

CTO Direction to MPI Inspector

27_CTOPlantsDir2020074 - Alternative measure for import of *Vaccinium* cuttings

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, **Sarah Clark**, give the following direction for consignments of *Vaccinium* cuttings imported by [REDACTED] from Japan, to be considered for biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by the import health standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock:

- Consignments of treated *Vaccinium* cuttings may be imported without “pest free area” or “pest free place of production” declaration for *Helicobasidium mompa*, into a level 3 tissue culture post-entry quarantine laboratory to generate tissue cultures.

Guidance to MPI inspector:

- A. The treatments applied for *H. mompa* must be recorded in the “Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment” section of the phytosanitary Certificate.
- B. Initiated tissue cultures must meet post-entry quarantine requirements specified in the IHS, *Vaccinium* schedule, Part 3.3 (v).
- C. Any material not initiated into tissue culture should be destroyed as quarantine waste.
- D. Provided that the requirements specified in this CTO direction and the IHS are met, the propagated plants may be considered for biosecurity clearance.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and only applies to multiple imports of *Vaccinium* cuttings by [REDACTED] from a non-accredited facility in Japan.

Sarah Clark, Manager Plant Germplasm Import team
Deputy Chief Technical Officer
Plant & Pathways Directorate