



23 February 2026

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Format change to New Zealand's phytosanitary certificates issued from 2 March 2026

The national plant protection organisation (NPPO) of New Zealand, the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) would like to inform you of an upcoming change to the format of New Zealand's phytosanitary certificates and phytosanitary certificates for re-export of plants, plant products and other regulated articles. The new paper certificate format will be implemented on 2 March 2026. MPI's phytosanitary certification process remains unchanged.

All certificates issued in the new format will continue to align with requirements of ISPM 12: Phytosanitary Certificates. Paper phytosanitary certificates will continue to be printed on green MPI security paper, with a silver fern in the bottom left corner of the paper.

Key changes to the paper certificate format include:

- The **Place of Origin** will be included in the top section of the phytosanitary certificate, with all relevant countries included in this field. The **Place of Origin** will also be included for each individual product item.
- The **Additional Information** in the **Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment** section will be included below the **Treatment** description.
- The **Port of Loading** and **Declared Point of Entry** will display the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UNCEFACT) port names and may include the region in brackets for some countries.
- The **Certifying Statement** will include the mandatory certifying statement from ISPM 12, and the optional clause "They are deemed to be practically free from other pests" will not be included.
- The **Certifying Statement** on a Phytosanitary certificate for re-export will be included for each individual product.

Examples of New Zealand's new phytosanitary certificate formats (including copies) are provided in Attachments 1-4. Examples of New Zealand's current phytosanitary certificate formats can be found on the IPPC website – [Latest Reporting Obligation - International Plant Protection Convention](#).

To support a smooth transition, a limited number of phytosanitary certificates in the current format may continue to be issued up to and including 29 May 2026.

MPI is notifying you of this change so that you can distribute this notification to relevant border officials, as appropriate. We appreciate your cooperation in facilitating clearance of consignments of plants, plant products or other regulated articles from New Zealand.

If you have questions regarding the changes to our New Zealand phytosanitary certificates, please send an email to ippcmmpi@mpi.govt.nz and copy in plantassurance@mpi.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment 1: Example of New Zealand phytosanitary certificate (new)
Attachment 2: Example of New Zealand phytosanitary certificate for re-export (new)
Attachment 3: Example of a copy of a New Zealand phytosanitary certificate (new)
Attachment 4: Example of a copy of a New Zealand phytosanitary certificate for re-export (new)

EXAMPLE NOT FOR USE

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

PHYTOSANITARY
CERTIFICATE FROM NEW ZEALAND



TO THE PLANT PROTECTION
ORGANISATION(S) OF:

Cert. No.

Name and address of exporter:		Declared name and address of consignee:			
Place of Origin:	Port of Loading:	Declared Means of Conveyance:	Declared Point of Entry:		
Certifying Statement: This is to certify that the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.					
Additional Declarations: Date of Inspection: -- Import Permit Numbers: Additional Official Phytosanitary Information:					
Number and Description of Packages:		Container Identification Numbers (Seal Numbers):			
Distinguishing Marks on Package:					
Item:	Botanical Name/ Common Name:	Product Description:	Net Quantity:	Place of Origin:	
1	-- / --	-- / --			
2	-- / --	-- / --			
Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment:					
Item:	Date:	Treatment:	Chemical:	Duration & Temperature:	Concentration:
1	--			-- @ --	
Additional Information: N/A					

Place of Issue: Wellington, New Zealand

Date:

Signature

Name of Authorised Officer

EXAMPLE NOT FOR USE

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

PHYTOSANITARY RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE FROM NEW ZEALAND



TO THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION(S) OF:

Cert. No.

Name and address of exporter:		Declared name and address of consignee:	
Place of Origin:	Port of Loading:	Declared Means of Conveyance:	Declared Point of Entry:
Certifying Statement: Certifying statement(s) appear within the product description section for each item.			
Additional Declarations:			
Date of Inspection: --			
Import Permit Numbers:			
Additional Official Phytosanitary Information:			
Number and Description of Packages:		Container Identification Numbers (Seal Numbers):	
Distinguishing Marks on Package:			
Item:	Botanical Name/ Common Name:	Product Description:	Net Quantity:
1	-- / --	-- / --	
2	-- / --	-- / --	
Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment:			Place of Origin:
Item:	Date:	Treatment:	Chemical:
1	--		-- @ --
Duration & Temperature:			
Concentration:			
Additional Information: N/A			
Item:	Certifying Statement:		
1	This is to certify (a) That the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein were imported into New Zealand from the stated country of origin covered by Phytosanitary Certificate No(s) , the original of which is attached to this certificate; (b) that they are packed in original containers; (c) that based on the original phytosanitary certificate and additional inspection, they are considered to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country; (d) that during storage in New Zealand the consignment has not been subjected to the risk of infestation or infection.		
2	This is to certify (a) That the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein were imported into New Zealand from the stated country of origin covered by Phytosanitary Certificate No(s) , the original of which is attached to this certificate; (b) that they are packed in original containers; (c) that based on the original phytosanitary certificate and additional inspection, they are considered to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country; (d) that during storage in New Zealand the consignment has not been subjected to the risk of infestation or infection.		

Place of Issue: Wellington, New Zealand

Signature

Date:

Name of Authorised Officer

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PHYTOSANITARY
CERTIFICATE FROM NEW ZEALAND



TO THE PLANT PROTECTION
ORGANISATION(S) OF:

Cert. No.

Name and address of exporter:		Declared name and address of consignee:			
Place of Origin:	Port of Loading:	Declared Means of Conveyance:	Declared Point of Entry:		
Exporting Instructions: This is to certify that the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein are those inspected and found to be free from injurious insects and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.					
Additional Declarations:					
Date of Inspection:					
Import Permit Number:					
Additional Official Phytosanitary Information:					
Number and Description of Packages:		Commodity Identification Number (if applicable)			
Outgoing/Import Works on Package:					
Item:	Article and Number/Container Number:	Product Description:	Net Quantity:	Place of Origin:	
1	---	---	---	---	
2	---	---	---	---	
Inspection and/or Treatment Treatment:					
Item:	Date:	Treatment:	Chemical:	Exposure & Temperature:	Concentration:
1	---	---	---	---	---
Additional Information: N/A					

Place of Issue: Wellington, New Zealand

Signature:

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Cert. No.

Name and address of exporter:		Declared name and address of consignee:			
Place of Origin:	Port of Loading:	Declared Means of Conveyance:	Declared Point of Entry:		
Certifying Statements Certifying statement(s) appear within the product description section for each item. Additional Declaration: Date of Inspection: -- Inspector Permit Number: Additional Official Phytosanitary Information:					
Number and Description of Packages:		Container Identification Numbers (if applicable):			
Distinguishing Marks on Packages:					
Item:	Entered Name / Common Name:	Product Description:	Net Quantity:	Place of Origin:	
1	...	...			
2	...	...			
Examination and/or Declaration Treatment:					
Item:	Date:	Treatment:	Chemical:	Exposure & Temperature:	Concentration:
1	...			...	
Additional Information: N/A					
Item:	Certifying Statement:				
1	This is to certify: (a) That the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein were imported into New Zealand from the stated country of origin covered by Phytosanitary Certificate No. ..., the original of which is attached to this certificate; (b) that they are packed in original containers; (c) that based on the original phytosanitary certificate and additional inspection, they are considered to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country; (d) that during storage in New Zealand the consignment has not been subjected to the risk of infestation or infection.				
2	This is to certify: (a) That the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein were imported into New Zealand from the stated country of origin covered by Phytosanitary Certificate No. ..., the original of which is attached to this certificate; (b) that they are packed in original containers; (c) that based on the original phytosanitary certificate and additional inspection, they are considered to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country; (d) that during storage in New Zealand the consignment has not been subjected to the risk of infestation or infection.				

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