



Transitional Period Extended: Phytosanitary Certificate Additional Declarations for Fresh Pineapple for Human Consumption

MPI issued the new import health standard for fresh pineapple fruit for human consumption on 22 February 2024. To ensure uninterrupted trade, MPI has extended the transitional period for the Philippines and Thailand only. Pineapple consignments from the Philippines and Thailand certified under previous pineapple import health standards, can therefore receive clearance at the New Zealand border until 31 October 2024.

The risk of fruit fly on pineapple from the Philippines and Thailand, in the old pineapple import health standards are managed by non-host status based on either maturity or variety. In the new pineapple import health standard the only fruit fly of concern is the Oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) and is managed by non-host status based on maturity only. Although the way the non-host status is framed has changed in the new standard, the level of protection against fruit fly provided by the old pineapple standards is equivalent to the new standard.

Table 1 lists the phytosanitary certificate additional declarations from previous import health standards that are acceptable during the extended transitional period. Consignments from the Philippines and Thailand certified using these additional declarations will not be rejected for having non-conforming phytosanitary certificates.

Table 1. Acceptable additional declarations from previous pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) import health standards

Country	Additional Declarations
Philippines	<p>The pineapples in this consignment have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free from any visually detectable quarantine pests, specified by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries. <p>Note: the generic phytosanitary certificate declaration contained on the phytosanitary certificate will be considered as equivalent to the above declaration</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Treated in accordance with Appendix 3 of the Arrangement between the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and the Philippines Department of Agriculture, concerning the access of host material of fruit fly species of economic significance into New Zealand from the Philippines.
Thailand	<p>The pineapples in this consignment have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free from any visually detectable quarantine pests, specified by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. treated in accordance with Appendix 3 of the Arrangement between MPI and the Thailand Department of Agriculture concerning the access of host material of fruit fly species of economic significance into New Zealand from Thailand.

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Document history

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22 February 2024	New document.
23 August 2024	Transitional period extended for the Philippines and Thailand only. Remove the transitional arrangement for Australia, Ecuador, Fiji, New Caledonia and Vanuatu.