **importing private consignments of fresh fruits and vegetables** into New Zealand.

Background

An **IHS** issued under the New Zealand **Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act)** specifies the requirements to be met to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with **importing risk goods**, including the risks from **incidentally imported new organisms**. **IHSs** include measures that must be applied in the exporting country before the **risk goods** are exported. **IHSs** also include requirements that must be met by **importers** before **biosecurity clearance** can be given.

Who should read this?

This **IHS** should be read by anyone importing **private consignments fresh fruits and vegetables** for human consumption.

Why is this important?

It is the responsibility of the **importer** to ensure that **risk goods** (i.e. **fresh fruit and vegetables**) comply with the requirements of the relevant **IHS**. **Risk goods** that do not comply with the requirements of an **IHS** may not be **cleared** for **entry** into New Zealand and may be directed for **treatment**, re-shipment, destruction or further action deemed appropriate by a **Chief Technical Officer (CTO)**.

Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

Equivalence

A **CTO** may consider an application for an **equivalent phytosanitary measure** to be approved, different from that provided for in this **IHS**, to maintain at least the same level of protection assured by the current measure(s).

Equivalence will be considered with reference to the **International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 24. Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures**.

Document History

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Other information

Guidance boxes are included within this **IHS** for explanatory purposes. The guidance included in these boxes is for information only and has no legal effect.

Within this **IHS**, terms printed in bold have the same meaning as that set out and defined in **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**, **the Act** or in this **IHS**.

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Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This **Import Health Standard (IHS)** applies to **private consignments of fresh fruits and vegetables** imported for human consumption.

1.2 Incorporation by reference

- (1) The following documents are incorporated by reference under section 142M of **the Act**:
- a) **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms.** Rome, IPPC, FAO.
 - b) **ISPM 12. Phytosanitary certificates.** Rome, IPPC, FAO.
 - c) **MPI Biosecurity Organisms Register for Imported Commodities (BORIC).** Wellington, MPI.
 - d) **MPI Schedule of Regulated (Quarantine) Weed Seeds.** Wellington, MPI.

Under section 142O(3) of **the Act** it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply, that is, a notice under section 142O(2) of **the Act** is not required to be published before material that amends or replaces any material incorporated by reference has legal effect as part of those documents.

1.3 Definitions

- (1) Definitions are listed in Schedule 1.

1.4 General

- (1) **Private consignments of fresh fruits and vegetables imported** into New Zealand must:
- a) meet the requirements of the relevant **commodity IHS**; and
 - b) if applicable, meet the specific requirements in Part 2 *Specific Requirements for Fruit Fly Material*.
- (2) A **private consignment of fresh fruits and vegetables** may receive a **biosecurity clearance** if the **fresh fruits and vegetables** meet the requirements of this **IHS** and the relevant **commodity IHS**.

Guidance

- All units in a **private consignment of fresh fruits and vegetables** and the associated **packaging** may be inspected upon arrival to ensure compliance with the requirements of this **IHS**.
- Individual **commodity IHSs** specify the **import** requirements for all **fresh fruits and vegetables** and can be found on the MPI website.

Part 2: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

2.1 Specific Requirement for Fruit Fly Host Material

- (1) All fruit fly host **commodities** must:
- be shipped in **pest proof packaging**;
 - be sealed with a destructible sticker/label identifying the authority in the exporting country and directly traceable to the **phytosanitary certificate**.

Guidance

- MPI considers fruit fly host material to be of high risk of **contamination** from **economically important fruit fly** species.
- Some **fresh commodities** (commercially manufactured and processed **fruits and vegetables** of specific commercial brands that have undergone pre export assessment by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)). These commodities are listed in "[Processed](#)" [Fresh Commodities](#). These **commodities** are not considered to be **risk goods** and do not need to comply with the requirements of this **IHS**. To apply to have a processed **fresh commodity** assessed to be listed, contact Plantimports@mpi.govt.nz.

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Schedule 1 – Definitions

Definitions have the same meaning as defined by **FAO, ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms** or **the Act** unless set out below. Derived forms of terms set out in the aforementioned sources, e.g. *inspect* from *inspection*, are considered to have the same meaning as the defined term.

Biosecurity clearance (including **cleared**)

Definition as per **the Act**.

Commodity

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Contamination

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Biosecurity Organism Register for Imported Commodities (BORIC)

MPI database which identifies the **quarantine** status for an **organism** as either **regulated** or **non-regulated** for New Zealand. **BORIC** is available at:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/biosecurity-organisms-register-for-imported-commodities/>

Chief Technical Officer (CTO)

Definition as per **the Act**.

Economically important fruit flies

Those regulated fruit flies which, on entry into New Zealand, would cause a major disruption to market access for a wide range of New Zealand **commodities** and/or have significant economic impacts on their production and/or have significant economic impacts on the environment.

Equivalence

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

FAO

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Fresh

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Fruits and vegetables

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Fruit fly host material

Fruits and vegetables which are considered by MPI to be potential hosts of **economically import fruit fly** species.

Import

Definition as per **the Act**.

Import health standard (IHS)

Definition as per **the Act**.

Importation

Definition as per **the Act**.

Importer

Definition as per **the Act**.

Incidentally imported new organism

Definition as per **the Act**.

International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**. The list of **ISPMs** are available from:
<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/ispm/>.

IPPC

International Plant Protection Convention.

National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO)

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Organism

Definition as per **the Act**

Packaging

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Pest

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Pest proof packaging

A container or device of sound durable construction which when closed eliminates the possibility of **pests** escaping from or entering into its contents.

Phytosanitary certificate

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Phytosanitary measure

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Private consignment

Consignments imported as personal property which are not intended for sale. **Private consignments** may either accompany a passenger ("**accompanied**") or not accompany a passenger ("**unaccompanied**").

Quarantine

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

Regulated pest

A **pest** that is identified as a **regulated pest** in **BORIC** or the [Schedule of regulated \(quarantine\) weed seeds](#).

Risk goods

Definition as per **the Act**.