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Changes to New Zealand Phytosanitary Certificates issued by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF NZ)

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice is for AQIS clients who receive Phytosanitary Certificates issued from New Zealand.

What has changed?

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF New Zealand) have advised AQIS that as of 19 July 2011 the new [ePhyto](#) system went into production. As a result there will be a new format and added security features to the paper used by the New Zealand Government for Phytosanitary Certificates issued to foreign countries.

A transition period will occur from 19 July - 31 August 2011 where the old phytosanitary certificate will continue to be used as users of the system gradually change to the new system.

The certificates will be printed on MAF New Zealand security paper, with the official MAF logo watermark in the background and with the official New Zealand Government brand on the certificate.

What does this change mean?

AQIS encourages its clients to be in touch with their overseas suppliers to ensure that they are provided with the new certification for any plant or plant products as per the [ICON](#) conditions.

AQIS will continue to ensure that documents are authentic and the information provided on these certificates continues to comply with the [Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy](#).

Further information?

For further information please contact the relevant program: Email [Plants, Grains and Horticulture Exports](#) or [Entry Management](#).