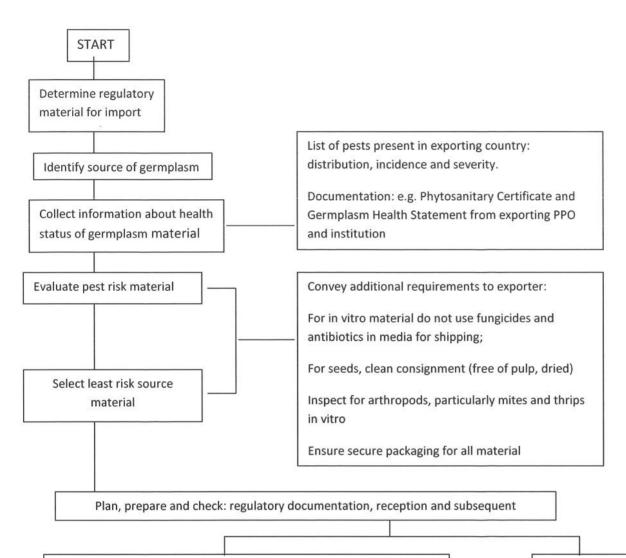
Technical recommendations (importing country)



In vitro material:

Examine for the presence of fungi, bacteria and arthropod pests, particularly mites and thrips. Destroy contaminated material.

Adopt strict aseptic techniques and procedures including autoclaving instruments between lines and cutting over a sterile disposable surface.

Chronologically record actions in handling germplasm so material can be checked for cross-infection, should infected material be detected later

Before multiplication, test in vitro plants for pathogens as specified by the PPO. Plant material testing negative in sterilized material in containment; observe for disease symptoms and test for pathogens again. If results negative, release in vitro plants. If positive, assess risk of cross-contamination of other material and retest or destroy this as necessary.

If in vitro facilities not available, plant directly in sterilised compost in containment and observe and test as above.

Seed:

Inspect visually with a hand lense under contained conditions. If arthropod pests found, treat by storage at -20°C for 7 days.

Establish seeds in vitro or germinate in sterile potting compost and grow out under containment.

Test seedlings for pathogens as specified by the PPO.