



17 January 2022

Dear Colleagues,

**Subject: Change of format on New Zealand phytosanitary certificates from 3 February 2022**

The National Plant Protection Organisation of New Zealand, the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) uses an electronic system to generate all phytosanitary certificates issued in New Zealand. This system requires a software update which will result in minor changes to the format of the paper phytosanitary certificates, effective from 3 February 2022. Electronic certification via the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) ePhyto hub will not be affected by the change to software. All certificates remain compliant with ISPM No.12.

Examples of the new format phytosanitary certificate, phytosanitary certificate for re-export and copies of these certificates are provided in Attachment 1-4.

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

If you have questions about the change to the format of our New Zealand phytosanitary certificates, please send an email to [ippcmpi@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:ippcmpi@mpi.govt.nz) and copy in [plantassurance@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantassurance@mpi.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1: Example of a New Zealand phytosanitary certificate

Attachment 2: Example of a New Zealand phytosanitary certificate for re-export

Attachment 3: Example of a copy of a New Zealand phytosanitary certificate

Attachment 4: Example of a copy of a New Zealand phytosanitary certificate for re-export