

Proposed changes to KVH regional boundaries

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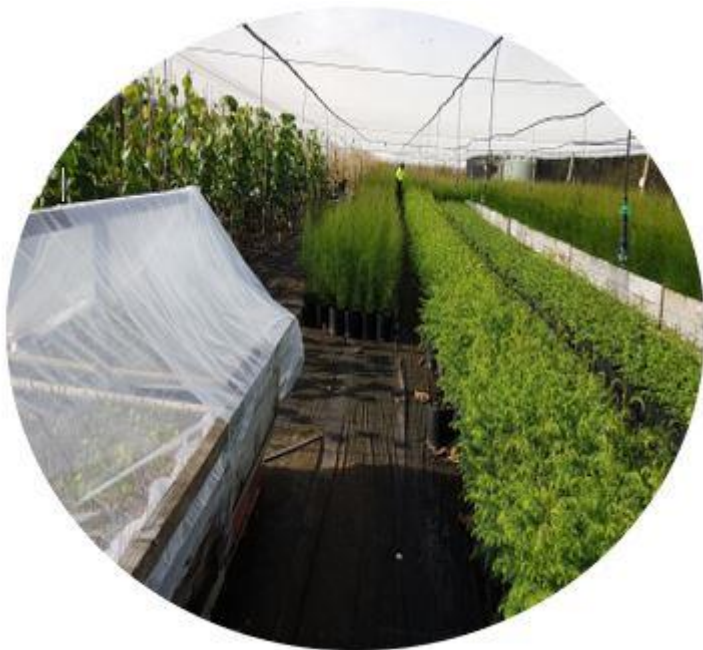


One North Island Recovery region

Regional boundaries and classifications are important to protect areas with little or no Psa and manage risk from new or evolving forms of the disease.

However, over the years since they were put in place the industry has changed significantly (in terms of growth and Psa spread), which negates the benefit of some historical boundaries. There is inequality in biosecurity risk management of plant material and movements which can be immediately alleviated by revoking within Recovery region boundaries.

This will create one North Island Recovery region, made up of separate geographic locations (see map over page).



More consistent management of biosecurity risk

This change to Recovery region boundaries removes inequities immediately, while a separate and bigger piece of work is underway to align biosecurity policies for all plant material (nursery plants, budwood and pollen for example), including plant movement traceability.

This is a practical, sensible solution to managing biosecurity risk. It will also allow for better distribution of adequate plant material, without any increase in the threat posed by pests and diseases.

The Far North, Whangarei, and South Island areas - where Psa is absent or in limited distribution - will remain as separate Exclusion regions (see map over page).



KVH region definitions

Kiwifruit growing regions in New Zealand are classified as Exclusion, Containment or Recovery, based on the level of Psa infection.

Exclusion regions either have no Psa identified, or Psa has recently been identified for the first time.

A *Containment region* has only limited Psa infection.

A *Recovery region* is where Psa is already widespread.

Take the opportunity to have your say

KVH is consulting with growers and other industry groups (nurseries and post-harvest for example) about the proposed changes. Based on feedback received, they will come into effect from Monday 16 July 2018. Consultation closes at midday on Monday 2 July 2018 – have your say and let us know that the change is right for you. Speak to any of the team, email your thoughts to info@kvh.org.nz or phone 0800 665 825.



PROPOSED REGIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS FROM 16 JULY 2018

LEGEND

- Exclusion regions
 - Far North
 - Whangarei District
 - South Island
- Recovery region
 - North Island, split over several geographical locations

