



Certification of Potato Exports to Fiji

Exports of potatoes to Fiji will require an application of sprout inhibitor to be eligible for a phytosanitary certificate issued after the **15 March 2016**.

Pre-harvest applications

- This will need to be verified by 1 residue test for **each production site** and traceability maintained through to production lots.
- The test must confirm presence of the inhibitor.

Post-harvest applications

- For MAOs they will need to follow the appropriate procedures in their system.
 - For non-MAOs these will need to be verified by either:
 - Visual confirmation by the IVA during end point inspection for reddish coloured formulations of Propham
- Or
- **One** residue test on a grower **lot** basis (production site).

Residue tests

- A sample for a residue test will consist of a **minimum of 3** tubers.
- Testing is to indicate use of the chemical not the amount of residue present.

Certification

- Relevant residue test results must be sighted before the certificate can be signed.
- A test is required for **each production site to which a pre-harvest spray is applied**, and for **non-MAOs applying a post-harvest application**.
- Where multiple application of sprout inhibitors have been applied only one application will need to be verified and included on the phytosanitary certificate.

MAOs applying a post-harvest treatment must provide a Declaration of Conformity that the relevant treatments have been applied.

Sufficient time needs to be allowed to obtain the results back from the laboratory before requesting certification.

Phytosanitary certificates requested for issue after the 15 March 2016 must include the following information under the treatment section:

***“Treated with an appropriate sprout inhibiting agency”
(Active Ingredient and rate of application of the inhibitor).***

Please note that the requirement to treat with sprout inhibitor is additional to the requirement for the tubers to be free of sprouts.