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Export Certificates Report

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This report provides guidance on export certificate requirements for a representative sample of products.

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NEW ZEALAND FOOD IMPORT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

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INTRODUCTION

New Zealand has strict requirements for imported food and agricultural products. All U.S. exporters interested in exporting plant and plant products, animal and animal products and wood and wood products to New Zealand are required to meet Import Health Standards (IHSs). They specify the phytosanitary measures that must be taken prior to export, during transit, and during importation and quarantine in order for biosecurity clearance to be given.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) leads and co-ordinates the Government's biosecurity program. MAF develops import health standards, manages biosecurity risks at the border, attempts to eradicate or contain certain pests, and provides export certification.

MAF's biosecurity strategic unit, [Biosecurity New Zealand](#), was created in November 2004, administers mainly pre-clearance, post clearance and cross-system integration of products in New Zealand.

Biosecurity New Zealand frequently updates importation requirements, therefore, it is not possible to provide comprehensive information for every product in this report. For specific and up-to-date information on New Zealand's import health standard requirements, visit the following website:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/commercial-imports/import-health-standards/search>

The [New Zealand Food Safety Authority](#) (NZFSA) is the controlling authority for imports and exports of food and food-related products. NZFSA is responsible for testing imported foods to ensure foods are safe to enter New Zealand. Food products such as sauces, spices and dried nuts are subject to testing for salmonella, aflatoxin, micro toxins etc.

While New Zealand's import requirements are fairly strict, New Zealand's imports from the United States of fresh fruits, pet food, processed fruits and vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, tree nuts and red meats have been increasing steadily with many categories reaching record levels in 2005.

EXAMPLES OF NEW ZEALAND EXPORT CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements listed in the following table are provided as a representative sample. Apart from these specific “attestations”, which refer only to export certification requirements, products must meet a range of other criteria specific to each commodity.

Examples of New Zealand Export Certification Requirements

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requested by
Nuts- Peanuts, Pistachios	-Aflatoxin certificate from an approved USDA Laboratory -Quarantine declaration from U.S. supplier	Level of aflatoxin should not exceed 0.015 parts per million level of aflatoxin.	Health Certificate Biosecurity Requirement	New Zealand Food Safety Authority Biosecurity New Zealand. Please see Pistachio Peanuts IHS
Walnuts, pecan, almonds and most other dried nuts	-Quarantine certificate (When Commercially packed by the Company)	No certifications/inspections required if packaged for direct retail sales or less than 10 kg packs	Biosecurity requirement	New Zealand Food Safety Authority. No Import Health Certificate requirement.
Dried Fruits	Quarantine certificate (when commercially packed by the company)	No certifications/inspections required if packaged for direct retail sales or less than 10 kg packs	Biosecurity Requirement	New Zealand Food Safety Authority. No Import Health Certificate requirement.
Dried beans, sunflower seeds, lentils, chickpeas, leg	Phytosanitary Certificate/ Sampling and or Inspection Certificate Seed Analysis Certificate Quarantine Certificate	U.S. exporter must meet certification requirement for individual product. Various options from pre-inspection certification to post-entry treatments are available under specific dried nuts and seeds category. These requirements are available at IHS of Grains and Seeds	Biosecurity Requirement	Biosecurity New Zealand. For more information, please see IHS on Grains and Seeds
Stone Fruits (California Nectarines, Peaches, plums)	Phytosanitary Certificate, issued by NPPO, USDA	“Shipment has been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free of visually detectable quarantine pests”	Biosecurity Requirement	Biosecurity New Zealand. Please see IHS of California Nectarine-Peach
Pacific North-West Cherries	Phytosanitary Certificate	“Shipment has been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free of visually detectable quarantine pests” -Details of the fruit fly treatment included in the “Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment” area of the phytosanitary certificate.	Biosecurity Requirement	Biosecurity New Zealand. Please see IHS of Pacific North West Cherries for more information

Shelf Stable Pet foods with bovine meat	-Animal Health Certificate -Appendix A of MAF certified by USDA	"The products do not contain any specified risk material"	Biosecurity Requirement	Biosecurity New Zealand. Please see IHS on Pet Foods
Frozen Pig By products	-Animal Export Certification/ Zoosanitary certificate	"African swine fever, foot and mouth disease, hog cholera (classical swine fever), rinderpest and swine vesicular disease have not occurred in the United States of America during the previous 12 months"	Biosecurity Requirement	Biosecurity New Zealand. Please see HIS of Frozen Pork meat

**SAMPLE COPIES OF CERTIFICATES
(Phytosanitary Certificate for Beans)**

FORM APPROVED
DNR NO. 8573-002

See reverse for additional OMB information.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE		
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF NEW ZEALAND		
PLACE OF ISSUE YAKIMA, WASHINGTON		NO.: FPC 7412182
DATE INSPECTED SEPTEMBER 7, 2005		

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the plants, plant product 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.

DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT

1. DATE	2. TREATMENT
3. CHEMICAL (active ingredient)	4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE
5. CONCENTRATION	6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER	8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED 20,000 KILOGRAMS GARRANZO BEANS	10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS CICER ARIETINUM
11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES 300 - 25 KG. BAGS	12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS PEAK BRAND
13. PLACE OF ORIGIN WASHINGTON	14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE OCEAN VESSEL
	15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

WARNING: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7734(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. Section 1001).

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

THE CICER ARIETINUM SEEDS FOR CONSUMPTION OR PROCESSING WERE REPRESENTATIVELY SAMPLED USING ISTA OR AGSA GUIDELINES, AND WERE TESTED AND FOUND FREE OF ASCOCHYTA RABIEL AT AN NPPO APPROVED ISTA OR AGSA ACCREDITED DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY AND WERE INSPECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL PROCEDURES, AND FOUND TO BE FREE OF THE REGULATED WEED SEEDS AS SPECIFIED BY MAE IN THE "SCHEDULE OF REGULATED WEED SEEDS", AND WERE INSPECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL PROCEDURES, AND FOUND TO BE FREE OF MEGASELIA ARIETINA AND TROGODERMA SPP.

16. DATE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 12, 2005	17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print) MICHAEL SHALK	18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER <i>Michael Shalk</i>
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No liability shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.

PART 1 - SHIPPER'S ORIGINAL

PFD FORM 377 - FEB 2001 Previous editions are obsolete after 02/01/01

Seed Sampling Certificate for Beans

 <p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARD ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE</p>		<p>FORM NO. 1 5585-10-03 (For additional FIRM information see reverse)</p> <p>ORIGINAL NOT NEGOTIABLE B-202624</p>
COMMODITY INSPECTION CERTIFICATE		
Bean Lot Inspection		
DATE OF RECEIPT	ARRIVED AT	LEVEL OF INSPECTION
August 31, 2005	Pasco, Washington	Original
APPLICANT	LOCATION OF COMMODITY	
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	
IDENTIFICATION	QUANTITY AND CONTAINER	
Trinidad Benham Warehouse lot SIE 1-05	800 55.12 pound Woven Polypropylene Bags (vendor's count)	
U.S. No. 1 Garbanzo Beans		
Moisture	8.3%	
Splits	0.1%	
Damaged	0.2%	
Defects (total)	0.3%	
Sound beans	99.7%	
<p>Remarks:</p> <p>Bag Marked: PREMIUM over PEAK over DUALITY over BHL 3775 AKL over SIERRA GARBANZO BEANS over DISTRIBUTED BY over TRINIDAD BENHAM CORP over DENVER, CO 80237 over NET WT. 55.12 LBS 25KG over PRODUCT OF USA. *Vendor states that beans were sized over a 5mm sieve.*</p> <p>End of Results</p>		
INSPECTION PER CWT.	\$35.28	File No. 312362
CAR MILEAGE	\$38.48	
STRAIGHT TIME AMA	\$60.00	
Totals:	\$133.75	
I CERTIFY THAT THE SERVICES SPECIFIED ABOVE WERE PERFORMED WITH THE RESULTS STATED.		INSPECTOR Don W. Willoughby <i>Don Willoughby</i>
<p><small>This certificate is issued under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1626), and the regulations thereunder (7 CFR 68.1 et seq.), and it constitutes a certificate of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or other Federal laws.</small></p> <p><small>WARNING: (Sec. 202(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 provides that anyone who shall knowingly falsify, make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit any official certificate, or sign, seal, or be a party to such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.</small></p> <p><small>The conduct of all operations and the issuance of inspection and weighing personnel under the regulations governing such services shall be accomplished without discrimination on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap.</small></p>		
<p><small>FORM FRI8063 (1-92) Replaces Form FRI8-883 (5-8-1) which may be used.</small></p>		

Seed Analysis Report



Washington State Department of Agriculture

Seed Program
21 North 1st Avenue, Suite 203
Yakima, WA 98902

Telephone: (509) 226-2630
Facsimile: (509) 454-4393
E-mail: seed@ag.wa.gov

Laboratory Report of Analysis

Account No. 2677	Date Received 09/06/05	Date Completed 09/07/05	Lab Number 5-1790
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Sender's Information*

Product/Variety VNS
Eggs Chickpea
Genus/Species Cicer arietinum
Lot Number BHL3775/ANK
Class Official 44092 lbs 800 bags

*The information provided herein is that of the sender and not of the laboratory.

Viability Analysis

Germ Date	Germination %	Dormant %	Hard %	Total Viable		
Chickpea	Cicer arietinum	-N-	-N-	-N-	-N-	-N-

Other Determinations

Phyto exam 501.8 Grams
Soil exam 501.8 Grams

No injurious pest, disease or soil found.
The seed in this lot was examined by the Washington State Department of Agriculture - Seed Program and found to be free of weed seeds as specified by MAP in the "Schedule of Regulated Weed Seeds".

Findings None.

Remarks

Analyzed using AOAC rules as a guideline.
Officially sampled by the Federal Grain Inspection Service

Tests Requested Phyto exam, Soil exam. No other tests requested.

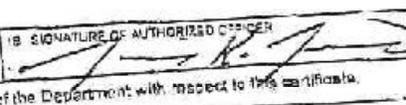
CAUTION: This report is for the lot(s) specified in the title. It does not apply to any other lot(s) or to any other lot(s) of the same commodity. The condition of the lot at the time of sampling is not guaranteed.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES: WE MAKE NO OTHER WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Signature: *Victor A. Paul*

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Example of Phytosanitary Certificate for Fresh Grapes

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PLACE OF ISSUE HONOLULU, CALIFORNIA		
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE		NO: FPC 8187331		
TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF NEW ZEALAND		DATE INSPECTED SEPTEMBER 7, 2005		
CERTIFICATION				
This is to certify that the plants, plant product 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.				
DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT				
1. DATE AUG. 8-25, SEPT. 1-6, 2005		2. TREATMENT NAD CHAMBER		
3. CHEMICAL (include ingredients) CARBON DIOXIDE & SULFUR DIOXIDE		4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE THIRTY MINUTES @ 70 DEGREES F		
5. CONCENTRATION 1% SO2 6% CO2		6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT				
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER		8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE		
9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED 10,010 LUGS OF GRAPES		10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS VITIS VINIFERA		
NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES 10,010 PLASTIC & STYRO LUGS		12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS VBZ		
PLACE OF ORIGIN UTLARE COUNTY CALIFORNIA USA		14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE OCEAN VESSEL		
		15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY VARIOUS		
(NOTE: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7704(b)) or punishable by a fine not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (16 U.S.C. Section 1201).				
ADDITIONAL DECLARATION				
WE GRAPES IN THIS SHIPMENT HAVE BEEN TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX 1(B) OF WORKPLAN BETWEEN NZ MAF AND USDA APHIS.				
				
DATE OF ISSUE SEPTEMBER 7, 2005		17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print) GAVIN K. LAGOND		18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER 
This certificate shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.				
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Phytosanitary Certificate for Citrus

For phytosanitary certificate to be issued, all information is completed (7 CFR 303)

See reverse for additional OMB information

OMB NO. 0578-0027

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE		FOR OFFICIALS USE ONLY
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE		PLACE OF ISSUE: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA-1
TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF NEW ZEALAND		NO: FPC 7916713
		DATE INSPECTED: JANUARY 17, 2005
CERTIFICATION		
This is to certify that the plants, plant product 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.		
DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT		
1. METHOD	2. REASON	
3. CHEMICAL (Active ingredient)	4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE	
5. CONCENTRATION	6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT		
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER <div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100px; height: 40px;"></div>		8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE
9. NAME OF PRODUCT AND QUANTITY DECLARED ORANGES.....3717 CARTONS LEMONS.....630 CARTONS		10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANT'S CITRUS SINENSIS CITRUS LIMON
11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES 4347 CARDBOARD CARTONS		12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS "WHITE TIGER" "TANTHER"
13. PLACE OF ORIGIN TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, USA		14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE OCEAN VESSEL
		15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY UNKNOWN
WARNING: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7734(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. Section 1001).		
ADDITIONAL DECLARATION		
SEE ATTACHED RIDER		
		
16. DATE ISSUED JANUARY 24, 2005	17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print) RONA BARSOUM	18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER 
No liability shall attach to this United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.		
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Additional Phytosanitary Requirement for CITRUS

<p><u>RIDER ATTACHMENT</u> PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE NO. FPC # <u>7916713</u> ISSUED ON <u>January 24, 2005</u> AT <u>LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA</u></p>	
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ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

THE ORANGES AND LEMONS IN THIS CONSIGNMENT HAVE BEEN INSPECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL PROCEDURES AND FOUND TO BE FREE OF ANY VISUALLY DETECTABLE REGULATED PESTS SPECIFIED BY THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY"

AND

"THE ORANGES AND LEMONS IN THIS CONSIGNMENT HAVE BEEN SOURCED FROM AN AREA FREE (VERIFIED BY AN OFFICIAL DETECTION SURVEY) FROM *Aleurocanthus woglumi*, *Bemisia tabaci* [strain], *Thrips palmi*, *Spiroplasma citro* (VO), AND *Xanthomonas axonopodis* (=x. campestris) pv. *Citri*."

AND

"THE ORANGES AND LEMONS IN THIS CONSIGNMENT HAVE BEEN TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX 1 (b) OF THE WORK PLAN BETWEEN THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE ACCESS OF HOST MATERIAL OF FRUIT FLY SPECIES OF ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER: RONA BARSOUM

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER: _____



OTHER REGULATIONS

Apart from IHSs, products being imported into New Zealand must also meet other requirements. Details of these requirements are contained in the Food and Agriculture Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) report updated each year. This report can be downloaded on the FAS website at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/AttacheRep/default.asp>