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NEW ZEALAND TOMATOES AND CAPSICUMS ON THE MENU AGAIN IN AUSTRALIA

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ) have received advice from Biosecurity Australia that they have revised their emergency measures which will allow the importation of tomato and capsicum fruit from New Zealand.

Plant Exports Team Manager Karen Sparrow says while the requirements, put in place by Biosecurity Australia, are tighter than would have been preferred, MAFBNZ are pleased to have these emergency measures in place which will allow the resumption of trade.

She says it should be noted that the current requirements are temporary and, with a permanent proposal due out soon, there will be the opportunity to comment on Australia’s future requirements.

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