

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua



CTO Direction to importers and owners of seeds for sowing  
CTO Direction to MPI Inspector  
Biosecurity clearance of non-compliant consignment/s

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Pursuant to section 30A and 104(1) and 25(4) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, [Signature], Deputy Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for consignment M2016/32756, *Helianthus annuus* seeds for sowing from USA (PC FC06113059511527N), imported by King Seeds NZ Ltd to enable biosecurity clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those required by the technical standard MPI-STD-ABTRT Approved Biosecurity Treatments as to comply with section 1.4(2) of the IHS: *Seeds for Sowing*:

- a) The consignment M2016/32756 of *Helianthus annuus* seeds for sowing must be treated according to the approved treatment SPT1 (freezing at -18°C or less for 7 days) listed in the technical standard MPI-STD-ABTRT in a MPI approved treatment facility.
- b) The consignment will be re-inspected after the treatment.
- c) The importer or owner may decide to take the option of exporting the consignment or returning it to its place of origin at the importer's or owner's expense instead of having the treatment carried out.
- d) The consignment may be held in the Director-General's custody for as long as necessary for the importer to obtain a biosecurity clearance.
- e) All other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.05 Seeds for sowing for *Helianthus annuus* seeds from approved countries must also be complied with.
- f) The inspector may give clearance for the consignment if after re-inspection he is satisfied that the treatment has been applied in accordance with paragraph a) of this direction and that all other relevant sections of the IHS 155.02.05 Seeds for sowing for *Helianthus annuus* seeds from approved countries have been complied with.
- g) **Disclaimer:** The importer and owner of the consignment is advised that MPI has very little information on the impact of the treatment of freezing at -18°C or less for 7 days on the viability of the seeds. If the importer and owner decides to proceed with the treatment, they do so at their own risk. MPI accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss arising from the treatment applied under this direction.
- h) The inspector is directed to ensure that, prior to the treatment taking place, the importer is made aware of the disclaimer of MPI liability in paragraph g) of this direction.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing, and applies only to the consignment accompanying this direction.

This direction is valid for 6 months from the date of signing of this direction.

[Signature]  
Deputy Chief Technical Officer  
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