



CTO Direction to MPI Inspector

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Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for consignments of *Cicer arietinum* (chickpea), imported as seeds for sowing from the USA to be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, equivalent to the requirement for Pest Free Place of Production in Part 2.20.1 of the import health standard (IHS) 155.02.05: *Seeds for sowing*.

That the permit to import will detail equivalent phytosanitary requirements for chickpea imported as seeds for sowing from the USA. A laboratory test (e.g. seed plating assay on PDA media or PCR-RFLP testing) on a representative sample of 500 seeds effectively manages the risk of the fungal pathogen *Ascochyta rabiei*, identified in the IHS.

All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.05: *Seeds for sowing* listed in Part 1 and under the specific requirements for *Cicer* must be complied with.

The CTO approved equivalent measures will be identified in the Special Conditions section of the permit to import in the following manner:

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Plant Research NZ Ltd, are permitted to import *Cicer* seeds for sowing from the USA under equivalent phytosanitary measures as detailed below:

The following additional declaration must be endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country NPPO.

"The [species name] seeds were sourced from a seed lot officially sampled according to ISTA or AOSA methodology, and tested using a NPPO approved method and found free from *Ascochyta rabiei*."

Testing Requirements:

- 1) Testing is required to be completed offshore prior to export or onshore at an MPI-approved facility.
- 2) A representative sample of a minimum of 500 seeds officially drawn is required from each seed lot, and tested using an NPPO approved method to show that the consignment is free of *Ascochyta rabiei*.
- 3) The measure is considered equivalent to the requirement for 'pest free place of production' for *Ascochyta rabiei* under the specific requirements for *Cicer* in Part 2 of the IHS 155.02.05: *Seeds for sowing*.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and apply to multiple consignments of chickpea seeds for sowing from the USA, which otherwise do not comply with the requirement for 'pest free place of production' for *Ascochyta rabiei*.

This CTO direction is valid for 2 years, unless it is amended or revoked earlier.

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Chief Technical Officer

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