

Biosecurity Update – market access update for Tomato-Potato Psyllid: information for supermarkets

8 December 2025

Current situation

Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) was detected in Melbourne's northern suburbs in October 2025. This follows an earlier detection on the Bellarine Peninsula in 2024. While not widespread, this has resulted in interstate trade **restrictions that came into effect on Monday 8 December 2025**. Growers and businesses will need to comply with these restrictions if they are sending plants and produce interstate.

Agriculture Victoria is working with interstate counterparts to expedite market access arrangements to allow continued trade for businesses.

For detail on the treatment and inspection required for fruit, vegetables, nursery stock and other commodities, see 'Interstate quarantine requirements' below. Adhering to these measures will reduce the risk of TPP spread into other jurisdictions.

The information provided below is a summary of the requirements and the situation. More details can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website.

Business accreditation

- Businesses undertaking interstate trade will require accreditation.
- The process for business accreditation will take approximately 5 working days after submitting a completed application.
- ELearning modules and assessments are required and replace the usual face-to-face initial audit, streamlining the accreditation process.
- A *Certificate of Accreditation* will be issued once the assessments are successfully completed
- Supermarkets and produce logistics companies are encouraged to check that suppliers have undertaken the necessary processes and are accredited.
- Available procedures are listed in 'Interstate quarantine requirements' below.
- In the lead up to the 8 December deadline, Agriculture Victoria staff will be available 7 days per week to assist and respond to queries.
- More information for businesses and to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/tpp.

About TPP

- TPP is a small sap-sucking insect that affects *Solanaceae* and *Convolvulaceae* crops.
- It causes direct feeding damage, and may transmit the bacterium [*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* \(CLso\)](#) which leads to zebra chip disease in potatoes.
- Victoria remains free of CLso.
- Infestations of TPP can significantly reduce crop yield and quality, making early detection and management critical for growers.

Crops to be regulated for interstate movement

- **Hosts:** include plants and plant products and waste material from the *Convolvulaceae* and *Solanaceae* families. This includes fresh fruit and vegetables such as tomatoes, potatoes and capsicum, as well as ornamental plants, such as petunias and ornamental chilli.
- **Carriers:** TPP can also be transported on other species of plants even though it does not feed on them. These 'carrier' plants are also regulated when moving interstate, with the specific definition of 'carrier' varying between jurisdictions. Produce with green material such as calyx and leaves may be classified as carriers and require treatment if sent to states with carrier restrictions.

Implications for businesses

All Victorian businesses transporting TPP host or carrier plants or produce interstate from 8 December 2025 will need to comply with entry requirements set by each destination jurisdiction. See 'Import conditions for each state' below.

Depending on the destination state, you may need either:

- a plant health certificate (issued by an Agriculture Victoria authorised officer), or
- a plant health assurance certificate (PHAC) (issued by an approved accredited business).

Please contact the relevant destination state to determine what is required. Please note there are different interstate requirements for hosts or carriers of TPP.

To support continued trade of plants and produce, Queensland will implement a transition phase until 12 December 2025 providing Victorian businesses additional time to become accredited.

There will be a two week 'grace' period during which education and awareness will be the focus of compliance activities by Biosecurity Tasmania. During this period importers/exporters are urged to familiarise themselves with the import requirements and make necessary arrangements to ensure you meet all conditions. A new version of the *Plant Biosecurity Manual Tasmania 2024 edition* with the revised IR46 will be issued in due course.

It is essential to stay updated via the Agriculture Victoria website for the latest information and guidance.

Interstate quarantine requirements

For host and carrier produce lists and requirements for each jurisdiction, visit the Agriculture Victoria information for businesses webpage: [Tomato potato psyllid information for businesses | Tomato potato psyllid | Priority pest insects and mites | Pest insects and mites | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#).

Also check the current import conditions for TPP in each state:

- **New South Wales:** <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/biosecurity/plant-biosecurity/market-access-and-trade/nsw-movement-zones/movement-conditions-for-plants,-plant-products-and-related-items> (search for “TPP”)
- **Tasmania:** <https://nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/importing-plants> (search for “Import Requirement 46 – Tomato Potato Psyllid – Hosts and Carriers”)
- **South Australia:** <https://interstatequarantine.org.au/new-condition-17-entry-conditions/> (includes PDF link and recent changes)
- **Queensland:** <https://www.business.Qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/priority-pest-disease/tomato-potato-psyllid>
- **Northern Territory:** <https://daf.nt.gov.au/publications/publications-search/publications-database/primary-industry/plants/plant-health-manual.pdf> (search for “Condition 23 for TPP”)

Webinars

Agriculture Victoria has held several webinars on movement restrictions and accreditation processes for industry sectors. Recordings of all webinars are available on the Agriculture Victoria information for businesses webpage: [Tomato potato psyllid information for businesses | Tomato potato psyllid | Priority pest insects and mites | Pest insects and mites | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#).

Collateral

Packing shed posters for fruit and vegetable growers are available for download on the Agriculture Victoria information for businesses webpage: agriculture.vic.gov.au/tpp.

Drought relief for accreditation fees

As part of the Victorian Government [Drought Support Package](#), the [Duties and Fees Relief package](#) is helping to reduce the cost of doing business for Victorian primary producers.

For 2025-26, fees and charges remain at 2024-25 rates. From 1 October 2025 Agriculture Victoria waived specific plant biosecurity fees and charges. Other service delivery will be maintained at the standard rate for fees and charges.

Service delivery fee waivers, related to the changes in market access for TPP, will be applied to arrangement application fees, arrangement audits, including associated travel and issuance of non-conformance reports from 1 October 2025 to 30 June 2026.

More information about plant biosecurity fees can be found at:

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/moving-plants-and-plant-products/fees-and-charges-for-plant-biosecurity-services>

Reporting an unusual plant insect pest or disease

Report any unusual plant pest or disease immediately using our [online reporting form](#) or by calling the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on [1800 084 881](#).

Please take multiple [good quality photos](#) of the pests or damage to include in your report where possible, as this is essential for rapid pest and disease diagnosis and response.

Your report will be responded to by an experienced staff member, who may seek more information about the detection and explain next steps.

More information

Visit the Agriculture Victoria website for more details about TPP: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

For questions about this update, email: market.access@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Carrier fruits and vegetables with green material

The following table indicates the arrangements and requirements for carrier plants and produce per state.

Requirement reference	NSW/ACT	NT	Qld	SA	Tas
Carrier - produce with green material	Exempt	Exempt	ICA-04 ICA-55 ICA-61 PS-58 PS-60	Exempt	ICA-04 ICA-55 ICA-61
Carrier - produce without green material	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt if free of green material and packed in shed/packhouse ICA-04 ICA-55 ICA-61 PS-58 PS-60 PS-62	Exempt	Exempt
Carrier - strawberry fruit	Exempt	Exempt	ICA-60 PS-60	Exempt	ICA-04
Carrier - cut flowers and foliage	Exempt	Exempt	ICA-04 ICA-55 ICA-61 PS-58 PS-60	Exempt	ICA-04 ICA-55 ICA-64
Carrier - nursery stock	ICA-04 ICA-62	Exempt	Leaves: PS-57 Dormant (no leaves): PS-62	PS-59 Dormant, no leaves: exempt	ICA-04 ICA-62 (chemical limitations)
Carrier – root vegetable and tuber	Exempt	Exempt	Shed packed: Exempt if free of green material and packed in shed/packhouse Field packed:	Exempt	Exempt

Requirement reference	NSW/ACT	NT	Qld	SA	Tas
			ICA-04 ICA-55 PS-58 PS-60		

Host fruits and vegetables

The following table indicates the arrangements and requirements for host plants and produce per state.

Requirement reference	NSW/ACT	NT	Qld	SA	Tas
Host - produce with green material Solanaceae fruit	ICA-04 PS-58 ICA-55	ICA-04 PS-58	ICA-04 ICA-55 PS-58 PS-61	Pack-house prepared: PS-61 Field prepared: ICA-04 PS-58 ICA-55	ICA-04 ICA-55
Host - produce without green material Solanaceae fruit	ICA-04 PS-58 PS-61 – Tomato fruit with no leaves or calyx only	ICA-04 PS-58	ICA-04 ICA-55 PS-58 PS-61	Exempt	ICA-04 ICA-55
Host - produce with green material Leafy veg	PS-58	PS-58	ICA-04 ICA-55 PS-61 PS-58	ICA-04 PS-58 ICA-55	ICA-04 ICA-55
Host - nursery stock	PS-57	PS-57	Leaves: PS-57 Dormant, no leaves: PS-62	ICA-04 PS-57 ICA-55	PS-57
Host - cut flowers and foliage	Prohibited	ICA-04 or a registered fumigant	ICA-04 ICA-55 PS-58	Exempt if no leaves attached ICA-04 PS-57 ICA-55	PS-57 will also update ICA-29
Host – root vegetables and tuber without leaves	Exempt	Exempt	ICA-04 PS-62 (no leaves)	Exempt	Exempt if free of green material and have been brushed free of soil (however other conditions apply)

Accreditation procedure requirements and host types

The following table defines the host type requirements and the key elements of each procedure.

Accreditation procedure	Procedure requirements
ICA-04 – Fumigation with Methyl Bromide	Host type: Host and carrier a) Methyl Bromide Fumigation
ICA-55 – Irradiation Treatment	Host type: Host and Carrier a) Minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy for Tomato-potato psyllid (<i>Bactericera cockerelli</i>)
ICA-60 – Inspection of Strawberry Fruit	Host type: Carrier a) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and b) Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP.
ICA-61 - Pack-House Washing and Inspection of TPP Carrier Produce	Host type: Carrier a) Post-harvest wash; and b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and c) Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP
ICA-62 – Treatment and inspection of carrier nursery stock for TPP	Host type: Carrier a) Pre-harvest treatment within 72 hours of dispatch; and b) 2%- or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and c) Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP
PS-57 - Treatment and Inspection of Nursery Stock for TPP	Host type: Host and carrier (carrier Qld only) a) Pre-harvest treatment; and b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP
PS-58 – Pre-Harvest Treatment and Post-Harvest Inspection of TPP Host Produce and Carrier Field packed Leafy Vegetables	Host type: Host and carrier a) Pre-harvest treatment; and b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and c) Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP
PS-59 – Treatment or Inspection or Secure Packing of carrier nursery stock for TPP	Host type: Carrier – SA only a) Preharvest treatment; OR b) Inspection; OR c) Secure for 4 days
PS-60 – Inspection of Carrier Produce for TPP	Host type: Carrier a) Commercially sorted, graded, and packed with removal of outer leaves and calyx; and b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and c) Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP

PS-61 – Pack-house Washing and Inspection of TPP Host Produce	Host type: Host a) Washed or brushed b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP; and c) Packed in quarantine secure conditions that prevent infestation with TPP
PS-62 - Inspection of Dormant Nursery Stock for Tomato-Potato Psyllid	Host type: Host and carrier a) Free of leaves and green material b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP
PS-66 – property freedom for TPP	Host type: Host and carrier a) TPP trapping program b) 2% or 600-unit inspection prior to dispatch and found to be free of TPP