

**CTO Direction to MPI Inspector
Biosecurity clearance of non-compliant consignments/s**

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Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, _____ give the following directions for consignments of processed peat and coco peat products, to be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by sections 2.4 'Coco peat (coir pith and coir peat) products' and section 2.5 'Peat and processed peat products' of the import health standard 'Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origin'.

- Processed peat or coco peat products (i.e. peat pots, discs, plugs, and pellets) which have undergone processing prior to export (i.e. grading, sieving, extrusion or moulding/pressing) and heating which is endorsed on a manufacturer's certificate
- Manufacturer's certificate outlining the processing steps and core temperature attained during manufacture must accompany any consignment of processed peat product entering New Zealand
- No phytosanitary certificate is required

All other relevant sections of the IHS 'Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origin' of section 2.4 'Coco peat (coir pith and coir peat) products' and section 2.5 'Processed peat products' from all countries must be complied with.

The CTO approved equivalent measures are to be identified on the manufacturer's certificate accompanying each consignment entering New Zealand.

EQUIVALENCE (MPI reference number: CTO Plants: 2017030)

Equivalence is granted to all processed peat and coco peat products imported under equivalent phytosanitary measures. The goods must be accompanied by a manufacturer's certificate endorsing the following actions have been completed: the product has been sieved, pressed/moulded and heated during manufacture prior to export. These measures are considered to mitigate the risk of viable organisms in the processed peat and coco peat products and therefore is considered to be equivalent to the treatment requirements specified under sections 2.4 'Coco peat (coir pith and coir peat) products' and section 2.5 of 'Peat and processed peat products' of the IHS 'Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origin'.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and may apply to multiple consignments of processed peat and coco peat products from all countries which are not compliant with the treatment requirements of section 2.4 'Coco peat (coir pith and coir peat) products' and section 2.5 'Peat and processed peat products' of the import health standard (IHS) 'Fertilisers and Growing Media of Plant Origin'.

This CTO direction is valid for 2 years from the date of signing of this document, or until the date that the related Import Health Standard has been amended to cover the equivalent measures to the treatment requirements specified in section 2.4 or section 2.5 of the IHS (whichever comes first).

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Date:

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