

Changes to additional declarations are shown in bold text below:

1. The additional declaration for *Tilletia controversa* for *Hordeum* seeds in section 2.40.2 (2) (c) (iii) in Part 2 Specific Requirements for *Hordeum*, is amended to:

“had a representative sample of 600 seeds drawn from this consignment according to the International Seed Testing Association’s methodology and have been tested **and found free from *Tilletia controversa***”

AND (if performed in the exporting country)

“treated with one of the fungicide combinations in MPI approved treatments”

The change (shown in bold font) specifies the outcome of the testing in the declaration and reformats the declaration to separate out the requirement for the seeds to be treated with a fungicide from the testing requirement.

2. The additional declaration for *Tilletia controversa* and *Tilletia indica* for *Triticum* seeds in sections 2.82.1 (2) (d) (ii) in Part 2 Specific Requirements for *Triticum*, has been amended to:

ii) “produced in a ‘pest free place of production’ free from *Tilletia controversa* and *Tilletia indica*”

AND (if performed in the exporting country)

“treated with an approved fungicide treatment”

The change (shown in bold font) reformats the declaration to separate out the requirement for the seeds to be treated with a fungicide from the testing requirement.

3. The additional declaration for *Tilletia controversa* and *Tilletia indica* for *Triticum* seeds in sections 2.82.1 (2) (d) (ii) and 2.82.1 (2) (iii) in Part 2 Specific Requirements for *Triticum*, has been amended to:

iii) “a representative sample of 600 seeds, drawn from this consignment according to the International Seed Testing Associations methodology, has been tested for *Tilletia controversa* and *Tilletia indica* (and no spores of *Tilletia controversa* or *Tilletia indica* were found in a representative sample of 600 seeds drawn from this consignment)

AND (if performed in the exporting country)

“treated with an approved fungicide treatment”.

The change (shown in bold font) reformats the declaration to separate out the requirement for the seeds to be treated with a fungicide from the testing requirement.

New guidance in section 1.5.2 Phytosanitary certificates

Note that guidance does not form part of the requirements in the standard. Guidance information in the standard is intended to enable users of the standard to better understand the requirements in the standard. Additional guidance has been included in section 1.5.2 *Phytosanitary certificates* to make trading partners aware of MPI’s expectations in meeting the requirements to issue phytosanitary certificates for seeds for sowing.

- MPI expects that additional declarations endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate are provided in full and are not abridged or altered variations of the wording specified in each requirement in Part 2: Specific Requirements.
- Phytosanitary measures endorsed in additional declarations are expected to be performed according to the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs):
 - [ISPM 4. Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas.](#) (FAO)
 - [ISPM 8. Determination of pest status in an area.](#) (FAO)

- [ISPM 10. Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites.](#) (FAO)
 - [ISPM 23. Guidelines for Inspection.](#) (FAO)
 - [ISPM 31. Methodologies for sampling of consignments.](#) (FAO)
 - [ISPM 27. Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests.](#) (FAO)
 - [ISPM 38. International movement of seeds.](#) (FAO)
- Before issuing a phytosanitary certificate, the NPPO of the exporting country is expected to ensure and verify that:
 - Each seed lot is officially sampled following the ISTA or AOSA methodology in accordance with [ISPM 31. Methodologies for sampling of consignments.](#) (FAO)
 - Each sample unit is visually inspected according to official phytosanitary procedures in accordance with [ISPM 23: Guidelines for inspection.](#) (FAO)
 - The requirements in Part 1: General Requirements in this import health standard have been met and any applicable phytosanitary measures specified in Part 2: Specific Requirements in this import health standard have been applied.
 - The consignment is free from visually detectable pests regulated by New Zealand and conforms to New Zealand's import requirements.
 - Information about the regulated pests for New Zealand is available in the MPI Official New Zealand Pest Register. The Official New Zealand Pest Register can be accessed on this link – <https://pierpestregister.mpi.govt.nz>. If a pest is detected that is listed with a “not assessed” regulatory status in the [Official New Zealand Pest Register](#), please contact MPI to establish its regulatory status prior to issuing the phytosanitary certificate.