

**NEW ZEALAND PEST RISK ASSESSMENT STANDARD
FOR PLANTS BIOSECURITY**

Submission by New Zealand

1. The Plants Biosecurity group in New Zealand's Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity Authority (MAF Biosecurity) has finalised a new standard on conducting pest risk assessment.
2. The Plants Biosecurity group's pest risk assessment standard has been updated to ensure consistency with the International Plant Protection Convention's International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 11, *Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests* (2001), and to fulfil the requirements of section 1.5 of MAF Biosecurity's *Biosecurity risk analysis policy statement* (2001). The standard contributes to New Zealand having a pest risk analysis process that is consistent and transparent, and identifies and selects technically justified phytosanitary measures. Pest risk assessments conducted by MAF Biosecurity's Plants Biosecurity group will conform to this standard. Pest risk management is not covered by the standard.
3. New Zealand previously informed Members of its *Biosecurity risk analysis policy statement* in G/SPS/GEN/233. The policy statement outlines how MAF Biosecurity conducts and applies import risk analysis.
4. The pest risk assessment standard is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/pests-diseases/plants/risk/index.htm>

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