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IMPORTANT NOTICE

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED CONTAINERS INTO NEW ZEALAND

Dear Shipper,

MAF (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) have recently reviewed policies regarding the importation of sea containers and associated risks to New Zealand and as a result will mean that all Importers will require strict conformance from suppliers in order to comply with MAF policies and reduce risk to New Zealand.

The following points must be understood and complied with, effective immediately.

1. Exterior surfaces of containers

Exterior surfaces (six sides) of containers must be free from contamination at the time of leaving the packing or exporter facility. Contamination includes:

- Live organisms
- Material of plant or animal origin
- Soil
- Water

Non conforming containers will be stopped by MAF at the New Zealand Port and required to undergo decontamination at additional cost to the importer. Upon delivery of empty containers to the packing or exporter facility, the facility must perform an exterior six sided inspection of the empty container to ensure that it is free from contamination. If contamination is found on the exterior of the empty container upon delivery, the facility should refuse to accept the contaminated container from the shipping line.

2. Interior surfaces of containers

Interior surfaces (six sides) of containers must be free from contamination at the time of leaving the packing or exporter facility. Contamination includes:

- Live organisms
- Material of plant or animal origin
- Soil
- Water
- Restricted packaging material

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3. Restricted packaging material

Packaging material includes items such as dunnage, crates, fillets, spacers, pallets drums, reels and gluts. Imported packaging material must be:

- Free of regulated pests
 - Free of extraneous material (i.e. soil, seeds, leaves, moss, mould, straw, rice etc)
 - Bark free wood
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Non conforming packaging material will result in the shipment being stopped by MAF in New Zealand and require treatment at additional cost to the Importer. The packing or exporter facility must ensure that packaging material used is not of a restricted nature.

4 Wooden packaging material

All containers containing wooden packaging must be fumigated at the origin point and the original fumigation certificate must be sent to The Consignee's Shipping Department as soon as available in order for them to forward to MAF to gain clearance of the container prior to arrival in New Zealand.

Fumigation must be at the following dose (and indicated accordingly on the Fumigation Certificate).

80g/m3 for more than 24 continuous hours at a minimum temperature of 10°C.

5. Documentation Requirements

The following documentation is now required by the Consignee as well as relevant shipping documentation in order to gain clearance through MAF prior to arrival in New Zealand

- Original and faxed or emailed copy of the Fumigation Certificate
- Faxed copy of the Quarantine Declaration for Containers (see attached)

These documents must be sent as soon as available to the below address along with relevant shipping documentation.

Address for original Fumigation Certificate:

Consignee's Name,
Consignee's Address
New Zealand
Attn: Imports/Shipping Manager

Fax number and email for Fumigation Certificate, Quarantine Declaration and Shipping Documents:

Fax: ++ 64 then Consignee's Fax Number
Attn: Imports/Shipping Manager
Email: contact person at the Consignee's email address

This is also a timely reminder as to the importance of sending shipping documentation with 48 hours of vessel departure. Late documents result in significant delays with clearance in New Zealand and add unnecessary costs to the supply chain.

Please contact the below for any queries. Further information relating to MAF New Zealand policies can be found at www.maf.govt.nz

Regards,

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Quarantine Declaration to Accompany Containers to New Zealand

Packer or Exporter Letterhead

Quarantine Declaration for Containers

Vessel Name:

Voyage Number:

Container Number or Numbers:

Cleanliness and Restricted Packing and Packaging Declaration

1. Cleanliness

At the time of packing, the container/s were inspected internally and externally, and are clean and free from contamination with live organisms, material of plant or animal origin, soil and water. **Yes No**

2. Packaging Material

Has any soil, peat, raw green or contaminated moss, used sacking material, hay, straw, chaff or any packing material contaminated with the above been used within the container/s listed above? **Yes No**

3. Wood Packaging

Has any wood packaging been used within the container/s such as cases, crates, pallets or wood used to separate, brace, protect or secure cargo in transit? **Yes No**

- 3a. If yes to 3 above, has the wood been treated? **Yes No**
- 3b. If yes to 3a above, how was the wood treated? _____
- 3c. Is a certificate for the treatment of this wood available? **Yes No**

I certify that the above is true and correct.

Signed

Name

Designation

Date

If the information required above is not supplied or is found to be erroneous, it may result in significant delays and increased costs on arrival in New Zealand.
