In response to recent detections of live Queensland fruit fly (QFF) in fumigated host produce, the Western Australian and South Australian quarantine agencies are raising minimum temperature requirements for methyl bromide fumigation for quarantine treatment.

Once implemented, these changes mean that the minimum pulp temperature for QFF host produce fumigated to enter the Western Australian and South Australian market will increase from a minimum $10^\circ$C to a minimum of $16^\circ$C.

Western Australian changes.

Changes to fumigation rates will apply immediately for host fruit fumigated on arrival.

Transitional arrangements exist for pre-shipment fumigation, which will cease on 24 September 2016. During this period any QFF host produce treated at a pulp temperature of less than $16^\circ$C will require a 600 unit inspection on arrival, prior to release.

As of 12:01am on 25 September 2016, QFF host produce treated at a pulp temperature of less than $16^\circ$C will be rejected and directed for additional treatment or export out of the state.

South Australian changes.

As of 12:01am on 8 October 2016, QFF host produce treated at a pulp temperature of less than $16^\circ$C will be rejected and directed for additional treatment or export out of the state.

Note: Some fruits may be damaged by this treatment. A trial treatment is recommended unless the response of fruits to this treatment is known.

ICA-04 accredited businesses.

Businesses accredited under the ICA-04 procedure (fumigation for quarantine) will soon receive an amended treatment procedure reflecting these rate changes.

NOTE: accredited businesses use the amended fumigation rates as per the dates reflected in this notice in order to certify produce for the Western Australian and South Australian market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact your local Agriculture Victoria Plant Standards Officer – phone 136 186 or email: plant.standards@ecodev.vic.gov.au