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RPMP Exemption Register for Granted Exemptions

Note – ordered by ‘active’ exemptions, then by date issued.

Exemption code	Description of the exemptions	Reasons for the exemption	Period of the exemption	
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Active Exemptions				
2023/001	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.18.2.1 which prevents a person moving a craft into Marlborough waters with biofouling exceeding the ‘light fouling’ threshold.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of a heavy tow shift from New Plymouth to Admiralty in support of a drill rig float off operation.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Mediterranean fanworm. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case. <p>Through project planning for the drilling rig float-off operation, the level of fouling on the New Plymouth based craft was found to be more than ‘light fouling’. However, given there is no known infestations of Mediterranean fanworm in New Plymouth, and the fact that craft will only be in Marlborough waters for a short period of time, meeting the requirement was considered unreasonable.</p>	1/9/2023	31/01/2024

<p>2022/001</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.7 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of soil from an area where earthworks are planned to facilitate the expansion of a commercial building in Cloudy Bay Business Park. The small commercial site had a history of a small number of Chilean needle grass plants found prior to development. Early stages of the project stripped and stockpiled the topsoil on the property. The activity this exemption relates to is the removal of further sub-soil, and top soil off site.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case. The commercial property in question is situated to provide growth of appropriate industrial activities. The inability to move soil likely to carry very low risk of Chilean needle grass contamination is an unreasonable. In addition, conditions imposed include movement to a known infested location which could even benefit that site via burial. 	<p>30/6/2022</p>	<p>15/11/2022</p>
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<p>2019/006</p>	<p>An exemption was granted (with conditions) to Rule 5.8.2.3 which prevents a person moving cattle off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass and 5.8.2.6 which prevents a person moving hay or other stock feed/arable crops off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates is the movement of cattle, for grazing/sustenance purposes, to a nearby property also containing infestations of Chilean needle grass and the movement (selling) of lucerne bailleage that also has infestations of Chilean needle grass under management on areas adjacent to the lucerne forage crop.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons: - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given there is no evidence of Chilean needle grass infestations being found within the forage crop and a range of conditions are imposed minimising the risk of viable plant material being spread. In a similar manner, the short distance of cattle movement, also to another small property containing substantial infestations of Chilean needle grass, is also a reasonable activity.</p>	<p>14/11/2019</p>	<p>30/6/2023</p>
<p>2019/005</p>	<p>An exemption was granted (with conditions) to Rule 5.8.2.6 which prevents a person moving hay or other stock feed/arable crops off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates is the movement (selling) of lucerne bailleage from a property in the Grassmere area that also has active infestations of Chilean needle grass under management on areas adjacent to the lucerne forage crop.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons: - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given there is no evidence of Chilean needle grass infestations being found within the forage crop and a range of conditions are imposed minimising the risk of viable plant material being spread.</p>	<p>1/11/2019</p>	<p>30/6/2023</p>

<p>2019/004</p>	<p>An exemption was granted (with conditions) to Rule 5.8.2.2 which prevents a person moving sheep off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates is the movement of sheep from a property leased in the Blind River area that has a light infestation of Chilean needle grass, back to a 'home' property that is heavily infested with Chilean needle grass.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons: - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given the movements will have no net increase in risk if exacerbating the Chilean needle grass infestations.</p>	<p>6/10/2019</p>	<p>30/6/2023</p>
<p>2019/003</p>	<p>An exemption was granted to Rule 5.8.2.3 and 5.8.2.6 which prevents a person moving cattle and hay respectively of a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates is the movement of cattle and also hay between two neighbouring properties, both with substantial infestations of Chilean needle grass affected the entire properties. The owner of one property leases the adjoining also. The proposed movement of cattle and hay is between a boundary gateway.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons: - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given the movements will have no net increase in risk if exacerbating the Chilean needle grass infestations.</p>	<p>1/10/2019</p>	<p>30/6/2024</p>

<p>2018/007</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.6 which prevents a person moving hay or other stock feed/arable crop of a property containing a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity relates to the movement of bailage made of paddocks that have historical records of Chilean needle grass being found but no recent evidence of an active infestation. The bailage is also proposed to only be moved locally to properties that are managing an active infestation.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is inappropriate in this particular case because preventing the movement of bailage of the area is being made from present a very minor risk, and the risk of new infestations being created can be managed by not moving to unaffected properties. As a result, the activity is not a significant risk to the programme. 	<p>19/11/2018</p>	<p>30/6/2023</p>
<p>2018/004</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.3 which prevents a person moving cattle from a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of yearling cattle off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass to sell as store stock after the 30 September Rule requirement but before mid-November.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(ii), Council is satisfied that the provisions being put in place to mitigate the risk of vectoring Chilean needle grass off the property are as effective as compliance with the Rule requirement. 	<p>2/10/2018</p>	<p>30/9/2023</p>

2018/003	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.7 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of soil as a result of road maintenance within 100m of a known Chilean needle grass infestation to be transported to a designated clean-fill site within an infested property in Blind River.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is inappropriate in this particular case because preventing the movement is hindering the effective maintenance of critical infrastructure, and the movement of material can be carefully managed to mitigate risk of new infestations being created. As a result, the activities are not a significant risk to the programme. 	2/10/2018	30/9/2023
Exemptions Previously Issued (exemption period lapsed)				

<p>2020/003</p>	<p>An exemption was granted to Rule 5.8.2.3 (specifically in relation to timing restrictions) which prevents a person moving cattle off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the one-off movement of cattle, from a property affected by Chilean needle grass, outside the date range restriction within Rule 5.8.2.3. Movement taking place on 14 November 2020.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is clearly unreasonable in this particular case. <p>This was given the cattle in question were cows that had recently calved (unintentionally) and needed to be shifted back to the dairy platform for milking. Mitigation measures captured in the exemption conditions and carried out meant the risk of any spread risk was assessed as being negligible.</p>	<p>11/11/2020</p>	<p>15/11/2020</p>
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<p>2020/002</p>	<p>An exemption was granted to Rule 5.8.2.3 (specifically in relation to timing restrictions) which prevents a person moving cattle off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of cattle, from a property affected by Chilean needle grass, outside the date range restriction within Rule 5.8.2.3. Movement taking place on 11 March 2020.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(1), Council is satisfied that the requirement [to mitigate movement of Chilean needle grass off the property] has been substantially complied with and further compliance is unnecessary. <p>This was given the risk associated with the movement at this time was assessed as being no different to if it occurred within the bounds of Rule 5.8.2.3 i.e. after 1 April 2020. Factors considered were an inspection of comparable cattle still on the property showing no evidence of seed being obvious, conditions being extremely dry (with no panicle seed being present for at least the last 6 weeks), a 48 hr stand-down occurred before leaving the property and a grazing rotation that meant the cattle were grazed on areas of the property with the lowest infestation levels in the month prior.</p>	<p>10/3/2020</p>	<p>31/3/2020</p>
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<p>2020/001</p>	<p>An exemption was granted (with conditions) to Rule 5.8.2.3 which prevents a person moving cattle off a property with a known infestation of Chilean needle grass.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates is the on-off movement of 35 spring (2019) born weaners, to sell, from two properties that contain small infestations of Chilean needle grass.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case. This was given the capacity and risk of this activity resulting in the spread of Chilean needle grass is extremely low. Both properties had intensive management of the small infestations over the 2019/2020 season meaning the calves we not grazing on seeding infestations over the summer. 	<p>1/3/2020</p>	<p>31/3/2020</p>
<p>2019/002</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.7 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of sub-soil from an area where earthworks are planned to facilitate the expansion of a commercial building in Cloudy Bay Business Park. The small commercial site had a history of a small number of Chilean needle grass plants found prior to development. Early stages of the project stripped and stockpiled the topsoil on the property. The activity this exemption relates to is the removal of further sub-soil off site.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given the high risk soil continues to remain on site and the applicant has a plan to manage the very small residual risk with moving the sub-soil off the site. 	<p>1/9/2019</p>	<p>Project completion</p>

<p>2019/001</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.7 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of sub-soil from an area where earthworks are planned to stabilise a slope above a water reservoir on the Wither Hills Farm Park. An infestation of Chilean needle grass occurs on the edge of the working area.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given the high risk soil is to remain on site and the applicant has a comprehensive plan to manage the very small residual risk with moving the sub-soil off the site, to a designated location and remediating the site with competitive pasture species. 	<p>27/5/2019</p>	<p>Project completion</p>
<p>2018/006</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.7 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of soil as a result of construction on an infested property located at Omaka to both an adjoining infested property and a clean-fill site within an infested property in Blind River.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is inappropriate in this particular case because preventing the movement is hindering appropriate development on the small property, and the movement of material can be carefully managed to mitigate risk of new infestations being created. As a result, the activities are not a significant risk to the programme. 	<p>2/11/2018</p>	<p>31/12/2018</p>

<p>2018/005</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 5.8.2.7 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of sub-soil from the construction of buildings on 2 commercial property sites where Chilean needle grass has been found in the past.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is unreasonable in this particular case given the high risk soil is to remain on site and the contractor has a comprehensive plan to manage the very small residual risk with moving the sub-soil off the site, to a designated location. 	<p>19/10/2018</p>	<p>31/3/2019</p>
<p>Regional Pest Management Plan 2018 operative on 1 October 2018.</p>				
<p>2018/002</p>	<p>An exemption (with conditions) was granted to Rule 6.1.3.3 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of soil as a result of construction on an infested property located at Omaka to both an adjoining infested property and a clean-fill site within an infested property in Blind River.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is inappropriate in this particular case because preventing the movement is hindering appropriate development on the small property, and the movement of material can be carefully managed to mitigate risk of new infestations being created. As a result, the activities are not a significant risk to the programme. 	<p>17/9/2018</p>	<p>30/9/2018</p>

<p>2018/001</p>	<p>An exemption was granted to Rule 6.1.3.3 which prevents a person knowingly spread Chilean needle grass or soil likely to contain seed from an infested site.</p> <p>The activity the exemption relates to is the movement of silt from a dam on an infested property to an adjacent property also infested for the purposes of landscaping.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Chilean needle grass. and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(iii), Council is satisfied that the requirement is inappropriate in this particular case because movement of silt from a dam on an infested property to an adjacent lifestyle property (also heavily infested with Chilean needle grass) for landscaping purposes is not a significant risk to the programme. 	<p>9/7/2018</p>	<p>30/9/2018</p>
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<p>2013/001</p>	<p>An exemption was granted to Rule 6.1.6.1 requiring the destruction of nassella tussock. The contained conditions requiring control work to be carried out in accordance with a work plan supplied by the occupier.</p>	<p>This exemption was approved for the following reasons: - Under Section 78(2)(a), in the 2013 season, Council is satisfied that granting this exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Nassella tussock; and - - Under Section 78(2)(b)(i), in the 2013 season, the Rule requirement has been substantially complied with and further compliance is unnecessary. - Under Section 78(2)(a), Council is also satisfied in the 2014 season, the proposed management plan and the adherence to the exemption conditions will also not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMS objective for Nassella tussock. - Under Section 78(2)(b)(ii), in the 2014 season, the provisions made for control work is as effective as, or more effective than, compliance with the requirement.</p>	<p>9/12/2013</p>	<p>31/12/2014</p>
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