

Rationale for Phytosanitary Requirements

Fiji is virtually free from most exotic pests and diseases that are present and causing havoc to the Agricultural Industry as well affecting original people's lives. The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji is the regulatory authority in ensuring that all biosecurity and agricultural related items that are imported into the country continues to meet Fiji's Appropriate Level of Protection.

Imports

Phytosanitary Requirements are set in place to identify the risks linked to the various import pathways and mitigating measures that need to be in place ensuring that it addresses these Biosecurity risks off-shores or at the country of Origin.

At all declared ports of entries at the Border, Biosecurity Authority of Fiji continues to inspect and verify Phytosanitary documents linked to imports and if threats are still identified, treatment regimes are set in place to address these Biosecurity risks.

Exports

Phytosanitary requirements are set in place by the importing countries NPPO's. Biosecurity Authority of Fiji ensures that all agricultural perishable related products ear marked for exports continue to me the Import Health Standards of these importing countries.

For the export pathways, Fiji has formalized BQA's with NZ. Commodity Systems Pathway's with Australia and Other Regional countries. As a level of assurance Fiji also has set in place a Hot Treated Forced Air (HTFA) to cater for fruitfly host commodities that are currently export to NZ and Australia. A Phytosanitary certificate is issued for an export consignment after Biosecurity Authority of Fiji has inspected and is satisfied and has passed the export consignment.

In line with ISPM 12 Fiji being the declared NPPO continues to ensure that all Phytosanitary concerns are addressed and that any likely decision is always transparent and scientifically based.