



## Register of Ministry for Primary Industries approved suppliers of identification services

### Reporting pest and diseases

To report suspected exotic pests or diseases on plants in New Zealand, or recently imported goods, call the Ministry for Primary Industries hotline on **0800 80 99 66**.

### Overview

This register identifies MPI approved suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for pests and diseases associated with imported and export goods:

- **Imports** - [Suppliers of identification services for interceptions at the border](#)
- **Imports** - [Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for material in quarantine \(PEQ\)](#)
- **Plant Exports** - [Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for plant and plant product exports](#)
- **Animal Exports** - [Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for animal and animal product exports](#)

### Definitions/Key

- **Invertebrates** - includes molluscs, insects, spiders, nematodes.
- **Microorganisms** - includes bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroid's, and phytoplasmas

### Document changes

Any changes to details included within this register should be directed to [PlantImports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:PlantImports@mpi.govt.nz) (Imports) or [PlantExports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:PlantExports@mpi.govt.nz) (Exports).

**Table 1: Suppliers of identification services for interceptions at the border**

Supplier	MPI Facility Code	Contact	Address	Scope of approval for diagnosis and/or identification	Additional information
AsureQuality National Seed Laboratory PALMERSTON NORTH	1554	Thomas Green Email: <a href="mailto:Thomas.Green@asurequality.com">Thomas.Green@asurequality.com</a> Phone: 06 356 1911	Batchelor Agriculture Centre Dr Tennent Drive PO Box 609 Palmerston North	<b>Identification of seed including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contamination seed</li><li>Seed purity</li><li>Germination testing</li><li>Inspection of pelleted seed*</li><li>Seed viability</li></ul>	*Samples up to and including 10kg).
AsureQuality Pest Laboratory AUCKLAND	1511	John Keall Email: <a href="mailto:John.Keall@asurequality.com">John.Keall@asurequality.com</a> Phone: 09 626 8260 or 021 912 216	131 Boundary Road Blockhouse Bay Auckland 0600	<b>Identification of interceptions on all commodities for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invertebrates</li></ul>	Out of hours/weekend entomology identification service (including fruit fly) available for all invertebrate border specimens.
Bioresearches AUCKLAND	No current ATF code	Dylan van Winkel Email: <a href="mailto:Dylan@bioresearches.co.nz">Dylan@bioresearches.co.nz</a> Phone: 027 341 3497	Level 4 68 Beach Road Auckland 1010	<b>Identification of interceptions on all commodities for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Snakes</li><li>Amphibians</li><li>Reptiles</li></ul>	Laboratory only receives samples of dead animals for identification.
MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) TAMAKI, AUCKLAND	25509	<b>Invertebrates:</b> Sherly George Email: <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070  <b>Fungi, bacteria, nematodes:</b> Brett Alexander Email: <a href="mailto:Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz">Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5724 / 029 909 5724	Landcare Research Building 231 Morrin Road St. Johns PO Box 2095 Auckland 1140	<b>Identification of interceptions on all commodities for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invertebrates*</li><li>Microorganisms</li><li>Mushroom spawn, truffles, and ergots</li></ul> <b>Identification of interceptions on nursery stock and germinated seed for:</b>	Send all invertebrate border specimens north of Tauranga to Tamaki (Auckland) laboratory.  Entomology identification service is not available out of hours/weekends.  *Laboratory provides molecular diagnostics for fruit



		<p><b><u>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas, Liberibacter</u></b> Jeremy Thompson Email: <a href="mailto:Jeremy.Thompson@mpi.govt.nz">Jeremy.Thompson@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 220 7818 / 022 012 7757</p> <p><b><u>Plant identifications:</u></b> Sathish Puthigae Email: <a href="mailto:Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz">Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 952 6891 / 022 013 2390</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates</li><li>• Plant pests and diseases</li><li>• Microorganisms</li><li>• Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas, and bacteria.</li><li>• Seed testing services</li></ul>	fly, animal mites, ticks, and fleas.
<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) CHRISTCHURCH</b>	25507	Sherly George Email: <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 943 3205	14 Sir William Pickering Drive Burnside PO Box 14018 Christchurch	<p><b><u>Identification of interceptions on all commodities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates</li></ul>	<p>Entomology identification service is not available out of hours/weekends.</p> <p>Send all invertebrate border specimens from south of Tauranga to Christchurch laboratory.</p>
<b>NZ Seedlab CHRISTCHURCH</b>	1019	Decima McCloy or Mary Anne McErlane Email: <a href="mailto:info@nzseedlab.co.nz">info@nzseedlab.co.nz</a> Phone: 03 342 8860	60 Ryans Rd PO Box 16101 Harewood, Christchurch	<p><b><u>Identification of seed including*:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contamination seed</li><li>• Seed Purity</li><li>• Germination testing</li><li>• Seed viability</li></ul>	*Identification service is not available for seed that are pelleted or chemically coated.

**Table 2: Suppliers of identification services and diagnostic services for material in quarantine (PEQ)**

Supplier	MPI Facility Code	Contact	Address	Scope of approval for diagnosis and/or identification	Additional information
MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) TAMAKI, AUCKLAND	25509	<b><u>Invertebrates:</u></b> Sherly George Email: <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070  <b><u>Fungi, bacteria, nematodes:</u></b> Brett Alexander Email: <a href="mailto:Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz">Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone 09 909 5724 / 029 909 5724  <b><u>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas:</u></b> Jeremy Thompson Email: <a href="mailto:Jeremy.Thompson@mpi.govt.nz">Jeremy.Thompson@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 220 7818 / 022 012 7757  <b><u>Plant identifications:</u></b> Sathish Puthigae Email: <a href="mailto:Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz">Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 952 6891 / 022 013 2390	231 Morrin Road St. Johns PO Box 2095 Auckland 1140	<b><u>Identification of interceptions on nursery stock and germinated seed for:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates*</li><li>• Plant pests and diseases</li><li>• Microorganisms</li><li>• Viruses, viroid, phytoplasmas, bacteria</li><li>• Seed testing services</li></ul>	Entomology identification service is not available out of hours/weekends.  <b>*Laboratory provides molecular diagnostics for fruit fly, animal mites, ticks, and fleas.</b>
MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) CHRISTCHURCH	3473	Sherly George Email: <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 943 3205	14 Sir William Pickering Drive Burnside PO Box 14018 Christchurch	<b><u>Identification of plant pests of nursery stock and germinated seed for:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates</li></ul>	

**Table 3: Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for plant and plant product exports**

Supplier	Contact of Approval number	Contact	Address	Scope of approval for diagnosis and/or identification	Additional information
<b>AsureQuality National Seed Laboratory PALMERSTON NORTH</b>	EO-PIR-2006-1110	Barbara Campbell Email: <a href="mailto:Barbara.Campbell@asurequality.com">Barbara.Campbell@asurequality.com</a> Phone: 06 351 7940	Batchelor Agriculture Centre Dr Tennent Drive PO Box 609 Palmerston North	<b><u>Identification of contaminant seed including:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contaminant seed</li><li>• Seed purity</li><li>• Germination testing</li><li>• Seed viability</li></ul>	
<b>AsureQuality Pest Laboratory AUCKLAND</b>	SO-PIR-2006-1106	John Keall Email: <a href="mailto:John.Keall@asurequality.com">John.Keall@asurequality.com</a> Phone: 09 626 8260 or 021 912 216	131 Boundary Road Blockhouse Bay Auckland 0600	<b><u>Identification of:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates- entomology and nematology</li></ul>	
<b>AsureQuality Plant Health Laboratory LINCOLN</b>	SO-PIR-2006-111	Rouke Bakker Email: <a href="mailto:Rouke.bakker@asurequality.com">Rouke.bakker@asurequality.com</a> Phone: 021 983 552	South Drive, Lincoln University PO Box 6, Lincoln 7647	<b><u>Identification of:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microorganisms – plant and seed pathology; virology (ELISA testing for viruses using commercial kits)</li><li>• Invertebrates – nematode identification on seeds only</li><li>• Detection of arthropods in seed samples*</li><li>• Identification of Brassica species using PCR</li><li>• Kiwifruit budwood Psu-V</li></ul>	*Arthropods detected in seed samples will be sent away for formal ID



<b>Hill Laboratories HAMILTON</b>		Amanda Eady Email: <a href="mailto:Amanda.Eady@hill-labs.co.nz">Amanda.Eady@hill-labs.co.nz</a> Phone: 07 858 2862 ext. 862	28 Duke Street, Private Bag 3205 Hamilton 3420	<b>Identification and testing of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kiwifruit budwood for Psa</li></ul>	
<b>New Zealand Seedlab CHRISTCHURCH</b>	SO-PIR- 2006-1112	Decima McCloy or Mary Anne McErlane Email: <a href="mailto:info@nzseedlab.co.nz">info@nzseedlab.co.nz</a> Phone: 03 342 8860	60 Ryans Rd PO Box 16101 Harewood Christchurch	<b>Identification of seed including*:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contaminant seed</li><li>• Seed purity</li><li>• Germination testing</li><li>• Seed viability</li></ul>	*Identification service is not available for seed that are pelleted or chemically coated.
<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) TAMAKI, AUCKLAND</b>	155-04-03 ISO 17025	<b><u>Invertebrates:</u></b> Sherly George Email: <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 909 5070  <b><u>Fungi, bacteria, nematodes:</u></b> Brett Alexander Email: <a href="mailto:Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz">Brett.Alexander@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5724 / 029 909 5724  <b><u>Viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas:</u></b> Jeremy Thompson Email: <a href="mailto:Jeremy.Thompson@mpi.govt.nz">Jeremy.Thompson@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 220 7818 / 022 012 7757  <b><u>Plant identifications:</u></b> Sathish Puthigae Email: <a href="mailto:Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz">Sathish.Puthigae@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 952 6891 / 022 013 2390	231 Morrin Road St. Johns PO Box 2095 Auckland 1140	<b>Identification of pre-exported interceptions on all commodities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates – entomology</li><li>• Microorganisms – plant and seed pathology; virology</li></ul>	



<b>MPI Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) CHRISTCHURCH</b>	155-04-03 ISO 17025	Sherly George Email: <a href="mailto:Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz">Sherly.George@mpi.govt.nz</a> Phone: 09 909 5717 / 029 909 5717 Duty Entomologist: 029 943 3205	14 Sir William Pickering Drive Burnside PO Box 14018 Christchurch	<b><u>Identification of interceptions on all commodities:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates – entomology</li></ul>	
<b>Plant &amp; Food Research LINCOLN</b>	SO-PIR-2006-1105	Dr Hayley Ridgway Email: <a href="mailto:hayley.ridgway@plantandfood.co.nz">hayley.ridgway@plantandfood.co.nz</a> Phone: 03 325 6400	Canterbury Agricultural Centre Gerald Street Lincoln Private Bag 4704 Christchurch Mail Centre Christchurch 8140	<b><u>Identification of:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invertebrates – nematology</li><li>• Microorganisms – PCR testing for '<i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i>' only</li></ul>	
<b>PGG Wrightson Seeds Ltd (Kimihi Research Centre Laboratory) LINCOLN</b>	NZBN: 9429030815148	Caroline Mouton Email: <a href="mailto:cmouton@pggwrightsonseeds.co.nz">cmouton@pggwrightsonseeds.co.nz</a> Phone 03 325 3578	742 Tancreds Road, RD 6 Lincoln Christchurch 7676	<b><u>Identification of seed including:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contaminant seed</li><li>• Seed purity</li><li>• Germination testing</li><li>• Viability testing</li></ul>	



**Table 4. Suppliers of identification and diagnostic services for animal and animal product exports**

- Click here to view a list of [laboratories approved to undertake export testing for animals and animal products.](#)