



Registration form for authorisation of seed pathogen testing

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Purpose: This form is for laboratories seeking authorisation to test tomato and capsicum seed for export to Australia.

Instructions for laboratories:

- a) Complete mandatory sections 1 to 7
- b) Email the completed form to imports@aff.gov.au with 'Plant T2 - Seed for sowing' in the subject line of the email

1. Laboratory name and contact details

Laboratory name:

Laboratory address (Street, City/Town, State/Province, Country, Postal Code):

E-mail address:

Nominated contact person (name/email):

2. Confirm the scope of this application (tick box to confirm you will test for the specified viruses):

☐ Testing for Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) AND Tomato mottle mosaic virus (ToMMV)

3. Mandatory requirements (tick boxes to confirm agreement to meet each requirement)

☐ The specific qPCR protocols as listed in the [Pathogen testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seeds](#) will be used to determine if seed lots are free from ToBRFV and ToMMV.

Note: Two of the three approved reverse transcription quantitative polymerase chain reaction PCRs (qPCRs) must be used for each virus.

☐ A Ct cut-off value of 35 will be used for all qPCR tests for ToBRFV and ToMMV in accordance with the [Pathogen testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seeds](#).

Note: A statement must be included on laboratory reports that states the Ct cut-off point used to determine the result.

☐ Positive and negative controls will be run in accordance with the [Pathogen testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seeds](#).

☐ Re-testing will be conducted in accordance with the [Pathogen testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seeds](#).

Note: Laboratories may re-test or conduct confirmatory testing on seed homogenates or RNA extracts if a result appears anomalous.

☐ Records will be kept in accordance with the [Pathogen testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seeds](#).

Note: Records must be kept of protocols and standard operating procedures, test results (including Ct values), and any decisions about potentially anomalous results will be kept for at least 3 years and provided to the department upon request.

4. Operational readiness

Please confirm the date by which your laboratory will have all requirements in place to implement the testing procedures for tomato and capsicum seed.

5. Accreditation and Quality Management Systems

Please provide details of any existing accreditation your laboratory holds for testing tomato or capsicum seed under other National Plant Protection Organisation schemes. For example, accreditation under the United States Department of Agriculture National Seed Health System (NSHS) or a similar program.

Additionally, please list any other accreditation or Quality Management Systems your laboratory maintains for seed testing, such as the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) or equivalent certifications.

[If insufficient space for attachments, please attach separately]

6. Other testing requirements for tomato and capsicum

Please confirm if your laboratory can test for the following list of additional pathogens regulated by Australia for tomato and capsicum (tick box to confirm):

<input type="checkbox"/> Columnea latent viroid	<input type="checkbox"/> Potato spindle tuber viroid
<input type="checkbox"/> Pepino mosaic virus	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomato apical stunt viroid
<input type="checkbox"/> Pepper chat fruit viroid	

7. Laboratory declarations:

- I confirm our laboratory will comply with Australia's testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seed intended for export to Australia, as outlined in [Pathogen testing requirements for tomato and capsicum seeds](#).
- I consent to the publication of our laboratory details (including laboratory name, address and approved pathogens for testing) being published on the department's website.
- I agree to notify the department as soon as possible if our laboratory chooses to opt out of authorisation or is no longer able to meet the testing requirements.

Laboratory manager name:

Signature:

Date:

Privacy Notice

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (department) collects your personal information in relation to this form as authorised under the Biosecurity Act 2015 for the purposes of assessing your application to become authorised by the department for seed pathogen testing and related purposes.

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It is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 to knowingly give false or misleading information to a Commonwealth officer exercising powers under Commonwealth law. This offence carries a potential penalty of 12 months' imprisonment.