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Plant export legislation changes

Plant rules – overview of changes to the prescribed grains list

On 1 January 2022, the Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021 (plant rules) are being amended to better align with current business and regulatory practices. This is the first round of amendments since the new plant export legislation commenced in March 2021. The amendments aim to address some areas of inconsistency between the new legislation and regulatory expectations and business practice.

Changes to the prescribed grains list

We are proposing modernising the list of 13 prescribed grains in the plant rules to ensure it covers synonyms of scientific names of the listed products. The change ensures the plant export legislation ‘catches up’, reflects current industry and business practice, and is future proofed.

Background

The plant rules commenced 28 March 2021 and, along with the Export Control Act 2020, set the specific requirements for the export of plants and plant products. We have been tracking areas where the new legislation may not align with current business practice and regulatory expectations, and where additional regulatory improvements are needed. The plant rules will be reviewed annually and amended where needed.

Further information

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