



Required components of a systems approach for producing dormant *Zantedeschia* tubers for export from New Zealand and the United States of America to Australia (Approved date: 6 October 2016)

Dormant tubers meeting all the components of the systems approach will not require growth in a post entry quarantine facility in Australia.

The final policy for *Zantedeschia* dormant tubers is available on the department’s website at:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/plant/zantedeschia-dormant-tubers/report>

Biosecurity risk is managed in many steps along the import pathway. The following diagram provides an overview of the systems approach for the export of *Zantedeschia* tubers to Australia from New Zealand. A number of practices undertaken prior to planting, during crop production and post-harvest, contribute to mitigating pest and disease risks. The pre-export phytosanitary inspection and treatment all reduce the risks even further. The on-arrival verification inspection is the final step prior to release of the consignment, providing assurance of the import pathway.

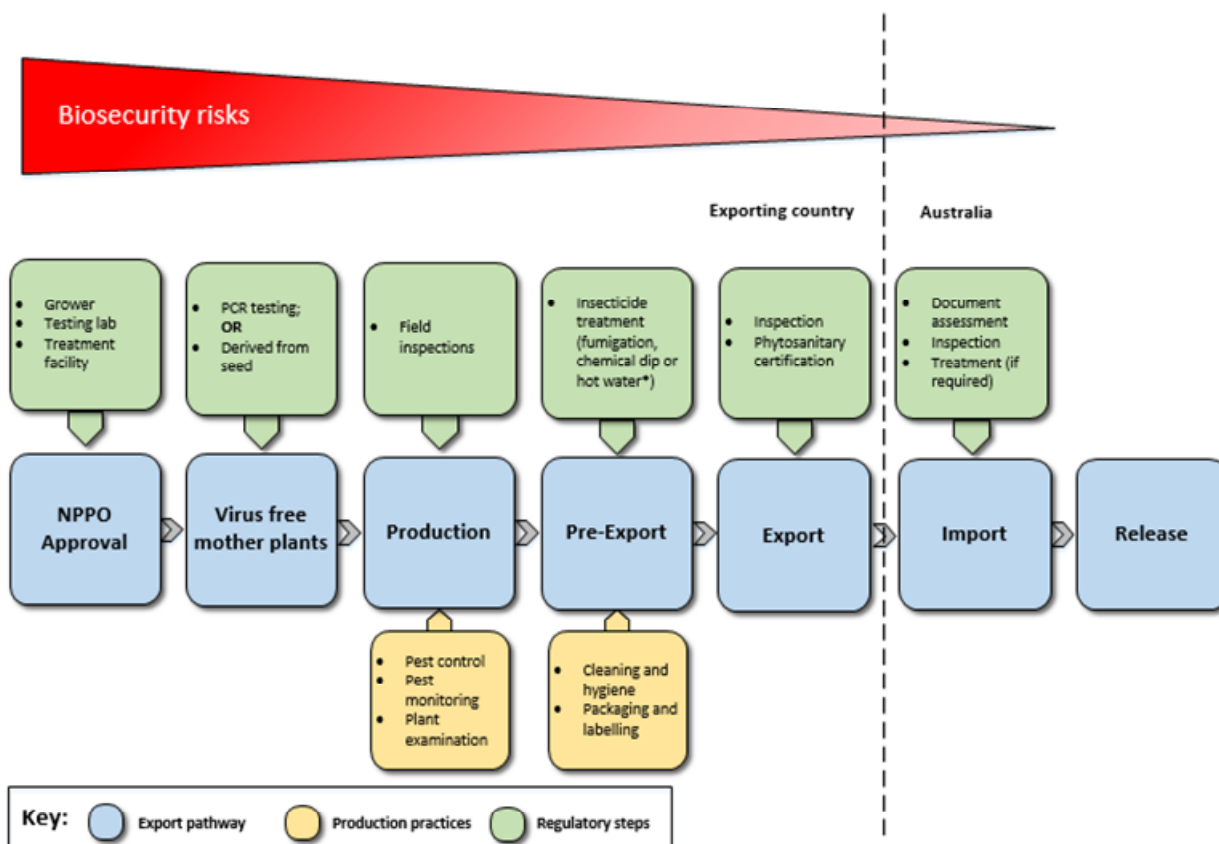


Table 1. The following table provides a summary of the key components of the systems approach for an exporting NPPO as outlined in the final policy for *Zantedeschia* dormant tubers.

*Hot water as a treatment option for *Zantedeschia* spp. tubers is currently unavailable.

Components of the systems approach	Effect of the measure
<p>Exporting National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) oversight and approval of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • growers/nurseries; • testing laboratories; • treatment facilities; <p>Records for registration, testing or treatment may be requested by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for audit purposes.</p>	<p>Provides assurance that the requirements of the systems approach are understood by the participants and are being monitored and met.</p>
<p>Dormant tubers for export are derived from mother plants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grown from true seed*; OR • Tested using PCR and found free from viruses of concern to Australia (see table 1). <p>*Mother plants derived from true seed do not require pathogen testing.</p> <p>* The NPPO may submit a request for ELISA testing as an alternate to PCR testing for Konjac mosaic virus (KoMV) for assessment and approval.</p>	<p>Reduces the risk of introducing viruses of quarantine concern into the production chain.</p> <p>ELISA testing in replacement of current PCR regimes can be applied for by process of formal application to</p>
<p>At least two field inspections of the crop during the growing season should be undertaken, with at least one inspection at flowering time. NPPO or exporting NPPO authorised officer inspections to monitor for symptoms of fungal, bacterial and viral pathogens as well as thrips.</p> <p>Exporting NPPO to maintain records of crop inspections. Records may be requested by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for audit purposes.</p>	<p>Regular monitoring allows inspectors to detect infected plants or signs of pest infestation and will reduce the introduction of pests of quarantine concern to Australia into the supply chain.</p>
<p>Registered growers must have a pest control program approved by the exporting NPPO that includes sanitation, surveillance and control measures (including chemical treatments) against pests, pathogens and their vectors.</p> <p>Registered propagation nurseries to keep records of control measures. Records may be requested by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for audit purposes.</p>	<p>A pest control program will reduce the risk of introducing pests of quarantine concern to Australia into the supply chain.</p>

<p>Mandatory off-shore or on-shore treatment (methyl bromide fumigation or hot water treatment or insecticidal dip)</p> <p>Registered treatment facilities to keep records for all lots. Records may be requested by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for audit purposes.</p>	<p>These treatments will ensure that only pest-free dormant tubers are planted in Australia.</p>
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Components of the systems approach	Effect of the measure
Cleaning of tubers to remove soil and other trash prior to export.	Cleaning tubers will reduce the risk of introducing weed seeds and other soil-borne pests into Australia.
Packaging and labelling. Consignments must be labelled with plant species name along with identification numbers of the exporting NPPO registered export propagation nursery and treatment facility (if applicable).	Details of propagation nursery, treatment facility and packing house for the purposes of traceback.
Pre-export phytosanitary inspection by NPPO of dormant tubers.	Inspections will ensure that only pest-free dormant tubers are supplied to Australia.
Phytosanitary certification by NPPO including a description of consignment, pre-export treatments and additional declarations as listed on BICON and/or import permit.	Provides assurance that the requirements of the systems approach are met.

Table 2: Quarantine pests¹ for *Zantedeschia* dormant tubers from all sources (March 2020)

Pest type	Common name
DIPTERA (flies)	
<i>Eumerus strigatus</i>	Lesser bulb fly
HEMIPTERA (Mealybugs)	
<i>Pseudococcus maritimus</i>	Grape mealybug
BACTERIA	
<i>Pectobacterium zantedeschiae</i>	Bacterial soft rot
<i>Pseudomonas veronii</i>	Bacterial soft rot
FUNGI	
<i>Phytophthora meadii</i>	Rubber secondary leaf fall
<i>Phytophthora richardiae</i>	Tuber rot of Calla lily
VIRUSES	
<i>Calla lily chlorotic spot virus</i> (CCSV)	Calla lily chlorotic spot
<i>Konjac mosaic virus</i> (KoMV)	Konjac mosaic
<i>Lisianthus necrosis virus</i> (LNV)	Lisianthus necrosis
<i>Watermelon silver mottle virus</i> (WSMoV)	Watermelon silver mottle disease

¹Uncategorised pests

If an organism is detected on *Zantedeschia* dormant tubers prior to export or on-arrival in Australia that has not been categorised, it will require assessment by the department to determine its quarantine status and if phytosanitary action is required. The detection of any pests of quarantine concern not already identified in the analysis may result in remedial action and/or temporary suspension of trade while a review is conducted to ensure that existing measures continue to provide the appropriate level of protection for Australia.

Additional declarations

Dormant *Zantedeschia* tubers from New Zealand or the United States of America produced under the approved system require phytosanitary certification with the following additional declarations:

1. *“The Zantedeschia tubers in this consignment have been produced in [insert country name] in accordance with the approved systems approach for producing dormant Zantedeschia tubers for export to Australia.”*

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment on-arrival verification

The department will conduct on-arrival inspections. Any consignment not treated pre-shipment with either methyl bromide fumigation or insecticidal dip at the prescribed rates will be subject to treatment on-arrival.

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