



Requirements and guidance for the export of fruit fly host material

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Introduction

During the fruit fly response additional measures are needed to protect and reassure New Zealand's trading partners. These additional measures enable continued trade until the fruit fly population is eradicated.

Purpose

A range of phytosanitary measures are being implemented that ensure MPI certified export host material is free from economically significant fruit flies. This document defines the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and importing countries additional phytosanitary requirements for MPI certified export fruit fly host material.

These requirements are subject to change at little or no notice.

MPI does not guarantee acceptance of your consignment by the importing country.

Background

MPI has implemented an Export Restriction Zones (ERZ) around the Northcote, Auckland detection site. An up to date map showing the ERZ is provided separately by MPI. The radius for *Bactrocera tryoni* (Queensland fruit fly) in Northcote is 3.2 km.

The ERZ is a defined zone from which fruit fly host material cannot be harvested, packed or stored.

Individual countries may opt to require additional phytosanitary measures. Refer Importing Country's Phytosanitary Requirements (ICPR) for these individual country requirements.

These requirements are in addition to Controlled Area requirements.

Who should read this Plant Export Requirement?

This information is for use by MPI approved organisations (MAOs) and Independent Verification Agencies (IVAs).

Scope

These requirements apply only to host material intended for export to countries that have *B. tryoni* named as a quarantine pest. An up to date host list for Queensland fruit fly host material is available at

<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32983/send>



Part 1: ERZ transit requirements for the export of host material

1.1 To retain eligibility for MPI phytosanitary certification, whenever host material intended for export that transits ERZ, it must:

- (1) be harvested, packed and stored outside the ERZ
- (2) be pest-proofed during transit of the ERZ. MPI considers any enclosure with no gap's longest axis greater than 1.6mm to be considered as pest proof;
- (3) have intact MPI security seals applied to the packages, pallets or containers

This applies to host material at any stage of the export pathway, including material transiting before and after phytosanitary inspection.

1.2 Organisations involved in the export of host material that transit the ERZ must either:

- (1) implement the pre-approved procedure 1 in appendix 1, OR
- (2) document procedures that describe how requirements for transit of the ERZ are met. These procedures are subject to MPI usual process of approval prior to implementation.

1.3 Compliance with these ERZ transit requirements must be verified by an IVA or MPI Approved Organisation (MAO).

1.4 Records demonstrating compliance must be maintained and made available to MPI or MPI's agents upon request.

Guidance:

Compliant examples of pest proofing:

- Closed packages with no ventilation gaps;
- Plastic bags/ polyliners with an overlap of at least 120mm to create a pest-proof seal inside outer packaging;
- Host material completely enclosed within pest-proof wrap or mesh with a maximum gap of 1.6mm;
- Sea containers with six hard sides, intact rubber door seals and pest proofed vents and drains;
- Fully enclosed conveyances free from gaps, including taut liner/ curtain-sided trucks in a good state of repair.

Examples of compliant security seals:

- Tamper evident sealing labels;
- Tamper evident sealing tape;
- Tamper proof or tamper evident container door seals.

The Controlled Area is managed separately to the ERZ. More information on transiting the controlled areas is available on the MPI website <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/fruit-flies/queensland-fruit-fly/>.

Requesting Phytosanitary Certification for ERZ transit host material

1.5 To request phytosanitary certification for host material that has transited the ERZ, exporters must:



- (1) Provide documented evidence of compliance with the pest-proofing requirements;
- (2) Provide documented evidence confirming the locations outside the ERZ where host material has been harvested, packed and stored;
- (3) Declare under the ePhyto field called “Additional Information (Not Printed On Certificate) Observations”:
“This host material has been harvested, packed and stored outside the 3.2 km Export Restriction Zone. It has been pest proofed as required when transiting through the Export Restriction Zone.”

Part 2: ERZ non-transit requirements for the export of host material

- 2.1 Host material that requires export phytosanitary certification NOT transiting the ERZ must comply with the following requirements. Exporters must also comply with any additional requirements of the importing country. Export host material must be:
 - (1) harvested, packed and stored outside the ERZ;
 - (2) transported outside the ERZ;
 - (3) verified as having been outside the ERZ by receiving organisations.
- 2.2 Organisations involved in the export of host material that does not transit the ERZ must either:
 - (1) implement the pre-approved procedure 2 in appendix 1, OR
 - (2) document procedures that describe how requirements for non-transit of the ERZ are met. These procedures are subject to MPI usual process of approval prior to implementation.
 - (3) documented procedures are not mandatory if the port of loading and the organisation are in the South Island
- 2.3 Compliance with these ERZ non-transit requirements must be verified by an IVA or MPI Approved Organisation (MAO).
- 2.4 Records demonstrating compliance must be maintained and made available to MPI or MPI’s agents upon request.

Requesting Phytosanitary Certification for ERZ non-transit host material

- 2.5 To request phytosanitary certification for host material NOT transiting the ERZ, exporters must:
 - (1) provide documented evidence that the host material has been harvested, packed and stored outside the ERZ; Documented evidence is not mandatory if the port of loading and the organisation are in the South Island;
 - (2) declare under “Additional Information (Not Printed On Certificate) Observations”:
“This host material has been harvested, packed and stored outside the 3.2 km Export Restriction Zone, and has not transited through the Export Restriction Zone.”



Appendix 1.

MPI Pre-approved procedures for the export of fruit fly host material

Please note that these procedures:

1. are pre-approved by MPI for implementation by IVAs and MAOs in conjunction with their existing phytosanitary security procedures to verify compliance with MPI requirements for the protection of *B. tryoni* fruit fly host plant materials for export when transiting the Export Restriction Zone (ERZ);
2. are provided for immediate adoption by IVAs and MAOs
3. are subject to the usual audit requirements and any additional audits specified by MPI; and
4. if altered in any way will lose MPI pre-approved status and the altered procedures must be subjected to evaluation and approval by MPI prior to implementation.

Procedure 1: Verifying phytosanitary security measures for host material transiting an Export Restriction Zones (ERZs)

Scope:

Verification of phytosanitary measures used to protect host material destined for export when the material is transported through an ERZ(s).

Guidance:

This procedure is to confirm that host material destined for export that has transited an ERZ(s) meets MPI and importing country additional requirements.

Responsibility:

Phytosanitary inspectors and verifiers of phytosanitary security.

Procedures:

- 1.1 Before unloading each consignment confirm it has been transported in accordance with MPI requirements and that pest-proofing remains intact.
- 1.2 Record the date of arrival, supplier's name, method of pest-proofing, your name and signature.
- 1.3 If you decide the consignment has NOT been adequately pest-proofed, immediately:
 - i) isolate and confine the rejected consignment to a secure area and cover the consignment with a pestproof mesh/cover;
 - ii) notify your Independent Verification Agency (IVA) by telephone of your decision and security actions taken; and iii) follow the instructions issued by your IVA.
- 1.4 Where you decide the pest-proofing is satisfactory; permit unloading of the consignments.
- 1.5 Ensure each record captures your phytosanitary decision.
- 1.6 Maintain a file of these "verification records" in a secure location on site for future audit purposes.



Procedure 2: Verifying the transport route of plant material NOT transiting an ERZ

Scope:

Verification of the transport route taken.

Guidance:

This procedure is to confirm that host material destined for export has NOT transited an ERZ(s).

Responsibility:

Phytosanitary inspectors and verifiers of phytosanitary security.

Procedures:

- 2.1 Obtain from the transport operator (e.g. truck driver for each consignment) the transport route taken to deliver the host material.
- 2.2 Record the transport route and your decision regarding the consignment's compliance with an appropriate transport route around an ERZ(s), the suppliers' and transport company's names, date, your name and signature.
- 2.3 If you decide the consignment's transport route is NOT satisfactory, immediately;
 - i) isolate and confine the consignment to a secure area and cover the consignment with a pest-proof mesh/cover;
 - ii) notify your IVA by telephone of your decision and security actions taken; and
 - iii) follow the instructions issued by your IVA.
- 2.4 If you decide the consignment's transport route is satisfactory; permit unloading of the consignment.
- 2.5 Have the truck driver sign your MAO verification record (i.e. confirming the route taken for delivery of the consignment to the MAO facility).
- 2.6 Maintain a file of these "verification records" in a secure location on site for future audit purposes.