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1. Purpose

To prevent the transfer of pests and diseases between orchards by AgfirstBOP staff

2. Scope

All orchard based work carried out by AgfirstBOP

3. References

KVH specifications <http://www.kvh.org.nz>

4. Prior to departure

Confirm with your supervisor that notification to the growers has occurred. Otherwise contact growers to alert them that you intend to visit, and to ensure that any extra hygiene instructions are understood and do-able. If the grower cannot be contacted, do not visit the property and notify your supervisor.

Note: For Maturity Clearance samples this is not required, as the packhouse accepts responsibility of this when requesting the sample.

5. Approved sanitizers

0.5% Citrox solution. 50mL of Citrox concentrate mixed into 10 litres of water.

6. On Arrival at Orchard

- View PSA management signage and comply with all instructions
- Determine where to park the car:
 - On the roadside. This is the preferred option.
 - For larger properties with sealed or metal tracks and hardstand.
 - Keep to sealed/metal tracks. DO NOT DRIVE ON GRASS even for turning.
- Hair must be covered with hairnet while in a kiwifruit orchard.
 - As we do not go under a canopy for avocado sampling, we do not need to wear a hairnet. However if you must walk through a kiwifruit orchard to get to avocados a hairnet must be worn.
- Feet must be covered with over-boots or spray foot-wear with approved sanitizer applied with 12 volt electric spray unit.
- Use hand sanitizer gel. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

Notes:

- Do not take anything you do not require onto the orchard
- No plant material (other than a sample in a sealed plastic bag) is to leave the orchard
- Any cleaning equipment used should be clean of plant material and kept in approved sanitizer between orchards.
- Ensure that you have a full reservoir on the 12v sprayer before you arrive at the property.

7. Sampling Collection

On completion of sample(s) on an orchard all equipment e.g. bucket/trolley must be cleaned.

1. Check for and remove any plant material.
2. If there is a suitable hose available in the hardstand area use the hose to wash off the equipment.
3. Spray down the equipment using 12 volt sprayer with approved sanitizer.

Notes:

- Samples are to be placed into a sample bag and sealed.
- Samples to be contained in car or locked bin until taken to the lab.

8. Exiting the property

If the car enters the property;

- Keep to sealed/metal tracks. DO NOT DRIVE ON GRASS even for turning.
- Check for and remove plant material from the car.
- Spray down with any water available. Concentrate on tyres and wheel arches.
- Spray down tyres and wheel arches with sanitizer. Do this at the road entrance unless unsafe.

Before exiting the property

- A quick visual check of clothing to brush off any plant material and dust.
- Before leaving the orchard remove the hairnet and sleeve covers and place in the sealed bag.

- If feet have been covered with over-boots remove and place in the sealed bag provided otherwise spray foot-wear with sanitizer applied with electric spray unit.
- Wipe down equipment with alcohol wipes, e.g. phone, counter or bud tool.
- Use hand sanitizer gel. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

9. End of day.

Return sealed bag of protective wear to lab for controlled disposal.

Hose down cars and sanitize tyres and wheel arches.

Record any sightings of secondary Psa symptoms when entering your hours.

10. Client Requests

Some clients may have specific protocols that they wish to have followed for their properties. Please refer to the PSA risk management signage and your collectors/ job report for any client specific requirements. The Agfirst procedure is the minimum that will be done. Any request from a client to do more is to be satisfied in as far as is possible. Any request from a client to do less is to be ignored.