



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries
<b>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):</b> Seeds for sowing
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries, Import Health Standard: Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 193 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24_03247_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24_03247_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> MPI is proposing the following changes to the Import Health Standard Seeds for Sowing (155.02.05): <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adding an option for seeds to come from an area where a pest is absent as per ISPM 8: <i>Determination of pest status in an area</i>, in situations where there is already an option for the seeds to come from a pest-free area;</li><li>This involves changing the requirements in 33 schedules in Part 2 of the Import Health Standard. The schedules are <i>Acrocomia, Agropyron, Arachis hypogaea, Avena, Beta, Camellia sinensis, Cannabis sativa, Capsicum, Cicer, Cocos, Coriandrum, Corypha, Cuminum, Elaeis, Glebionis, Glycine, Hordeum, Lavandula, Livistona, Medicago, Petunia, Phaseolus, Phoenix, Pisum, Sesamum, Solanum, Solanum lycopersicum, Sorghum, Trigonella foenum-graecum, Triticum, Vicia</i> and <i>Zea</i>;</li><li>Changing the wording for additional declarations for pests from "not known to occur" to "the seeds are produced in an area where [pest] is absent";</li><li>This involves changing the requirements in 18 schedules in Part 2 of the Import Health Standard. The schedules are <i>Capsicum, Carpinus, Carya, Castanea, Citrus, Cucumis, Cucurbitaceae, Desmodium, Eriobotryia, Helianthus, Juglans, Lens, Lithocarpus densiflorus, Medicago, Nicotiana tabacum, Quercus, Ulmus</i> and <i>Vigna</i>;</li><li>Changing the requirements for importing seeds of New Zealand origin in section 1.7 in the standard;</li><li>Removing the following pests in Part 2 of the Import Health Standard:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Claviceps gigantea</i> and <i>Cochliobolus tuberculatus</i> from the <i>Zea</i> schedule;</li><li><i>Cochliobolus miyabeanus</i> from the <i>Phaseolus</i> schedule;</li><li>High plains virus from the <i>Avena, Hordeum</i> and <i>Triticum</i> schedule;</li><li><i>Curvularia verruculosa</i> from the <i>Triticum</i> schedule;</li><li>Grapevine yellow speckle viroid 2 from the <i>Vitis</i> schedule;</li></ul></li><li>Adding seed testing (offshore or on-arrival in New Zealand) as an option for a phytosanitary measure in Part 2 of the Import Health Standard, for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>undulosa</i> in the <i>Avena, Hordeum</i> and <i>Triticum</i> schedule;</li></ul></li></ol>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>strifaciens</i> in the <i>Hordeum</i> schedule;</li> <li>• <i>Rathayibacter tritici</i> in the <i>Hordeum</i> and <i>Triticum</i> schedule;</li> <li>• <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>sesami</i> in the <i>Sesamum</i> schedule;</li> <li>• <i>Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens</i> pv. <i>flaccumfaciens</i> and <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vignicola</i> in the <i>Vigna</i> schedule;</li> </ul> <p>8. Increasing the sample size for testing <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> seeds for <i>Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum</i> from 400 seeds to 4,000 seeds;</p> <p>9. Adding testing requirements for Tomato black ring virus for <i>Rubus</i> and <i>Vitis</i> seeds;</p> <p>10. Listing <i>Rumex sanguineus</i> as eligible to import into New Zealand under basic import requirements;</p> <p>11. Removing the requirement for importers to declare that the seed in their consignments is not a seed lot of the following varieties of <i>Beta vulgaris</i> var. <i>rapacea</i>: Kyros 16UB128, Bangor 16UB126, Bangor 15UB079, Bangor 16UB114, Feldherr 16UB131 or Troya 16UB112 in section 1.9 in the Import Health Standard.</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM No. 1 and 38</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          Consultation document 'Amendments to the import health standard Seeds for Sowing' which provides the rationale for the changes:  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24_03247_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NZL/24_03247_01_e.pdf</a>          (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 August 2024</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 August 2024</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The proposed date of entry into force for the proposed change in the wording for additional declarations for pests, from "not known to occur" to "the seeds are produced in an area where [pest] is absent", is 1 February 2025 (six months from the proposed date of publication).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b> 1 August 2024 is the proposed date of entry into force for all the other proposed changes, which are trade facilitating.</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 18 July 2024</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>

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