

**CTO DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE BIOSECURITY ACT 1993 CTOPlantDir:20190048**

I, Barry Wards, a delegated Chief Technical Officer under Section 101 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act), and pursuant to Section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Act issue the following directions in respect to non-Genetically Modified (GM) *Glycine max* seed imported for sprouting under the import health standard *Importation of Grain/Seeds for consumption, Feed or Processing Plant Health Requirements* (BNZ.GCFP.PHR):

- An inspector may accept a negative GM test result for importation of non-GM *Glycine max* seeds for sprouting for human consumption, in addition to other requirements under Option 2 of the *Glycine max* schedule of the IHS.

Under **CTOPlantsDir:20180048**, *Glycine max* seed is allowed to be imported for sprouting given that the following documentations must be provided:

- 1) An import permit
  - The import permit wording will state: "All consignments of *Glycine max* seed imported for sprouting must be tested for the presence of GM material".
- 2) A GM seed test certificate with negative results
  - The GM testing will be undertaken as per Parts 2 and 4 of the "[Protocol for Testing for the Presence of Genetically Modified Plant Material](#)" in a laboratory accredited by MPI for GMO testing, listed on [MPI website](#).
  - GM testing certificates must:
    - list the species tested
    - state the sampling method used for each seed line (e.g. automatic in-line machine)
    - list the GM screening tests
    - have completed test results
    - contain the same lot number or unique identifier as stated on the NZ import documentation
    - be from MPI-accredited laboratories for GM testing.
- 3) An additional declaration on the phytosanitary certificate for *Peronospora manshurica*, as per Option 2 of the *Glycine max* schedule.

All other requirements of the import health standard *Importation of Grain/Seeds for consumption, Feed or Processing Plant Health Requirements* (BNZ.GCFP.PHR) must be met.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to multiple consignments of *Glycine max* seeds imported for sprouting. This CTO direction is valid until further notice.

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Acting pursuant to delegated Chief Technical Officer authority.

Dated at Wellington this 16/09/19

Links:

GM testing protocol: <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/10250>

MPI approved GM testing facilities: <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/importing/plants/seeds-for-sowing/genetically-modified-seeds-and-nursery-stock/#testing>