



# Import Health Standard

## **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Trade Samples for Evaluation**

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## **TITLE**

Import Health Standard: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Trade Samples for Evaluation

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Import Health Standard comes into force on date of signing.

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

This Import Health Standard is issued under section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

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## Introduction

This introduction is not part of the **Import Health Standard (IHS)**, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

## Purpose

An **IHS** specifies the requirements for **importing risk goods** into New Zealand from all countries. This **IHS** specifies the requirements that must be met when **importing fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples** for **sensory evaluation** into New Zealand.

## Background

An **IHS** issued under the New Zealand **Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act)** specifies the requirements to be met to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with **importing risk goods**, including the risks from **incidentally imported new organisms**. **IHSs** include measures that must be applied in the exporting country before the **risk goods** are exported and moved to a transitional facility in New Zealand. **IHSs** also include requirements that must be met by **importers** during **importation**, including while the **risk goods** are in **transit** to New Zealand and held in a **transitional facility**.

## Who should read this?

This **IHS** should be read by anyone involved in the process of **importing fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples** for evaluation into New Zealand (or who has an interest in **importing fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples** for evaluation).

## Why is this important?

It is the responsibility of the **importer** to ensure that **risk goods** (i.e. **fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples** for evaluation) comply with the requirements of the relevant **IHS**. **Risk goods** that do not comply with the requirements of an **IHS** may not be transferred to a **transitional facility** and may be directed for **treatment**, re-shipment, destruction or further action deemed appropriate by a **Chief Technical Officer (CTO)**.

**Importers** are liable for all associated expenses.

## Document History

This **IHS** replaces the requirements for trade samples for evaluation in the revoked **Import Health Standard 152.02: Importation and Clearance of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables into New Zealand**.

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
XX XX 2020	All	New document

## Other information

Guidance boxes are included within this **IHS** for explanatory purposes. The guidance included in these boxes is for information only and has no legal effect.

Within this **IHS**, terms printed in bold have the same meaning as that set out and defined in **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**, **the Act** or in this **IHS**.

## Part 1: General Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This **Import Health Standard (IHS)** applies to **fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples imported for sensory evaluation** ('fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples').

### 1.2 Incorporation by reference

- (1) The following documents are incorporated by reference under section 142M of **the Act**:
  - a) **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**. Rome, IPPC, FAO.
- (2) Under section 142O(3) of **the Act** it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply, that is, a notice under section 142O(2) of **the Act** is not required to be published before material that amends or replaces any material incorporated by reference has legal effect as part of those documents.

### 1.3 Definitions

- (1) Definitions are listed in Schedule 1.

### 1.4 General requirements for fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples

- (1) **Fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples** must be imported into a **transitional facility** under the supervision of a MPI inspector.
- (2) In order to obtain authorisation for movement to a **transitional facility** under s 25(4) of **the Act**, a **consignment of fresh fruit and vegetable trade samples** must:
  - a) not exceed 30 kilograms;
  - b) be **free from contamination** and other extraneous material;
  - c) be **packaged** in clean and either new or refurbished material; and
  - d) be accompanied by a letter of approval to import signed by a Manager, Horticulture Imports, Biosecurity New Zealand.
- (3) The **consignment and packaging** must be destroyed to the satisfaction of a MPI inspector within 48 hours of **importation**.

#### Guidance

- The full list of regulated and non-regulated pests for New Zealand can be found in [BORIC](#) and the [Schedule of regulated \(quarantine\) weed seeds](#). These databases can be found on the MPI website.
- The letter of approval needs to be obtained prior to the importation of the fresh fruit and vegetable trade sample into New Zealand. The letter of approval is issued by Horticulture Imports, Biosecurity New Zealand and contains details of the commodity presented by the importer, such as species and weight of the sample.
- The fresh fruit and vegetable trade sample and the package in which the sample is contained, may be subject to 100% inspected for regulated pests, seeds, signs or symptoms of disease, soil or any contaminants by MPI inspector in the transitional facility or in a biosecurity control area. It is the importers responsibility to arrange with MPI inspectors to arrange for an inspection.
- Any units with signs or symptoms of contamination may be removed and destroyed. The entire sample may be destroyed if fruit fly infestation is detected during the MPI inspection.

## Schedule 1: Definitions

Definitions have the same meaning as defined in **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms** or **the Act** unless set out below. Derived forms of terms set out in the aforementioned sources, e.g. *packaged* from *packaging*, are considered to have the same meaning as the defined term.

### **Biosecurity Organism Register for Imported Commodities (BORIC)**

MPI database which identifies the quarantine status for an organism as either regulated or non-regulated for New Zealand. **BORIC** is available at: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/biosecurity-organisms-register-forimported-commodities/>

### **Chief Technical Officer (CTO)**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Commodity**

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

### **Consignment**

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

### **Contamination**

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

### **FAO**

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

### **Free from** (of a **consignment**, field or **place of production**)

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

### **Fresh**

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

### **Fruits and vegetables**

Definition as per **ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

### **Import**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Import health standard (IHS)**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Importation**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Importer**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **In transit**

Refers to **risk goods (consignments)** in the process of being shipped to New Zealand, for example **risk goods** in sea containers on board a vessel. These **risk goods** or **consignments** may have **treatments** applied (for example, cold **treatment**) while the **risk goods** are en route to New Zealand.

### **Incidentally imported new organism**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Infestation**

Definition as per **ISPM 5**. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*

### **International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)**

Definition as per **ISPM 5**. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*. The list of **ISPMs** are available from:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/ispm/>.

### **Organism**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Packaging**

Definition as per **ISPM 5**. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*

### **Pest**

Definition as per **ISPM 5**. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*

### **Place of production**

Definition as per **ISPM 5**. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*

### **Regulated pest**

A **pest** that is identified as a **regulated pest** in **BORIC** or the [Schedule of regulated \(quarantine\) weed seeds](#).

### **Risk goods**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Sensory evaluation**

Use of human senses (taste, visual, smell and touch) for the purpose of evaluating **fresh fruits and vegetables** for human consumption.

### **Trade samples**

Small quantities (i.e. <30 kgs) of **fresh fruit and vegetables imported** for **sensory evaluation** purposes.

### **Transitional facility**

Definition as per **the Act**.

### **Treatment**

Definition as per **ISPM 5**. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*