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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry for Primary Industries
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plants for planting eligible for importation into New Zealand of the below genera: *Athyrium*, *Callistemon*, *Echium*, *Lavatera*, *Ocimum*, *Perovskia*, *Psidium*, and *Ruta*
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Import Health Standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 412

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21\_5627\_00\_e.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** This standard describes the import specifications and entry conditions for nursery stock (whole plants, cuttings, bulbs and tissue culture) imported into New Zealand.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: *Xylella fastidiosa* is a regulated pest in New Zealand. It is listed on MPI's Priority Plant Pests and Diseases list, so it is constantly monitored for changes in hosts and/or distribution. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) recently updated the list of host plants that are susceptible to *Xylella fastidiosa*. The Import Health Standard 155.02.06: Importation of Nursery Stock (IHS) was urgently amended to include measures for the management of *X. fastidiosa* on eight newly identified host genera:

Athyrium, Callistemon, Echium, Lavatera, Ocimum, Perovskia, Psidium, and Ruta.

Athyrium, Echium, Lavatera, Perovskia and Ruta nursery stock are no longer 'Basic' commodities, and must now meet the import requirements of the Veronica schedule of the IHS (section 3).

All eight newly identified host genera must now meet the requirements for *X. fastidiosa* in the IHS specifically:

Section 2.2.1.12 for whole plants and cuttings, and section 2.2.2.5 for tissue culture.

- 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 13
  - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- **10.** Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **11. Date of entry into force** (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable): 9 September 2021
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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## **13.** Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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