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Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage for Decorative Purposes 2025

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- *Import Health Standard: Cut Flowers and Foliage 155.02.04*
- *Import Health Standard: Oncidium Cut Flowers*
- *Import Health Standard: Cut Flowers and Branches Cordyline and Dracaena species from All Countries*

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Import Health Standard (IHS) but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

An IHS specifies the requirements for importing risk goods into New Zealand. This IHS specifies the requirements that must be met when importing fresh cut flowers and foliage for decorative purposes into New Zealand.

Background

An IHS issued under the New Zealand Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) specifies the requirements to be met to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with importing risk goods, including the risks from incidentally imported new organisms. IHSs include measures that must be applied in the exporting country before the risk goods are exported. IHSs also include requirements that must be met by importers during importation, including while the risk goods are in transit to New Zealand and held in a transitional facility. If a consignment meets the requirements of the IHS, biosecurity clearance may be given at an MPI inspector's discretion under the Act.

Post-clearance requirements may also be specified in an IHS.

Who should read this?

This IHS should be read by anyone involved in the process of importing fresh cut flowers and foliage into New Zealand (or has an interest in importing fresh cut flowers and foliage).

Why is this important?

It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that risk goods (i.e., fresh cut flowers and foliage) comply with the requirements of the relevant IHS. Risk goods that do not comply with the requirements of an IHS may not be cleared for entry into New Zealand and may be directed for treatment, reshipment, destruction or further action deemed appropriate by a Chief Technical Officer (CTO). The pathway may be suspended if certain types of viable regulated pests or weed seeds are intercepted on the consignment.

Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

Equivalence

A CTO may consider an application for an equivalent phytosanitary measure to be approved in accordance with section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Act, different from that provided for in this IHS, to maintain at least the same level of protection assured by the current measure(s).

Equivalence will be considered with reference to the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 24. *Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures*.

Document History

Refer to Appendix 1 for document history.

Other information

This is not an exhaustive list of compliance requirements, and it is the importer's responsibility to be familiar with and comply with all New Zealand laws.

Guidance boxes, including the boxes entitled "Guidance on regulated species" in Part 4, are included within this IHS for explanatory purposes. The guidance included in these boxes is for information only and has no legal effect.

Part 1: General Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This import health standard (IHS) applies to all fresh cut flowers and foliage imported for decorative purposes.
- (2) This IHS does not apply to cut flowers and foliage imported for other purposes (e.g., propagation or consumption).
- (3) For this IHS, fresh cut flowers and foliage does not include associated roots, fruit, seeds, bulbils, rhizomes, spores or soil.

1.2 Incorporation by reference

- (1) The following documents are incorporated by reference under section 142M of the Act:
 - a) ISPM 4. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - b) ISPM 5. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - c) ISPM 8. *Determination of pest status in an area*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - d) ISPM 10. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - e) ISPM 12. *Phytosanitary certificates*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - f) ISPM 14. *The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - g) ISPM 23. *Guidelines for inspection*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - h) ISPM 24. *Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - i) ISPM 31. *Methodologies for sampling of consignments*. IPPC, FAO, Rome.
 - j) Official New Zealand Pest Register (ONZPR). MPI, Wellington.
- (2) Under section 142O(3) of the Act it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply, that is, a notice under section 142O(2) of the Act is not required to be published before material that amends or replaces any material incorporated by reference has legal effect as part of those documents.

1.3 Definitions

- (1) Definitions are listed in Schedule 1.

1.4 General requirements for fresh cut flowers and foliage

- (1) Fresh cut flowers and foliage approved for entry into New Zealand are listed in Part 4: of this standard by genus. Part 4 identifies:
 - a) countries from which fresh cut flowers and foliage can be imported;
 - b) pests for which Targeted Measures are required in accordance with clause 2.2, if applicable;
 - c) Guidance on regulated pest(s), if applicable.
- (2) For fresh cut flowers and foliage that have regulated pests, which require Targeted Measures, importers may only import those commodities from a country where a bilateral arrangement has been approved by a chief technical officer.
- (3) Consignments of fresh cut flowers and foliage imported into New Zealand must:
 - a) meet the specific requirements in Part 2 *Specific requirements*;
 - b) be free from contamination, regulated pests and other extraneous material;
 - c) be packaged in clean and either new or refurbished material;

- d) be secured in a manner to prevent contamination; and
- e) be accompanied by documentation that meets the requirements of Part 3 *Inspection, Verification and Documentation Requirements*.

Guidance

- This IHS is to be used for fresh cut flowers and foliage for decorative purposes only. Imports of genera for propagative purposes must be imported under the IHS [Plants for Planting](#).
- Some plant products are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and cannot be transported between countries or may only be imported with a permit. Find out more about the CITES agreement on the [Department of Conservation website](#).
- Countries that meet the requirements in 1.4(2) and are approved to export fresh cut flowers and foliage to NZ are listed in Part 4 and in the [online pest database](#).
- Bilateral arrangements are not publicly available because they are government-to-government documents. However, MPI can send you a summary on request.
- Pests that would require Targeted Measures are listed in 2.2(1), Part 4 and in the [online pest database](#)
- A full list of regulated and non-regulated pests for New Zealand is in [ONZPR](#).

Part 2: Specific Requirements

2.1 Basic Measures

- (1) Fresh cut flowers and foliage must be sourced from a production system that uses standard commercial production methods including pest-control, harvesting, sorting, cleaning, inspection and packaging, unless subclause (2) of this clause applies.
- (2) If the fresh cut flowers and foliage cannot be sourced from a production system that uses standard commercial production methods (e.g., wild harvested commodities), then the commodity must:
 - a) not be a host of the *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex
 - b) follow commercial harvest and post-harvest activities; and
 - c) apply a phytosanitary treatment from one of the options in 2.2 (2)d)

2.2 Targeted Measures

- (1) The following pests require *Targeted Measures*:
 - a) *Eutetranychus orientalis*
 - b) *Frankliniella schultzei*
 - c) *Liriomyza huidobrensis*
 - d) *Liriomyza sativae*
 - e) *Liriomyza trifolii*
 - f) *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex
 - g) *Scirtothrips dorsalis*
 - h) *Tetranychus kanzawai*
 - i) *Tetranychus neocaledonicus*
 - j) *Tetranychus piercei*
 - k) *Thrips palmi*
- (2) At least one of the following *Targeted Measures* must be applied to fresh cut flowers and foliage to manage each of the pest(s) listed in 2.2(1) and captured in Part 4 *Commodity schedules*:
 - a) Country freedom: a CTO is satisfied that a country is free of the pest in accordance with ISPM 4. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas* or ISPM 8. *Determination of pest status in an area*.
 - b) Pest-free area: the fresh cut flowers and foliage are sourced from a pest free area established in accordance with ISPM 4. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*.
 - c) Pest-free place of production: the fresh cut flowers and foliage are sourced from a pest-free place of production established in accordance with ISPM 10. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites*.
 - d) Phytosanitary treatments (does not apply to *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex): a phytosanitary treatment is applied prior to export from the options below:
 - i) Methyl bromide
 - ii) Pestigas (pyrethrum + CO₂) + ECO2FUME (Phosphine + CO₂)
 - e) Systems approach: two or more independent measures are applied in a way that accords with the systems approach described in ISPM 14. *The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management*.
- (3) Detailed activities and processes that relate to the measure(s) listed in 2.2(2) must be outlined in the bilateral arrangement and approved by a CTO.

Guidance

- MPI will audit the management of pest free areas for compliance with ISPM 4. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas.*
- MPI will audit the management of the pest free place of production for compliance with ISPM 10. *Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites.*
- The [online pest database](#) has country-specific pest lists for each commodity. It also lists the phytosanitary measures that MPI and the NPPO of the exporting country have agreed to manage each pest.

Part 3: Inspection, Verification and Documentation Requirements

3.1 Phytosanitary inspection

- (1) The NPPO of the exporting country must:
 - a) sample each homogeneous lot of cut flowers and foliage. The minimum sample size for inspection must be based on a 95% confidence level that not more than 0.5% of the units in the lot are infested, as set out in ISPM 31: *Methodologies for sampling of consignments* Appendix 2, Table 1;
 - b) visually inspect each sample unit according to official phytosanitary procedures in accordance with ISPM 23. *Guidelines for inspections*;
 - c) verify that the requirements of Part 1 *General Requirements* have been met and verify that the phytosanitary measures in Part 2 *Specific Requirements* have been applied;
 - d) reconcile that the number of packages presented for inspection is consistent with documentation;
 - e) verify that traceability labelling is complete; and
 - f) verify that phytosanitary security is maintained for the consignment.
- (2) The NPPO must contact MPI to establish the regulatory status of any pests not listed in the [ONZPR](#) and found during an inspection.

Guidance

- Typically, the sample size for the NPPO phytosanitary inspection is 600 units from each homogeneous lot.
- For information on clearance at the New Zealand border, see the guidance document [Information on Clearance of Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage for Decorative Purposes](#)

3.2 Phytosanitary certification

- (1) Each consignment must meet the requirements set out in 3.1 *Phytosanitary inspection* and be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO in accordance with ISPM 12. *Phytosanitary certificates*.
- (2) The phytosanitary certificate must include the following (if applicable):
 - a) Sufficient detail to enable identification of the consignment and its component parts. Information must include country/place of origin.
 - b) The scientific name of the approved cut flowers and foliage (including the genus or genus and species) of each commodity included in the consignment.
 - c) Full details of any phytosanitary treatments applied to the cut flowers and foliage in the “Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment” section of the phytosanitary certificate or as an NPPO-endorsed attachment to the phytosanitary certificate. All details of the treatment applied must be recorded, e.g., minimum dose, duration and temperature, chemical (active ingredient) and concentration.
 - d) The following certifying statement, or a variation that is compliant with ISPM 12. *Phytosanitary certificates* and has been approved by a chief technical officer:
 - i) “*This is to certify that the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.*”
 - e) Any additional declaration specified in 3.3 *Additional declarations*.

- (3) If a consignment of cut flowers and foliage is opened, split up or has its packaging changed prior to when it arrives in New Zealand, a phytosanitary certificate for re-export is required from the transiting country, in accordance with ISPM 12. *Phytosanitary certificates*, and must accompany each consignment.

Guidance

- If the phytosanitary requirements are not met, a phytosanitary certificate should not be issued. The bilateral arrangement may list remedial actions that can be taken for different problems. Exporting countries may apply a remedial action to remove a viable regulated pest or contamination from a consignment prior to certification. The details of the remedial action do not need to be recorded on the phytosanitary certificate unless recording these details has been specified in the bilateral agreement.

3.3 Additional declarations

- (1) At least one of the following additional declarations must be listed on the phytosanitary certificate to manage each of the targeted measure pests listed in the relevant schedule/s in Part 4.
- a) “The [insert genus/genera name/s] fresh cut flowers and foliage have been sourced from [insert country name], which is free from [name each relevant pest listed in the relevant schedule of part 4].”
OR
- b) “The [insert genus/genera name/s] fresh cut flowers and foliage have been sourced from a ‘pest-free area’, free from [name each relevant pest listed in the relevant schedule of part 4].”
OR
- c) “The [insert genus/genera name/s] fresh cut flowers and foliage have been sourced from a ‘pest-free place of production’, free from [name each relevant pest listed in the relevant schedule of part 4].”
OR
- d) “The [insert genus/genera name/s] fresh cut flowers and foliage have been treated with [name of approved phytosanitary treatment].”
OR
- e) “The [insert genus/genera name/s] fresh cut flowers and foliage have been produced and prepared for export in accordance with the agreed bilateral arrangement.”

3.4 Transitional arrangements

- (1) From date of issue to 12 months after this date, the requirements of this import health standard for importing fresh cut flowers and foliage on existing pathways may be met by complying with the requirements of the import health standards in Schedule 2 in force immediately before the revocation of these import health standards.

Part 4: Commodity schedules

Guidance

- Some of the genera listed in this Part include species that have harmful impacts as live plants in the New Zealand environment. These species are managed as pests or unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act. Cut flowers and foliage from these species may be considered to be an “organism” for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act. Activities within New Zealand involving cut flowers and foliage from these species, such as releasing or selling the goods, may require MPI permissions. The species are noted in guidance boxes under the relevant genera. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from these species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz.

4.1 *Aconitum*

Approved countries	Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i>

4.2 *Adenanthos*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.3 *Agapanthus*

Approved countries	Colombia
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Agapanthus praecox</i> Willd. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz

4.4 *Agathosma*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.5 *Agave*

Approved countries	Fiji, India, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Agave americana</i> L. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz

4.6 *Aglaonema*

Approved countries	French Polynesia
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4.7 *Allium*

Approved countries	Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.8 *Alocasia*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Sri Lanka
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Alocasia brisbanensis</i> (F.M.Bailey) Domin, <i>Alocasia macrorrhizos</i> 'Plumbea' are managed as pests or unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz

4.9 *Alpinia*

Approved countries	Fiji, French Polynesia, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Samoa
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.10 *Alstroemeria*

Approved countries	Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Netherlands, South Africa, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i>

4.11 *Amaryllis*

Approved countries	India, Netherlands
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4.12 *Anigozanthos*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.13 *Anthospermum*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.14 *Anthurium*

Approved countries	Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Vanuatu
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.15 *Antirrhinum*

Approved countries	Colombia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza sativae</i>

4.16 *Arachniodes*

Approved countries	Malaysia
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4.17 *Aranda*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Singapore
Targeted measure pests	<i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.18 *Aranthera*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand
Targeted measure pests	<i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.19 *Aspalathus*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.20 *Asparagus*

Approved countries	Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> L., <i>Asparagus asparagoides</i> (L.) Druce, <i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> (Kunth) Jessop, <i>Asparagus drepanophyllus</i> Welw. ex Baker, <i>Asparagus plumosus</i> Baker, <i>Asparagus scandens</i> Thunb., <i>Asparagus setaceus</i> , <i>Asparagus umbellatus</i> are managed as pests or unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.21 *Aspidistra*

Approved countries	United States of America
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4.22 *Asplenium*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Taiwan
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4.23 *Aster*

Approved countries	Colombia, Netherlands
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Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>
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4.24 *Baloskion*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.25 *Banksia*

Approved countries	Australia
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> L.f. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.26 *Berzelia*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.27 *Bouvardia*

Approved countries	Netherlands
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4.28 *Brunia*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.29 *Bupleurum*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i>

4.30 *Calathea*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia, Singapore
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4.31 *Carthamus*

Approved countries	Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i> L. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.32 *Caryota*

Approved countries	Sri Lanka
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4.33 *Cassia*

Approved countries	Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i>

4.34 *Casuarina*

Approved countries	South Africa
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i>

4.35 *Caustis*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.36 *Celosia*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i>

4.37 *Ceratopetalum*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.38 *Chamelaucium*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.39 *Chrysanthemum*

Approved countries	Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.40 *Cirsium*

Approved countries	Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i>

Guidance on regulated species	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .
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4.41 *Coccoloba*

Approved countries	French Polynesia
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4.42 *Codiaeum*

Approved countries	Fiji, French Polynesia, Malaysia, Singapore
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.43 *Cordyline*

Approved countries	Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.44 *Costus*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia
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4.45 *Curcuma*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.46 *Cycas*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Singapore
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4.47 *Cymbidium*

Approved countries	Republic of Korea
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4.48 *Cyrtanthus*

Approved countries	Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.49 *Davallia*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Singapore
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4.50 *Delphinium*

Approved countries	India, Malaysia
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4.51 *Dendranthema*

Approved countries	India, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.52 *Dendrobium*

Approved countries	Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.53 *Dianthus*

Approved countries	Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.54 *Dieffenbachia*

Approved countries	French Polynesia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.55 *Doryanthes*

Approved countries	Australia, French Polynesia
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4.56 *Dracaena*

Approved countries	China, Fiji, Malaysia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i>

4.57 *Dypsis*

Dypsis lutescens is a synonym of *Chrysalidocarpus lutescens*

Approved countries	Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.58 *Echinops*

Approved countries	India, Netherlands
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4.59 *Erica*

Approved countries	South Africa
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Erica baccans</i> L., <i>Erica cinerea</i> L., <i>Erica lusitanica</i> Rudolphi. are managed as pests or unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.60 *Eriostemon*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.61 *Eryngium*

Approved countries	Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i>

4.62 *Etlingera*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, New Caledonia
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4.63 *Eustoma*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Netherlands, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.64 *Fatsia*

Approved countries	Malaysia
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Fatsia japonica</i> (Thunb.) Decne. & Planch. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.65 *Freesia*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Netherlands
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4.66 Gaultheria

Approved countries	Canada, United States of America
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4.67 Gentiana

Approved countries	Chile, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i>

4.68 Gerbera

Approved countries	Colombia, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.69 Gladiolus

Approved countries	Netherlands, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i>

4.70 Gleichenia

Approved countries	Australia
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4.71 Globba

Approved countries	Malaysia
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4.72 Godetia

Approved countries	India
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4.73 Gypsophila

Approved countries	Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, South Africa
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i> , <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.74 Helianthus

Approved countries	India, Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.75 *Heliconia*

Approved countries	Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Caledonia, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex

4.76 *Hippeastrum*

Approved countries	Netherlands
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4.77 *Hydrangea*

Approved countries	Chile, Kenya
Targeted measure pests	<i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i>

4.78 *Ilex*

Approved countries	Chile
Targeted measure pests	<i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i> is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.79 *Iris*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> L. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.80 *Ixia*

Approved countries	Malaysia
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4.81 *Leucadendron*

Approved countries	Chile, South Africa
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4.82 *Leucospermum*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.83 *Liatris*

Approved countries	Colombia, Netherlands
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4.84 *Lilium*

Approved countries	India, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Thailand, Viet Nam
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Lilium formosanum</i> A.Wallace. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.85 *Limonium*

Approved countries	Colombia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.86 *Livistona*

Approved countries	Malaysia, Sri Lanka
Targeted measure pests	<i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i>

4.87 *Matricaria*

Approved countries	Netherlands
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4.88 *Matthiola*

Approved countries	Colombia
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4.89 *Melaleuca*

Approved countries	Australia
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> (Cav.) S.T.Blake. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.90 *Metalasia*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.91 *Microsorium*

Approved countries	Viet Nam
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4.92 Mokara

Approved countries	Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand
Targeted measure pests	<i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.93 Moluccella

Approved countries	Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i>

4.94 Monstera

Approved countries	Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan
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4.95 Musa

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.96 Myrtus

Approved countries	Israel
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4.97 Nymphaea

Approved countries	Malaysia
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Nymphaea mexicana</i> Zucc. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.98 Oncidium

Approved countries	Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand
Targeted measure pests	<i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.99 Ornithogalum

Approved countries	Netherlands
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4.100 Paeonia

Approved countries	Chile, Malaysia, Netherlands
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4.101 *Pandanus*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia
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4.102 *Phaenocoma*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.103 *Phalaenopsis*

Approved countries	Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan
Targeted measure pests	<i>Thrips palmi</i>

4.104 *Philodendron*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka
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4.105 *Phoenix*

Approved countries	Israel, Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Phoenix canariensis</i> Chabaud. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.106 *Phyllica*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.107 *Plumeria*

Approved countries	Cook Islands
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i>

4.108 *Polyscias*

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia
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4.109 *Polystichum*

Approved countries	Malaysia
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4.110 *Protea*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.111 *Pycnosorus*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.112 *Ranunculus*

Approved countries	Chile
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Ranunculus acris</i> L. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.113 *Rhapis*

Approved countries	Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore
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4.114 *Rosa*

Approved countries	Australia, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, French Polynesia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Viet Nam
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i> , <i>Tetranychus neocaledonicus</i> , <i>Tetranychus piercei</i> , <i>Thrips palmi</i>
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i> L. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.115 *Rumohra*

Approved countries	Malaysia, United States of America
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4.116 *Ruscus*

Approved countries	Chile, Malaysia
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4.117 *Salix*

Approved countries	Chile
Targeted measure pests	<i>Eutetranychus orientalis</i> , <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i>

Guidance on regulated species	<i>Salix × fragilis</i> L., <i>Salix cinerea</i> L. are managed as pests or unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .
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4.118 *Sansevieria*

Approved countries	French Polynesia
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4.119 *Schinus*

Approved countries	Chile
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> Raddi. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.120 *Schoenus*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.121 *Serruria*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.122 *Solidago*

Approved countries	Colombia, Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i>

4.123 *Solidaster*

Approved countries	Colombia, India, Malaysia
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4.124 *Staavia*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.125 *Sticherus*

Approved countries	Australia
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4.126 *Stoebe*

Approved countries	South Africa
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4.127 Tapeinochilos

Approved countries	French Polynesia, Malaysia
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4.128 Trachelium

Approved countries	Malaysia
Targeted measure pests	<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> , <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> , <i>Liriomyza trifolii</i>

4.129 Tulipa

Approved countries	Chile, Netherlands
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4.130 Vanda

Approved countries	Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand
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4.131 Verticordia

Approved countries	Malaysia
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4.132 Xanthorrhoea

Approved countries	Australia
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4.133 Xerophyllum

Approved countries	Canada, United States of America
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4.134 Zantedeschia

Approved countries	Colombia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands
Guidance on regulated species	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> (L.) Spreng. is managed as a pest or unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act. Anyone considering importing cut flowers and foliage from this species should first contact plant.imports@mpi.govt.nz .

4.135 Zingiber

Approved countries	Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Samoa
Targeted measure pests	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex, <i>Tetranychus kanzawai</i>

Schedule 1: Definitions and abbreviations

Definitions have the same meaning as defined as in the Act, or if a term is not defined in the Act, the same meaning as in ISPM 5. *Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms* unless set out below

bilateral arrangement

an export plan, bilateral quarantine arrangement, or official assurance programme, negotiated between MPI and the NPPO of an exporting country, that details how the exporting country will meet the import requirements (Targeted Measures) for New Zealand

commercial production

a process (system) where activities, such as in-field pest monitoring, pest control activities, harvesting of healthy plant material, and post-harvest care and grading of flowers have been undertaken. These activities are carried out to minimise:

- a) the presence of regulated pests and contaminants such as soil; and
- b) commodity damage which could expose the commodity to regulated pests

extraneous material

any plant material that is not part of the commodity description as defined in the Application clause

FAO

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

fresh cut flowers and foliage

fresh cut flowers and foliage include fresh flowers and foliage imported for decorative purposes, but does not include:

- a) cut flowers and foliage imported for other purposes (e.g., propagation or consumption); or
- b) associated roots, fruit, seeds, bulbs, rhizomes, spores or soil.

IPPC

International Plant Protection Convention

ISPM

International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, available from: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/ispm/h>

MPI

The Ministry for Primary Industries

Official New Zealand Pest Register (ONZPR)

the searchable database of pests regulated in New Zealand, including general information about each pest as well as specific details for importers and exporters, available at <https://onzpr.mpi.govt.nz/>

PIER

Product Import and Export Requirements tool, the database that gives users a list of pests and associated phytosanitary measures specific to a commodity from a specific country, available at <https://piersearch.mpi.govt.nz/>

production system

the procedures and arrangements for growing, harvesting, packing, and treatment, which include all functions required to produce fresh cut flowers and foliage for export

regulated pest

a pest identified as regulated in ONZPR

Schedule 2: List of cut flower and foliage IHSs

- (1) *Import Health Standard: Cut Flowers and Foliage 155.02.04*
- (2) *Import Health Standard: Oncidium Cut Flowers*
- (3) *Import Health Standard: Cut Flowers and Branches Cordyline and Dracaena species from All Countries*

Appendix 1: Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
6 November 2025	All	New document merging these import health standards: • <i>Import Health Standard: Cut Flowers and Foliage 155.02.04</i> • <i>Import Health Standard: Oncidium Cut Flowers</i> • <i>Import Health Standard: Cut Flowers and Branches Cordyline and Dracaena species from All Countries</i>

Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the Import Health Standard but is intended to indicate its general effect.

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