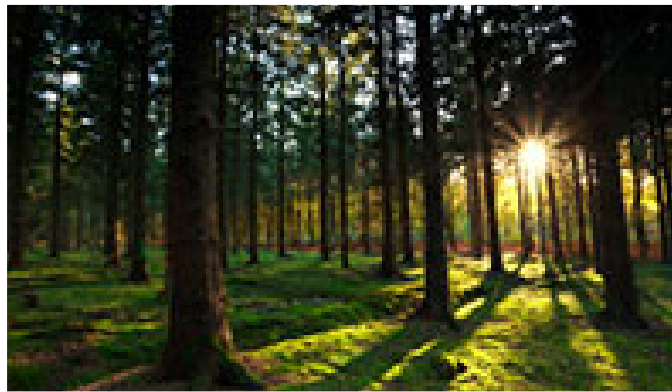




Stakeholder Newsletter

October 2016

This newsletter provides a monthly update of the group's activities to our stakeholders to keep you better informed about key work and initiatives in the pipeline.



Plant Exports

New ICPR for Qatar

MPI Plant Exports team has developed the Importing Country Phytosanitary Requirements (ICPR) for Qatar – **Horticulture** and ICPR for Qatar – **Forestry**.

The ICPR's are developed by MPI and contain MPI's understanding of a country's phytosanitary requirements.

This is based on the legislation and regulations of that country; and any correspondence and negotiations that have contributed to the clarification of those requirements. ICPR's are the cornerstone of New Zealand's phytosanitary certification system. They are maintained and reviewed to facilitate access to offshore markets for New Zealand exporters of horticultural, arable and forestry commodities.

Stakeholder Engagement

X-ray Research as New Inspection Tool

MPI is currently researching the use of x-rays as a tool for pelleted seed inspection. The research is designed to test the equivalence of the x-ray technology with current inspection measures, using different types of pellets and seed species.

For this research to be successful, MPI is looking for the engagement of the seed community in this project. Participation in this research is voluntary. MPI is looking for samples of 500 pelleted seeds to test.

If you are able to help with supplying some pelleted seeds, please email Rose Souza-Richards (Rose.SouzaRichards@mpi.govt.nz) and David Geary (David.Geary@asurequality.com) the for more information.

Phytosanitary Measure Research Group and Entomology Symposium

Jo Wilson, Principal Adviser for the Fresh Produce is travelling to Orlando, Florida, to attend a meeting of the Phytosanitary Measures Research Group. The meeting will discuss the progress on treatment research objectives set at a previous meeting in South Africa in 2015.

Jo has also been invited to speak at a symposium on "The role of National, Regional, and International Plant Protection Organizations to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Plant Pests" at the International Congress of Entomology (ICE) which will be held in Orlando during the same week.

Jo has contributed to another presentation for ICE on cold disinfestation for fruit flies – 100 years of research, regulation and trade.



Bilateral technical engagements with Pacific island countries

MPI will be visiting Samoa, Fiji and Tonga to engage in bilateral technical discussions. They will be discussing existing biosecurity and plant trade (import and export) issues.



Nacanieli G Waqa, The Honourable Semisi Fakahau and Stephen Butcher at the 2015 Tongan – New Zealand Bilateral Meeting.

MPI will meet with government representatives of Tokelau stationed in the Government Administration office based in Apia, Samoa.

MPI will be providing details to the upgrade and development of import health standards (IHS).

MPI will be represented by Dr Stephen Butcher (Manager, Imports & Exports – Plants) and Nacanieli Waqa (Senior Adviser, Pacific Market Access) and a representative from the New Zealand High Commission in the respective countries.

Plant Imports

Little Garden by New World

The 'Little Garden' promotion by New World contains a range of imported seeds and peat from various countries including New Zealand. The importer has worked with MPI when planning for this promotion. All of the products have the correct documentation and have been inspected, and comply with the requirements of the relevant import health standards.



Phytosanitary collaboration in the Asia Pacific Region meeting in Bangkok

A senior advisor from the germplasm team attended the 'Phytosanitary collaboration in the Asia Pacific Region' meeting in Bangkok this September. The meeting was organised by Asia & Pacific Seed Association and was attended by their Executive Director, Heidi Gallant.

This meeting took place over two days where it covered several major topics. The first day focused on phyto- harmonisation efforts in North America and government / industry phytosanitary collaboration in Australia. There was discussion around current pest risk progressing in the region and opportunities for collaboration among the different National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPO). The final day focused on the detection methods used in the region and opportunities for collaboration and facilitation of seed movement while maintaining appropriate level of protection for the different NPPO's.

Cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) Nursery Stock IHS review

Anusara Herath, an advisor for the Germplasm team is currently working on the cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) Nursery stock IHS review and the initial pest risk assessment.

IHS Issuance

The 155.02.05 Seed for sowing Import Health Standard for Capsicum seeds will be re-issued as a provisional draft.

IHS Urgent Amendment

Expect to see an urgent amendment this month in the Nursery stock IHS. New measures for *Xylella fastidiosa* will apply to tissue cultures (plants *in vitro*) for all nursery stock hosts.

IHS Consultation

MPI invites comment from interested parties via the MPI website consultation page on:

IHS 152.02: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Review of the Importation of Fresh Onions for consumption	2 September – 14 October
IHS BNZ-IMP-TUBER: Truffles for Propagation & Truffle for Consumption	2 September – 14 October
IHS 152.02: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Fresh Salacca for Consumption	29 September – 10 November
IHS 155.02.06: Nursery Stock, Review of Citrus	22 September – 21 October

Upcoming Meetings and Travel

Hahei Plants	3 October, Whitianga
Bilateral Technical Discussions	3 – 9 October, Samoa, Fiji and Tonga
Mickleham quarantine facility	18 October, Melbourne, Australia
Te Mata Mushrooms and Hill Croft Mushrooms	19 October, Havelock North
NZGSTA AGM	19 – 21 October, Brisbane, Australia

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