

Important note: *This information sheet was issued as at **October 2019**. The information in this sheet is given in all good faith, and is believed to be correct as at date of issue, however the Orchid Council of New Zealand accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any error or misstatement.. Anyone intending to import orchids into New Zealand does so entirely at their own risk. The importer alone has sole responsibility to ensure that imports fully comply in all respects with all applicable NZ laws including biosecurity, customs and GST.*

IMPORTING ORCHIDS INTO NEW ZEALAND

If you intend importing orchids on a commercial scale or at the hobby grower level you will need to read through the MPI information on importing plants to ensure that you can meet the biosecurity requirements and to minimise border control problems.

The following link will take you to the MPI website steps to importing Nursery Stock

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/importing/plants/nursery-stock/steps-to-importing

Step 1 – What you need to know

Step 2 – What you need to do

Step 3 – Getting your import documentation

The Import Health Standard for Nursery Stock, IHS 155.02.06, can be downloaded from the MPI website.

Points to note:

- Flasks are referred to as Plants in Vitro. A commodity class for plants growing in an aseptic medium in a closed container.
- Flasks must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate certifying that the nursery stock has been inspected in the exporting country according to appropriate procedures and conforms to New Zealand's current entry conditions.
- Labelling – each type of plant in the consignment must be clearly identified with its scientific name (genus and species).
Note: some orchid names have changed however the PBI has not been updated and still uses the old name. Ensure your flasks are labelled with the name that appears on the PBI to avoid problems at the border.

If you have questions about importing nursery stock email info@mpi.govt.nz

Useful links

MPI Plants Biosecurity Index

This database lists all nursery stock species that can be imported. You can search the database to see if your plant species is listed and find out its import classification. You will need to know your plant's scientific name (genus and species) to complete a search.

<http://www1.maf.govt.nz/cgi-bin/bioindex/bioindex.pl>

CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)

Check which orchids are listed in the CITE's appendices.

www.cites.org

The Plant List

A working list of all known plant species. Provides the accepted Latin name with links to all synonyms by which that species has been known.

www.theplantlist.org

RHS (Royal Horticultural Society)

The RHS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority for Orchid Hybrids

www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-form