



# Fresh Pumpkin, Squash and Butternut for Human Consumption or Decorative Purposes

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Import Health Standard: Fresh Pumpkin, Squash and Butternut for Human Consumption or Decorative Purposes

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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 from all countries.

## 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 goods, including the risks from incidentally imported new organisms. IHSs include measures that must be applied in the exporting country before the goods are exported. IHSs also include requirements that must be met by importers during importation including while the goods are in transit and held in a transitional facility, before biosecurity clearance can be given.

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

Guidance accompanies an IHS as either a separate document or as guidance boxes throughout the IHS itself. Guidance provides information on how the requirements may be met.

## Who should read this?

Anyone who is involved in the process of importing risk goods into New Zealand or who has an interest in importing risk goods into New Zealand should read and be familiar with the relevant IHS.

## Why is this important?

It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that risk goods 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, re-shipment, 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 viable unwanted organisms 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, different from that provided for in this IHS, to maintain at least the same level of protection assured by the current measures.

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 2 for the Amendment Record for this IHS.

## Part 1: General Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Import Health Standard (IHS) applies to fresh pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*), squash (*Cucurbita maxima*) and butternut (*Cucurbita moschata*) imported for human consumption or decorative purposes ('fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut').
- (2) 'Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut' is commercially produced and harvested pumpkin, squash or butternut fruit that:
  - a) is mature;
  - b) is hard-skinned;
  - c) contains seeds; and
  - d) is trimmed at the point where the stem meets the peduncle.
- (3) Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut imported for decorative purposes under this IHS may have differing requirements than those imported for human consumption (refer to Part 2).
- (4) This IHS does not apply to any immature or soft-skinned varieties of *Cucurbita pepo*, *C. maxima* or *C. moschata* such as summer squash, zucchini or scallopini.

#### Guidance

- Frozen, cooked, pickled, pureed or dried pumpkin, squash and butternut are covered by MPI IHS BNZ.NPP.HUMAN: *Importation into New Zealand of stored plant products intended for human consumption* (<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/1663>).

### 1.2 Incorporation by reference

- (1) The following documents are incorporated by reference under section 142M of the Act:
  - **ISPM 4.** *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas.* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 5.** *Glossary of phytosanitary terms.* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 7.** *Phytosanitary certification system.* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 10.** *Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites.* Rome, IPPC, FAO.
  - **ISPM 12.** *Phytosanitary certificates.* Rome, IPPC, FAO.
  - **ISPM 14.** *The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management.* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 23.** *Guidelines for inspection.* Rome, IPPC, FAO.
  - **ISPM 26.** *Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae).* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 28.** *Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests.* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 31.** *Methodologies for sampling of consignments.* Rome, IPPC, FAO
  - **ISPM 37.** *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae).* Rome, IPPC, FAO
- (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 Appendix 1.

## 1.4 General

- (1) Importers may only import fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut from a country where:
  - a) The exporting NPPO has provided evidence to the satisfaction of a Chief Technical Officer (CTO) that the exporting country has an *Exporting Country System* that complies with ISPM 7.
    - i) the *Exporting Country System* (including programmes and standards) must demonstrate the process used to provide export assurance;
  - b) an *Export Plan* that details the activities and processes established to achieve the *Targeted* and *MPI-Specified Measures* identified in Part 2 of this IHS has been approved by the CTO.

### Guidance

- Countries that meet the requirements in Part 1.4 (1) a) and Part 1.4 (1) b) for fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut are listed in [ePest \(www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/fresh-fruit-and-vegetables/requirements/epest\)](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/fresh-fruit-and-vegetables/requirements/epest).

- (2) Importers may not import from a country where a CTO has:
  - a) determined that the *Exporting Country System* no longer meets the requirements of ISPM 7; or
  - b) has revoked approval of the *Export Plan*.
- (3) The scientific name of fresh pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*), squash (*Cucurbita maxima*) or butternut (*Cucurbita moschata*) must be included in documentation (specified in Part 3) accompanying the consignment.
- (4) In order to obtain biosecurity clearance, all consignments of fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut into New Zealand must:
  - a) be free from regulated articles;
  - b) be free from viable regulated pests and other viable unwanted organisms;
  - c) be packaged in clean and either new or refurbished material;
  - d) be shipped in a secure manner to prevent contamination by regulated pests and other unwanted organisms;
  - e) meet the specific requirements in Part 2; and
  - f) be accompanied by documentation that meets the requirements of Part 3.
- (5) Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut must not be used for any purpose, such as propagation or animal feed, other than described in Part 1.1(1).

### Guidance

- Regulated articles include soil and plant parts (other than fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut fruit).
- A list of pests associated with fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut can be found in [ePest \(http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/fresh-fruit-and-vegetables/requirements/epest\)](http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/fresh-fruit-and-vegetables/requirements/epest).
- The full list of regulated and non-regulated pests and other unwanted organisms for New Zealand can be found in the [Biosecurity Organisms Register for Imported Commodities \(BORIC\)](#).
  - BORIC is a Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) database which informs of the quarantine status for an organism as either regulated or non-regulated for New Zealand.
- The [Schedule of regulated \(quarantine\) weed seeds](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/7111) can be found on the MPI website (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/7111>).
- If, during an official inspection, the NPPO detects a pest that is not listed in [ePest](#) or [BORIC](#), MPI should be contacted to establish the regulatory status of the pest (<http://mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/biosecurity-organisms-register-for-imported-commodities/>).
- Further information can be found in MPI [Guidance Document: Fresh Produce for Consumption \(http://mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/13831\)](#).

## 1.5 Permit to import

- (1) A permit to import is not required unless specified in Part 3: *Inspection, Verification and Documentation Requirements*.

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## Part 2: Specific Requirements

### 2.1 Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut for human consumption

#### 2.1.1 Application

- (1) Part 2.1 applies to fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut for human consumption.

#### 2.1.2 Basic Measures

- (1) Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut must be sourced from a production site that uses standard cultivation methods for commercial export-quality product; including pest-control, harvesting, sorting, cleaning, inspection and packaging.

#### 2.1.3 Targeted Measures

- (1) The following pests require *Targeted Measures*:
  - *Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus*
  - *Tetranychus kanzawai*
- (2) At least one of the following *Targeted Measures* must be applied in relation to each pest listed above in Part 2.1.3(1):
  - a) Country Freedom: a CTO is satisfied that a country has country freedom status in relation to the pest. No additional measures are required for that pest.
  - b) Pest Free Area: Fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is sourced from a pest free area established in accordance with ISPM 4. MPI will audit the management of pest free areas for compliance with ISPM 4.
  - c) Pest Free Place of Production: Fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is sourced from a pest free place of production established in accordance with ISPM 10. MPI will audit the management of pest free place of production for compliance with ISPM 10.
  - d) Systems Approach: two or more integrated measures are applied in a way that accords with the systems approach described in ISPM 14.
  - e) In-field Pest Controls: an in-field pest control activity is undertaken that is effective for managing the pests, consistent with good agricultural practice.
  - f) End-point Treatment: an end-point treatment that is effective for managing the pests in accordance with the efficacy requirements of ISPM 28 is applied prior to export to New Zealand.
- (3) The specific measure(s) employed by a country in relation to each pest and the supporting activities and processes that relate to that measure must be outlined in the *Export Plan*.

#### 2.1.4 MPI-Specified Measures

- (1) The following pests require *MPI-Specified Measures*:
  - *Bactrocera cucumis*
  - *Bactrocera facialis*
  - *Bactrocera kirki*
  - *Bactrocera sp. nr. passiflorae*
  - *Bactrocera xanthodes*
- (2) At least one of the following measures must be applied in relation to fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut to manage the pests listed in Part 2.1.4(1):
  - a) Country Freedom: a CTO is satisfied that a country has country freedom status in relation to the pest. No additional measures for that pest are required.

- b) Pest Free Area: Fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is sourced from a pest free area established in accordance with ISPM 26.
  - c) Conditional Non-host: undamaged hard-skinned fruit of fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut are considered to be a conditional non-host in accordance with ISPM 37 to the following fruit flies:
    - *Bactrocera facialis*
    - *Bactrocera kirki*
    - *Bactrocera* sp. nr. *passiflorae*
    - *Bactrocera xanthodes*
- (3) The specific measure(s) employed in relation to each pest and the detailed activities and processes that relate to that measure must be outlined in the *Export Plan*.

#### Guidance

- To establish that the commodity is sourced from a pest free area, the phytosanitary measures and officially approved procedures used for the establishment and maintenance of a pest free area should be documented in accordance with ISPM 26. MPI will review this information before accepting that this measure can be used.
- Conditional non-host status cannot be applied where any fruit in the consignment is damaged. Examples of damage include, but are not limited to, physical damage (including healed wounds), fungal or bacterial damage, unsound fruit, and viral symptoms present on plants).

## 2.2 Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut for decorative purposes

### 2.2.1 Application

- (1) Part 2.2 applies to fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut for decorative purposes

### 2.2.2 Basic Measures

- (1) Fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut must be sourced from a production site that uses standard cultivation methods for commercial export-quality product; including pest-control, harvesting, sorting, cleaning, inspection and packaging.

### 2.2.3 Targeted Measures

- (1) The following pests require *Targeted Measures*:
- *Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus*
  - *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona*
  - *Tetranychus kanzawai*
- (2) At least one of the following *Targeted Measures* must be applied in relation to each pest listed above in Part 2.2.3(1):
- a) Country Freedom: a CTO is satisfied that a country has country freedom status in relation to the pest. No additional measures are required for that pest.
  - b) Pest Free Area: Fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is sourced from a pest free area established in accordance with ISPM 4. MPI will audit the management of pest free areas for compliance with ISPM 4.
  - c) Pest Free Place of Production: Fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is sourced from a pest free place of production established in accordance with ISPM 10. MPI will audit the management of pest free place of production for compliance with ISPM 10.
  - d) Systems Approach: two or more integrated measures are applied in a way that accords with the systems approach described in ISPM 14.
  - e) In-field Pest Controls: an in-field pest control activity is undertaken that is effective for managing the pests, consistent with good agricultural practice.

- f) End-point Treatment: an end-point treatment that is effective for managing the pests in accordance with the efficacy requirements of ISPM 28 is applied prior to export to New Zealand.
- (3) The specific measure(s) employed by a country in relation to each pest and the supporting activities and processes that relate to that measure must be outlined in the *Export Plan*.

#### 2.2.4 MPI-Specified Measures

- (1) The following pests require *MPI-Specified Measures*:
- *Bactrocera cucumis*
  - *Bactrocera facialis*
  - *Bactrocera kirki*
  - *Bactrocera* sp. nr. *passiflorae*
  - *Bactrocera xanthodes*
- (2) At least one of the following measures must be applied in relation to fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut to manage the pest/s listed in Part 2.2.4(1):
- a) Country Freedom: a CTO is satisfied that a country has country freedom status in relation to the pest. No additional measures for that pest are required.
- b) Pest Free Area: Fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is sourced from a pest free area established in accordance with ISPM 26.
- c) Conditional Non-host: undamaged hard-skinned fruit of fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut are considered to be a conditional non-host in accordance with ISPM 37 to the following fruit flies:
- *Bactrocera facialis*
  - *Bactrocera kirki*
  - *Bactrocera* sp. nr. *passiflorae*
  - *Bactrocera xanthodes*
- (3) The specific measure(s) employed in relation to each pest and the detailed activities and processes that relate to that measure must be outlined in the *Export Plan*.

##### Guidance

- To establish that the commodity is sourced from a pest free area, the phytosanitary measures and officially approved procedures used for the establishment and maintenance of a pest free area should be documented in accordance with ISPM 26. MPI will review this information before accepting that this measure can be used.
- Conditional non-host status cannot be applied where any fruit in the consignment is damaged. Examples of damage include, but are not limited to, physical damage (including healed wounds), fungal or bacterial damage, unsound fruit, and viral symptoms present on plants).

## Part 3: Inspection, Verification and Documentation Requirements

### 3.1 Phytosanitary inspection

- (1) The NPPO of the exporting country must:
  - a) sample each homogeneous grower lot of fresh pumpkin, squash and butternut. 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 Appendix 2 of ISPM 31;
  - b) visually inspect each sample unit according to official procedures in accordance with ISPM 23 for all pests and unwanted organisms regulated by New Zealand.
    - i) a sample unit for the purpose of this IHS is considered to be a single fruit of fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut;
  - c) verify that the *Basic Measures*, *Targeted Measures* and *MPI-Specified Measures* have been applied as outlined in Part 2: *Specific Requirements*;
  - 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.

### 3.2 Phytosanitary certification

- (1) Each consignment must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO in accordance with ISPM 12 and meeting the specified requirements set out in this Part.
- (2) The phytosanitary certificate must include sufficient detail to enable identification of the consignment and its component parts. Information must include:
  - a) country/place of origin;
  - b) full details of any end point treatments applied to fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut in the "Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment" area of the phytosanitary certificate or as an NPPO-endorsed attachment to the phytosanitary certificate;
    - i) all details of the treatment including (where applicable) minimum irradiation dose, duration and temperature, chemical (active ingredient) and concentration must be recorded.
  - c) the following declaration:  
*"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."*
- (3) When the consignment is treated in-transit, the certificate must state "Treated in-transit" in the "Disinfestation and /or Disinfection Treatment" area of the phytosanitary certificate.
- (4) If a consignment of fresh pumpkin, squash or butternut is stored in another country in transit to New Zealand or 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, and must accompany each consignment.

#### Guidance

- A phytosanitary certificate should not be issued if viable regulated pests or viable unwanted organisms are detected, unless an appropriate phytosanitary measure has been applied after the detection.

### 3.3 Additional declarations

- (1) The phytosanitary certificate must also include the following additional declaration when *Targeted* or *MPI-Specified Measures* (Parts 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.2.3, and 2.2.4) are required:
  - a) “*This consignment was produced and prepared for export in accordance with the agreed Export Plan.*”
  
- (2) Unless Part 2.1.3(2)(a) or Part 2.2.3(2)(a) applies, the following additional declaration must also be included on the phytosanitary certificate for each *MPI-Specified Measure* (Part 2.1.4 or Part 2.2.4 as applicable) used and the specified pest/s:
  - a) “*The consignment was produced and packed in a pest free area for {Name of Pest/s}.*”OR
  - b) “*The consignment was found to be undamaged, meeting the requirements of a conditional non-host for {Name of Pest/s}.*”

#### Guidance

- This additional declaration should be repeated for each measure and pest combination.
- Recognised pest free areas are listed in [ePest](http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/fresh-fruit-and-vegetables/requirements/epest) (<http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/fresh-fruit-and-vegetables/requirements/epest>) and recorded in the *Export Plan*.

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## Appendix 1: Definitions

Definitions have the same meaning as defined by the Act or ISPM 5. *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*, unless set out below:

**FAO**

Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

**ISPM**

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures. The list of ISPMs are available from:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/ispm/>.

**NPPO**

National Plant Protection Organisation.

**Pest**

Definition as per ISPM 5.

**Regulated article**

Definition as per ISPM 5.

**Viable**

In relation to a pest or unwanted organism, means capable of reproduction and/or development.

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## Appendix 2: Amendment Record

The following table provides a summary of the last amendment to the IHS for Fresh Pumpkin, Squash and Butternut for Human Consumption or Decorative Purposes.

Section(s)	Details	Date

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