Import Health Standard Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables Bananas, (*Musa spp*) from Australia

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Endorsement

Import health standards for plants and plant products imported into New Zealand are a requirement under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and are prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

This standard was endorsed by the Deputy Chief Technical Officer, Pre-Clearance, Biosecurity New Zealand on 2 June 2006.

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Review and amendment

New Zealand MAF import health standards are subject to periodic review and amendment.

New Zealand import health standards covering the importation of plants and plant products are updated and republished as necessary with the most recent version published on the MAF web site.

Distribution

Import health standards relating to plants and plant products are distributed by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. They are made available for public access on the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry web site: <u>http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/plants/index.htm</u>

INTRODUCTION

SCOPE

This import health standard describes the requirements that must be met prior to shipment, in-transit and on arrival to enable biosecurity clearance to be given for fresh bananas (*Musa* spp) imported into New Zealand from Australia.

This standard is replicated at the following Internet address:

http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/plants/index.htm

Generic requirements for the importation of all fresh fruit and vegetables into New Zealand are described in *MAF Biosecurity Standard 152.02: Importation and Clearance of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables into New Zealand*.

DEFINITIONS ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Refer to the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 5 *Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms* for generic terms. Specific terms relevant to this import health standard are described below.

Bilateral quarantine	An inter-agency technical arrangement between the
arrangement	New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
	and the counterpart National Plant Protection
	Organisation which documents New Zealand's
	requirements for the control of fruit fly species of
	economic significance (i.e. those fruit fly species
	categorised as pests) that are associated with fruit fly
	host material imported into New Zealand.
Biosecurity clearance	A clearance under section 26 of the New Zealand
	Biosecurity Act 1993 for the entry of goods into
	New Zealand.

High impact pest	High impact pests are regulated pests that if introduced into New Zealand would have a major effect on the production (including access to overseas markets) of plants and plant products and/or the environment.
Import health standard	A document issued under section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 that specifies " the requirements to be met for the effective management of risks associated with the importation of risk goods before those goods can be imported, moved from a biosecurity control area or a transitional facility, or given a biosecurity clearance".
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Acronym for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry which is the New Zealand national plant protection organisation.
NPPO	Abbreviation for National Plant Protection Organisation.
Viable	Capable of maintaining life, or able to live in a particular environment and able to procreate.

NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

All New Zealand import health standards are based upon risk analyses, which may assess either a commodity or a pest/pathway combination. New Zealand's legislative requirements and international obligations are taken into account when conducting risk analyses and applying the findings in the development of import health standards. The principal document for all New Zealand import health standards relating to plants and plant products is the Biosecurity Act (1993), whilst the international obligations derive principally from the guidelines on risk analysis developed under the auspices of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (now the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures) operating within the framework of the International Plant Protection Convention, and the World Trade Organisation Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD: FRESH FRUIT/VEGETABLES – BANANAS (*Musa spp*) FROM AUSTRALIA.

1 Official contact point (New Zealand National Plant Protection Organisation)

The official contact point in New Zealand for overseas NPPOs is the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. All communication pertaining to this import health standard should be addressed to:

Manager, Biosecurity Standards Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry PO Box 2526 Wellington NEW ZEALAND

Fax: 64-4-819 0662 E-mail: PlantImports@maf.govt.nz http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz

2 General conditions for the importation of all plants and plant products

Plants and plant products are not permitted entry into New Zealand unless an import health standard has been issued in accordance with Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993. Should plants or plant products, for which no import health standard exists, be intercepted by New Zealand MAF, the importer will be offered the option of reshipment or destruction of the consignment (at their expense).

The NPPO of the exporting country is requested to inform New Zealand MAF of any change of address.

The NPPO of the exporting country is required to inform New Zealand MAF of any newly recorded pests which may infest/infect any commodity approved for export to New Zealand.

Pursuant to the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, proposals for the deliberate introduction of new organisms (including genetically modified organisms) as defined by the Act should be referred to the Environment Risk Management Authority, PO Box 131, Wellington or e-mail: <u>info@ermanz.govt.nz</u>

[Note: In order to meet the Environmental Risk Management Authority's requirements the scientific name (i.e. genus and species) of the commodity must be included in the phytosanitary certificate.]

3 Explanation of pest categories

New Zealand MAF categorises pests associated with plants and plant products into regulated and non-regulated pests. Measures to prevent the introduction of regulated pests to New Zealand are developed in accordance with the appropriate FAO ISPMs and other relevant international standards.

Regulated pests are those pests for which actions would be undertaken if they were intercepted/detected. As well as quarantine pests, these include new organisms as defined by the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, pests that may pose a risk to human or animal health or to the environment, vectors of associated quarantine pests, and virulent strains (not present in New Zealand) of non-regulated pests and contaminants. Non regulated pests are those pests for which actions would not be undertaken if they were intercepted/detected.

Pests (including weeds) associated with each commodity will appear on a separate pest list which will be attached to each import health standard as an Appendix.

4 Application of measures

A number of different measures may be applied to pests based on the outcome of pest risk analyses. Required measures may include:

- Surveillance for pest freedom
- Testing prior to export for regulated pests which cannot be readily detected by inspection (e.g. viruses on propagating material)
- Specific pre-shipment pest control activities to be undertaken by the supply country's contracting party
- The application of a pre-shipment treatment
- Inspection of the export consignment
- Issuance of a phytosanitary certificate which attests to the phytosanitary status of a consignment
- Treatment on arrival in New Zealand

5 General conditions for fresh fruit/vegetables for consumption

Only clean, inert/synthetic material may be used for the protection, packaging and shipping of fresh fruit/vegetables.

A completed phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country's NPPO must accompany all consignments of fresh fruit and vegetables exported to New Zealand.

New Zealand MAF will inspect all consignments of fresh fruit and vegetables to verify that New Zealand's phytosanitary requirements have been met. All consignments shall be practically free of soil and other extraneous matter.

Where it has been determined through pest risk assessment that high impact pests are associated with a particular commodity more specific phytosanitary measures must be met. In most circumstances these phytosanitary measures will need to be met prior to arrival of the commodity in New Zealand.

6 Specific conditions for bananas (Commodity Sub-Class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables) from Australia

6.1 PRE-SHIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

6.1.1 Inspection of the consignment

New Zealand MAF requires that the Australia NPPO sample and visually inspect the consignment according to official procedures for all the regulated pests specified by New Zealand MAF and ensure that it conforms with New Zealand's current import requirements. A phytosanitary certificate should not be issued if live regulated pest(s) are detected, unless the consignment is treated in order to eliminate these. If pests are found which are not listed in the import health standard, the Australia NPPO must establish their regulatory status. This information is available in MAF's "Biosecurity Organisms Register for Imported Commodities" http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-diseases/registers-lists/boric/

If a pest is not listed in this register, the Australia NPPO must contact MAF (see Section 1) to establish the regulatory status of the pest.

6.1.2 Testing of the consignment

Testing of the consignment prior to export to New Zealand for regulated pests which are not visually detectable (viz. fungi and bacteria) is not generally required for fresh bananas from Australia.

6.1.3 Measures for high impact pests

The strength of phytosanitary measures will generally be greater for high impact pests than for other regulated pests, reflecting the greater risks associated with these pests. In most circumstances phytosanitary measures for high impact pests will need to be met prior to arrival of the commodity in New Zealand, and phytosanitary certification will need to attest to this accordingly.

New Zealand MAF and the Australia NPPO agree that banana fruit is only a host of the high impact fruit flies specified in the pest list when the fruit is ripe. Therefore, fruit for export to New Zealand must be harvested, packed and exported in the unripe (ie. mature green) state.

New Zealand MAF requires the Australia NPPO to either use appropriate pest control activities or pest free areas for the high impact pest *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*.

6.1.4 Documentation

Bilateral quarantine arrangement/Workplan: Required for fruit flies.

Bananas may only be imported into New Zealand from Australia under the terms of the Bilateral Quarantine Arrangement between New Zealand MAF and the Australia NPPO.

Phytosanitary certificate: Required.

Import permit/Authorisation to import: Exempt under Gazette Notice: No. AG12, 13 July 1995.

6.1.5 Phytosanitary certification

A completed phytosanitary certificate issued by the Australia NPPO must accompany all bananas consignments exported to New Zealand.

Before a phytosanitary certificate is issued, the Australia NPPO must be satisfied that the following activities required by New Zealand MAF have been undertaken.

The bananas have:

(i) been visually inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free from any regulated pests

AND

(*ii*) undergone appropriate pest control activities that are effective against *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*

OR

been sourced from an area free (verified by an official detection survey) from *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*

AND

(iii) undergone an agreed treatment that is effective against associated fruit fly species of economic significance in accordance with Appendix 6 of the Bilateral Quarantine Arrangement between NZ MAF and AQIS.

Note: pest control activities are to comply with relevant health and safety requirements and food standards.

6.1.6 Additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificate

If satisfied that the pre-shipment activities have been undertaken, the Australia NPPO must confirm this by providing the following additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificate:

- This is to certify that the bananas described herein have been inspected according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by New Zealand MAF and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of New Zealand MAF, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

NOTE: This additional declaration is not required if the phytosanitary certificate issued by the Australia NPPO is in accordance with ISPM No. 12 Guidelines for Phytosanitary Certificates.

AND

The bananas in this consignment have undergone appropriate pest control activities that are effective against *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*

OR

The bananas in this consignment have been sourced from an area free (verified by an official detection survey) from *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*

AND

The bananas in this consignment have been treated in accordance with Appendix 6 of the Bilateral Quarantine Arrangement between NZ MAF and AQIS.

6.2 TRANSIT REQUIREMENTS

The bananas must be packed and shipped in a manner to prevent possible postinspection/treatment infestation and/or contamination by regulated pests. Where a consignment is split or has its packaging changed while in another country (or countries) *en route* to New Zealand, a "Re-export Certificate" is required. Where a consignment is held under bond as a result of the need to change conveyances and is kept in the original shipping container, a "Re-export Certificate" is not required.

6.3 INSPECTION ON ARRIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand MAF will check the accompanying documentation on arrival to confirm that it is correct and reconciles with the actual consignment.

New Zealand MAF requires, with 95% confidence, that not more than 0.5% of the units in a consignment are infested with visually detectable, viable, regulated pests. To achieve this, New Zealand MAF will sample and inspect 600 units with an acceptance level of zero infested units (or equivalent), from the (homogeneous) lot.

6.4 **BIOSECURITY/QUARANTINE DIRECTIVE**

The consignment may be directed to a New Zealand MAF-approved facility for further treatment if required.

6.5 TESTING FOR REGULATED PESTS

New Zealand MAF may, on the specific request of the Chief Technical Officer, test the consignment for regulated pests.

6.6 ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN ON THE INTERCEPTION/DETECTION OF PESTS/CONTAMINANTS

If viable, regulated pests, extraneous plant material or trash are intercepted/detected with the commodity, or associated packaging, the following actions will be undertaken as appropriate (depending on the pest identified):

- Re-sorting (specific conditions apply) of the consignment
- Reshipment of the consignment
- Destruction of the consignment
- Treatment for those pests for which specific pre-export pest control activities are required
- The suspension of trade on the detection of pests for which a pest free area has been implemented
- The suspension of trade (economically important fruit fly species), until the cause of the non-compliance is investigated, identified and rectified to the satisfaction of New Zealand MAF.

If an organism is intercepted/detected that is not on the pest list (appended to this document), the consignment will be held (or equivalent) until an assessment is undertaken to determine the organism's categorisation (i.e. regulated or non-regulated) and appropriate measures developed and taken if required.

Consignments that are contaminated with extraneous plant material and/or trash in the 600 unit sample will result in the consignment being held until an assessment has been made in comparison with the risk of importing the part(s) of the plant species concerned.

6.7 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

If regulated pests are not detected, or are successfully treated following interception/detection biosecurity clearance will be given.

6.8 AUDIT OF OFFSHORE MEASURES

NZ MAF reserves the right to audit all processes that are undertaken offshore, including phytosanitary measures for high impact pests.

6.9 FEEDBACK ON NON-COMPLIANCE

The Australia NPPO will be informed by New Zealand MAF's Chief Technical Officer of the interception (and treatment) of any regulated pests, "unlisted" pests, or non-compliance with measures specified in this import health standard.

7 Contingencies Following Biosecurity Clearance

Should a regulated pest be detected subsequent to biosecurity clearance, New Zealand MAF may implement a management programme (official control programme) in accordance with Part V of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and Part 5 of the Biosecurity Amendment Act 1997.

Appendix 1

Pest List Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables *Musa spp* from Australia

Scientific name	Organism type	Common name	Quarantine status	Measures to prevent introduction	Actions on interceptio
Cercospora hayi	fun	diamond spot	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Chaetothyrina musarum	fun	sooty blotch	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Cladosporium sp.	fun	cladosporium mould	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
<i>Glomerella cingulata var. minor</i> (anamorph <i>Collectotrichum gloeosporioides var.minor</i>)	fun	anthracnose	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
<i>Guignardia musae</i> (anamorph <i>Phyllosticta musarum</i>)	fun	freckle	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Phytophthora palmivora	fun	black rot	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Ramichloridium musae	fun	freckle	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Aleurodicus dispersus	ins	spiralling whitefly	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Amblypelta lutescens	ins	fruit-spotting bug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Amblypelta nitida	ins	fruit-spotting bug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Aonidiella orientalis	ins	Oriental yellow scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Araecerus coffeae	ins	coffee bean weevil	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Aspidiotus destructor	ins	coconut scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Atherigona orientalis	ins	muscid fly	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Bactrocera bryoniae	ins	fruit fly	Regulated #	2a or 2b	2a
Bactrocera musae	ins	banana fruit fly	Regulated #	2a or 2b	2a
Bactrocera cucumis	ins	cucumber fruit fly	Regulated #	3	3
Bactrocera frauenfeldi	ins	fruit fly	Regulated #	3	3
Bactrocera jarvisi	ins	Jarvis' fruit fly	Regulated #	3	3
Bactrocera neohumeralis	ins	lesser Queensland fruit fly	Regulated #	3	3
Bactrocera tryoni	ins	Queensland fruit fly	Regulated #	3	3
Ceratitis capitata	ins	Mediterranean fruit fly	Regulated #	3	3
Chaetanaphothrips signipennis	ins	banana rust thrips	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Chrysomphalus aonidum	ins	Florida red scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Chrysomphalus dictyospermi	ins	dictyospermum scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Cnaphalocrocis medinalis	ins	rice leaf folder	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Dirioxa pornia	ins	Island fruit fly	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Dysmicoccus brevipes	ins	pineapple mealybug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Elixothrips brevisetis	ins	banana rind thrips	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Eudocima fullonia	ins	fruit-piercing moth	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Eudocima materna	ins	fruit-sucking moth	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Ferrisia virgata	ins	striped mealybug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Geloptera miracula	ins	chyrsomelid beetle	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Haplothrips gowdeyi	ins	black flower thrips	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Helicoverpa assulta	ins	cape gooseberry budworm	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Hemiberlesia palmae	ins	citrus black scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
lcerya aegyptiaca	ins	Egyptian fluted scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Icerya seychellarum	ins	Seychelles scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Isotenes miserana	ins	orange fruit borer	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Leptoglossus gonagra	ins	squash bug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2

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Scientific name	Organism type	Common name	Quarantine status	Measures to prevent introduction	Actions on interception
Maconellicoccus hirsutus	ins	pink hibiscus mealybug	Regulated #	2a or 2b	2a
Melanitis leda ismene	ins	Rice butterfly	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Monolepta australis	ins	red-shouldered leaf beetle	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Opogona glycyphaga	ins	sugar-cane bud moth	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Orgyia australis	ins	vapourer moth	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Pentalonia nigronervosa	ins	banana aphid	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Pinnaspis strachani	ins	hibiscus snow scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Planococcus citri	ins	citrus mealy bug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Planococcus minor	ins	passionvine mealybug	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Pseudaulacaspis cockerelli	ins	Cockerell's scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Rhyparida discopunctulata	ins	leaf beetle	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Spodoptera exigua	ins	beet armyworm	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Thrips florum	ins	flower thrips	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Thrips hawaiiensis	ins	banana flower thrips	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Tiracola plagiata	ins	banana fruit caterpillar	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Tirathaba rufivena	ins	fruit borer	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Unaspis citri	ins	citrus snow scale	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Xenothictis sciaphila	ins	tortricid	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Brevipalpus lewisi	mit	bunch mite	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Eutetranychus orientalis	mit	pear leaf blister mite	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Tetranychus neocaledonicus	mit	vegetable spider mite	Regulated	1a & 1b	1 &/or 2
Erwinia carotovora	bac	bacterial soft rot	Non regulated		NA
Aspergillus flavus	fun	aspergillus storage rot	Non regulated		NA
Aspergillus niger	fun	aspergillus rot	Non regulated	•	NA
<i>Ceratocystis paradoxa</i> (anamorph	fun	ceratocystis rot	Non regulated	•	NA
Thielaviopsis paradoxa)				•	
Colletotrichum musae	fun	anthracnose	Non regulated		NA
Deightoniella torulosa	fun	black tip	Non regulated		NA
Fusarium pallidoroseum	fun	fusarium rot	Non regulated		NA
Glomerella cingulata (anamorph	fun	anthracnose	Non regulated		NA
Colletotrichum gloeosporioides)			J		
Lasiodiplodia theobromae	fun	fruit and stem-end rot	Non regulated		NA
Magnaporthe grisea (anamorph Pyricularia grisea)	fun	Johnson's spot	Non regulated		NA
Sclerotinia sclerotiorum	fun	cottony rot	Non regulated		NA
Agrotis ipsilon	ins	greasy cutworm	Non regulated		NA
Aonidiella aurantii	ins	California red scale	Non regulated		NA
Aphis gossypii	ins	cotton aphid	Non regulated		NA
Araecerus fasciculatus	ins	coffee bean weevil	Non regulated		NA
Aspidiotus nerii	ins	oleander scale	Non regulated		NA
, Chrysodeixis eriosoma	ins	green garden looper	Non regulated		NA
Coccus hesperidum	ins	brown soft scale	Non regulated		NA
Hemiberlesia cyanophylli	ins	cyanophyllum scale	Non regulated		NA
Hemiberlesia lataniae	ins	latania scale	Non regulated		NA
Hemiberlesia rapax	ins	greedy scale	Non regulated		NA
	ins	banana silvering thrips	Non regulated		NA

Scientific name	Organism type	Common name	Quarantine status	Measures to prevent introduction	Actions on interception
Hermetia illucens	ins	black soldier fly	Non regulated		NA
Listroderes difficilis	ins	vegetable weevil	Non regulated		NA
Pseudococcus longispinus	ins	longtail mealybug	Non regulated		NA
Rhopalosiphum maidis	ins	corn leaf aphid	Non regulated		NA
Spodoptera litura	ins	cluster caterpillar	Non regulated		NA
Brevipalpus californicus	mit	Bunch mite	Non regulated		NA
Polyphagotarsonemus latus	mit	Broad mite	Non regulated		NA
Tetranychus lambi	mit	strawberry spider mite	Non regulated		NA
Tetranychus urticae	mit	Twospotted spider mite	Non regulated		NA

denotes a high impact pest for which additional offshore measures are necessary

Measures to prevent entry & establishment		No measures as pest non regulated
	1a	Visual inspection of produce and associated packaging
	1b	Consignment must be free from extraneous material – pests are associated with other plant parts (e.g., leaves, stems, flowers) and/or soil.
	2a	Undergone appropriate pest control activities
	2b	Pest free area (based on official detection survey)
	3	Agreed offshore fruit fly treatment
	4	Approved generic treatment
Actions on interception	NA	No actions as pest is non regulated
	0	No action due to low risk pathway
	1	Removal of extraneous material – pests are associated with other plant
		parts
		e.g., leaves, stems, flowers) and/or soil
	2	Treat, reship or destroy
	2a	Treat, reship or destroy. Suspend pathway
	3	Reship or destroy Suspend pathway

3 Reship or destroy. Suspend pathway