



Stakeholder Newsletter

June 2015

This newsletter provides a monthly update of the group's activities to our stakeholders, to keep you better informed about key work undertaken by the group and initiatives in the pipeline.

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Plant Import Work Plans

The 2015/16 work plan for Plant Imports is being finalised and will be available shortly for stakeholders to view at the following link: <https://mpigovtnz.cwp.govt.nz/importing/overview/import-health-standards/requesting-a-new-ihs/>



Consultations

Plant Imports have released two Import Health Standards for public consultation:

- » MPI.STD.FERTGRO: Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origin and
- » MPI.STD.SOWTR: Soil, Rock, Gravel, Sand, Clay and Water.



These IHSs are now available, along with the consultation document, for comment on the MPI website at <https://mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/proposed-changes-to-soil-and-plant-based-fertiliser-import-health-standards/>.

Consultation closes at 5pm on Friday June 12th 2015.

Upcoming Consultations

The following is a guide of the standards currently under "review and expected to be out for consultation over the next few months.

Document	Expected date
IHS Grains and Seeds for Consumption, Feed & Processing	June 2015
Post- entry Quarantine for Plants standard	July 2015
IHS Seed for Sowing + GMO Testing protocol	July 2015

Upcoming Travel

OECD Seeds Scheme Annual Meeting Paris	1-10 June
Workshop of the network of laboratories for the detection and identification of Living Modified Organisms	9-11 June
Audit of Eurofins Scientific GM Testing Laboratory, France	15-16 June
Pacific IHS Review - pathway assurance audits	1-5 June
Discussions on management and eradication of CGMMV in Australia	End of June
Audit and accreditation of offshore plant quarantine facilities at CTIFL, France and CAV, Italy	25 June – 3 July
Bilateral meeting in Vietnam	17-20 June

MPI Export Certification Standards awareness workshops

The Plant Exports team is holding a series of workshops around the country to help MPI Approved Organisations (MAOs) understand how changes to the plant export certification standard will impact on their systems. The new standards will come into effect from 1 June 2015.

Each workshop is a 3-4 hour interactive session facilitated by MPI and attendees. Attendance is compulsory for all MAOs undertaking phytosanitary activities on behalf of MPI.

The Plant Exports team has now held 11 in a series of 35 planned workshops. Workshops have now been held in Alexandra, Nelson, Christchurch, Palmerston North, Napier, Gisborne, Tauranga, Pukekohe, Auckland and Whangarei with organisations from throughout the forestry, seed, fruit and vegetable sectors.

To register for a workshop in your area, please send a message to plantexports@mpi.govt.nz



Upcoming MAO awareness workshops

Waikato/Hamilton	4 June
Bay of Plenty/Tauranga	15 June
Northland/Kerikeri	17 June
Marlborough/Nelson	23 June
Christchurch/Templeton	30 June

WWI Great War Exhibition

Plant Imports staff recently facilitated Sir. Peter Jackson's import of 900 kilograms of real Flanders mud carved from the WW1 battlefields of Belgium, for his Great War Exhibition now on at Te Papa in Wellington. The mud was imported under permit according to the import health standard for soil, rock, gravel, sand, clay and water – which is currently out for public consultation.

Maximum Post Fumigation Exposure Period for Northland

Stakeholders in Methyl Bromide Reduction, MPI and Scion funded a study of pest trapping at several New Zealand ports to better understand factors affecting insect abundance following fumigation of logs for export.

The research considered three risk factors that are likely to influence the abundance or activity of forest insects at major ports. These included surrounding land use, temperature and trade volume of log exports.

During the winter period flight activity of important forest insects is considerably reduced and therefore pose low risk to export.

AS a result of the research, MPI has provisionally extended the Maximum Post Fumigation Exposure Period for Northland to 21 days for the 2015 winter season to align with other regions. This extension will give log exporters enough time to treat and load their consignment during the low risk winter period. The period decreases to 36 hours for all ports during the *Arhopalus ferus* flight season.

