



Auckland Queensland fruit fly 2019 – Exporter Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This document has been developed to provide answers to questions asked by exporters of Queensland fruit fly host material. It should be read in conjunction with the specific importing country requirements and if necessary, exporters should seek advice from their Independent Verification Agency (IVA).

1. Where can I find the most up-to-date information?

Up-to-date information about the response can be found on the Biosecurity New Zealand website at the following link:

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly

2. Where can I find a list of fruit fly host material?

The full list of Queensland fruit fly host material can be found by following the link here:

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32983-host-list-for-fruit-and-vegetables-retailers-qff-feb-2019

3. Where can I find maps of the Controlled Area and the Export Restriction Zone (ERZ)?

Maps of the 1.5 km Controlled Area and 3.2 km ERZ can be found on the Biosecurity New Zealand website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/ERZmap>

4. What is the difference between a Controlled Area and an ERZ?

The purpose of the Controlled Area is to enforce movement controls of all host material and implement other measures under the Biosecurity Act 1993 as necessary to eradicate Queensland fruit fly. All fruit fly host material, domestic and for export, is subject to the movement controls set out in the Controlled Area Notice. An ERZ is a defined zone from which fruit fly host material intended for export cannot be harvested, packed or stored.

5. How do the requirements for transiting the Controlled Area differ from ERZ requirements?

The requirements for transiting the Controlled Area can be found on the Controlled Area Notice, which is available on the Biosecurity New Zealand website. A permit may be required. To get advice or apply for a permit call the 0800 80 99 66 (Biosecurity New Zealand Exotic Pest and Disease hot line). You will be prompted to dial 2 for QFF Response.

Host material for export transiting the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ must meet Biosecurity New Zealand's pest-proofing requirements to be eligible for export phytosanitary

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certification. Exporters sending to some specific markets also need to meet additional requirements.

Note: the Controlled Area is at the centre of the ERZ and any export host material transiting the Controlled Area is subject to both sets of requirements.

6. Is a permit required for transit?

If the host material transits through the centre of the 3.2 km ERZ that is also the Controlled Area then the Controlled Area requirements (including permit requirements) apply. If the host material transits an area outside the Controlled Area; permit requirements do NOT apply. Refer to question 5.

7. Is a permit required to be eligible for export certification?

No. A permit is not required for export certification.

8. When is pest-proofing required?

To retain its eligibility for export certification; all host material for export that transits the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ must be pest-proofed. Importing countries may have additional requirements and exporters should refer to the country specific Importing Country Phytosanitary Requirements (ICPR).

9. Is pest-proofing needed for host material going from the grower or storage facility to the packhouse?

Yes. To retain its eligibility for export certification; host material for export must be pest-proofed whenever it transits the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ. This applies at any stage of the export pathway including host material transiting the ERZ before and after phytosanitary inspection.

10. Where can I find information on pest proofing requirements?

The pest-proofing requirements can be found on the Biosecurity New Zealand website: [Requirements and guidance for exporters](#)

11. What is the status of export host material that has transited the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ without meeting the pest-proofing requirements before phytosanitary inspection?

Any host material that transits an ERZ, at any stage, without pest-proofing as Biosecurity New Zealand requirements is NOT eligible for Biosecurity New Zealand export phytosanitary certification.

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12. Are taut liners (curtain-sided trailers) considered a pest-proof environment?

No. Host material transported in a taut liner will need to comply with the pest-proofing requirements. Please refer to the Export Requirements section of the website: [Requirements and guidance for exporters](#)

13. Are there any other options for exporting host material that has gone through the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ without pest-proofing?

No. All host material intended for export must be pest-proofed when transiting the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ. Host material that is not pest-proofed becomes ineligible for Biosecurity New Zealand export phytosanitary certification.

14. How will I know if the ERZ changes?

The Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ will be updated to reflect any new Queensland fruit fly detections. Please check the website regularly. You can find the latest map on the Export Requirements section of the web page: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/ERZmap>

15. Who do I contact for further assistance?

In the first instance, contact your IVA. If your IVA is unable to assist please contact the Plant Exports team at FF.Feb2019.Market_Access@mpi.govt.nz

16. What additional declarations are required in relation to fruit fly?

An additional declaration is only used if required by the importing country. Check the ICPR of the intended market for additional declarations and any other requirements before moving host material intended for export and before requesting Biosecurity New Zealand phytosanitary certification.

17. If I'm sending product to a country that doesn't require phytosanitary certification what conditions do I need to comply with for fruit fly host material?

There are no additional export requirements for Queensland fruit fly host material destined for export to a country that does not require phytosanitary certification. Note: Queensland fruit fly host material must still meet all relevant Controlled Area requirements.

18. What requirements apply if I am re-exporting fruit fly host material imported into NZ?

If you are aware of host material coming into New Zealand which will be re-exported and requires transit through the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ, you must ensure it complies with the pest-proofing requirements. Host material that is imported into New

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Zealand (e.g. via Ports of Auckland) and transits the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ without pest-proofing is not eligible for Biosecurity New Zealand re-export phytosanitary certification.

19. Will the radius of the ERZ be the same for all importing countries?

Importing countries may have different requirements; refer to the relevant ICPR and if necessary, ask your IVA what applies for your intended export market. When an importing country imposes different requirements, this will be communicated to exporters through the country specific ICPR and through the IVA.

20. If my export host material has been grown, packed and stored outside the Biosecurity New Zealand 3.2 km ERZ and has not transited it do I need to do anything?

Yes. To fully understand the requirements you should refer the ICPR for your intended market and refer to the requirements and guidance on the Biosecurity New Zealand website here: [Requirements and guidance for exporters](#)

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