

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Table Potatoes from New Zealand

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(In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof, the Chinese text shall govern.)

1. The importation of table potatoes from New Zealand shall be regulated pursuant to the “Plant Protection and Quarantine Act” and its enforcement rules, “Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products into the Republic of China”, and shall be in compliance with the following requirements.
 2. Requirements for designated production sites
 - 2.1 All designated production sites must be New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) registered.
 - 2.2 MAF or the accredited agencies shall survey every designated production site before planting of potatoes. The survey shall consist of a sample of 100 cores of 4-5ml of soil from each designated production site. If the designated production site exceeds 10 hectares, the sample shall be 200 cores of 4-5ml of soil. Soil samples shall be sent to a MAF approved laboratory for nematode testing to ensure all designated production sites are free from potato cyst nematode (PCN).
 - 2.3 Each designated production site shall be issued with a unique identification code by MAF.
 - 2.4 All designated production sites shall be clearly distinguished from other potato production sites. Their locations, boundaries, and acreages shall be identified on a map. The MAF or the accredited agencies shall audit for compliance to the above.
3. Requirements for operation of designated production sites
 - 3.1 Only seeds sourced from PCN and potato wart free sites and certified by the New Zealand Seed Potato Certification Authority as free from these diseases can be planted in the designated production sites. The mother plant of seed potatoes shall be in compliance with relevant requirements of New Zealand. Growers shall keep records of their seed purchases for audit.
 - 3.2 Growers shall manage and control the regulated pests of concern to Taiwan during growth of

the potato crops.

3.3 Growers shall maintain a production diary, which includes names and quantities of varieties planted, dates of planting, and pest and disease control measures in each designated production site. These records will be audited by MAF or the accredited agencies.

3.4 All machinery and vehicles moving onto designated production sites will be free from PCN and potato wart contamination. Machinery and vehicles from sites not established as PCN or potato wart free must be cleaned before entering the designated production site. Growers will produce a document which cites how the movement of machinery and vehicles will be controlled. Records of the movement of machinery and vehicles should be kept in the production diary for audit.

3.5 Potatoes shall be treated with a sprout inhibitor either before harvest or during packing.

3.6 During the growing season, MAF or the accredited agencies shall survey each designated production site for PCN by one of the following methods and maintain the survey records for audit.

3.6.1 Approximately 100 days after planting, MAF or the accredited agencies survey the underground part of plants of each designated production site.

3.6.2 Before harvest, 100 cores of 4-5ml of soil are to be sampled from each designated production site and submitted to a MAF accredited laboratory for PCN testing.

4. Requirement for harvest, packing, and storage operation

4.1 Each grower shall maintain a harvest diary, which includes details of production site identification number, date of harvest, variety harvested, and tonnage / number of field bins harvested.

4.2 A bin label, which includes the unique production site identification number, shall be attached to every bin, after the harvested potatoes are loaded.

4.3 If a sprout inhibitor was not applied to the potatoes before harvest, it shall be applied as they are being packed.

4.4 Potatoes can only be packed and stored in packing and storage facilities registered and approved by MAF. The facility operator shall maintain the operation diary. Other potatoes shall not be packed at the same time, and they shall be stored separately.

4.5 Every export package shall be clearly labeled with the production site identification number, packing run number (date), and the packing and storage facility identification number.

5. Requirement for Exporters

5.1 Exporters shall be MAF registered.

5.2 The exporter is responsible for implementing post inspection product security measures in accordance with MAF regulations.

6. Confirmation of quarantine operations

6.1 MAF shall provide the plant quarantine authority of Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as APHIA), via the MAF website, an up to date list of registered growers, packing and storage facilities, exporters and accredited agencies. MAF shall also notify APHIA immediately of any withdrawal or change of designated production sites, packing or storage facilities.

6.2 Operations of growers, packing or storage facility operators, and exporters shall be in compliance with the requirements.

6.3 Every year prior to the export of the potatoes, MAF shall formally invite APHIA inspectors to audit the field and export inspections. The APHIA may send quarantine inspectors to audit the operation of the designated production sites, packing and storage facilities, ports for export, laboratories, and relevant records. All expenses for the APHIA inspectors shall be borne by New Zealand.

6.4 MAF shall notify APHIA of any change to the status of potato wart in New Zealand.

7. Export phytosanitary inspection

7.1 Export phytosanitary inspection is undertaken in the packing or storage facility by MAF or the accredited agencies.

7.2 For each export consignment of table potatoes to Taiwan, as a component of the certificate verification process, the MAF or accredited agencies must confirm:

7.2.1 Potatoes were sourced from a designated production site in compliance with the requirements.

7.2.2 Potatoes were packed in a registered packing facility(s) in compliance with the requirements.

7.2.3 Potatoes were stored at a registered storage facility in compliance with the requirements.

7.2.4 Consignment is presented for export by a MAF registered exporter in compliance with the requirements.

7.3 The following Additional Declaration is to be applied to phytosanitary certificates once the requirements have been confirmed:

7.3.1 The potatoes in this consignment conform to the requirements of the export certification

compliance programme agreed between New Zealand MAF and Taiwan APHIA and they have been thoroughly inspected and found free from quarantine pests designated by APHIA or treated by appropriate quarantine treatments prior to export.

7.3.2 The potatoes have been treated with a sprout inhibitor.

8. Import phytosanitary inspection

8.1 The phytosanitary certificate with the additional declaration issued by MAF shall be in compliance with the requirements.

8.2 Procedures, methods, and sampling for import inspection shall follow the “Plant Protection and Quarantine Act” and its enforcement rules and other quarantine regulations.

8.3 Shipments of table potatoes not in compliance with this requirement or without phytosanitary certification issued by MAF are prohibited.

8.4 If the non-compliance (detected during on-arrival inspection) is related to inadequate documentation, MAF shall provide documentation within 48 hours to confirm that the requirements have been met. If such documentation cannot be provided, the consignment shall be rejected.

8.5 If quarantine pests other than PCN or potato wart are detected during on-arrival inspection, the potatoes shall be treated in accordance with the relevant quarantine regulations of Taiwan. APHIA will notify MAF of the non-compliance and MAF shall undertake an investigation, take appropriate corrective actions within one week, and report back to APHIA. Repeated non-compliance of this nature may result in the grower or packing facility being suspended from the requirements for one year.

8.6 If PCN or potato wart is detected during on-arrival inspection, the potatoes will be destroyed or reshipped back to its origin. The grower and the production site will be excluded from further exports of potatoes to Taiwan. The relevant packing and storage facilities will be suspended immediately. If the offending production site, packing or storage facility is not readily identified, all imports of potatoes from New Zealand shall be suspended immediately. The suspension will be lifted after APHIA approves the corrective actions and/or conducts an on-site verification of any necessary actions taken to correct non-compliance. All expenses for APHIA inspectors shall be borne by New Zealand.

9. Detail procedures for the implementation of the requirements shall follow the “Export Phytosanitary Certification Programme for Table Potatoes to Taiwan” agreed by APHIA and MAF.