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PATHOGEN: Fusarium (Gibberella fujikuroi)

HOST: Maize (Zea mays)

COMMON NAME: Fusarium kernel, root and stalk rot; seed rot; seedling blight

METHOD: Mz 7.1 Blotter (Singh et al., 1974) (formerly Cf 8.2)

METHOD CLASS: STANDARD (A)

SAMPLE: 400 seeds

PROCEDURE:

1. Four replicates of 100 seeds are surface disinfected in 2.0% sodium hypochlorite.

- 2. Incubate on a damp blotter at 20°C for 24 h.
- 3. Freeze at -20°C for 24 h.
- 4. Incubate for 7 days at 26°C under cycles of 12 h NUV light/12 h darkness.

REFERENCES:

Singh, D. V., Mathur, S. B. and Neergaard, P. 1974. Seed health testing of maize. Evaluation of testing techniques with particular reference to Drechslera maydis. Seed Sci. Technol. 2:349-365.