

Biosecurity Update – revised interstate quarantine requirements for Tomato-Potato Psyllid (TPP)

12 December 2025

Due to detections of TPP at different locations in Victoria, 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.

Depending on the destination state, you may need either:

- a Plant Health Certificate (PHC) (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.

Interstate certification assurance

Agriculture Victoria is providing arrangements to facilitate businesses to self-certify their consignments as meeting interstate requirements. This includes developing online training and auditing processes to support timely accreditation to reduce impacts to business.

When a PHAC is issued by an accredited business, it is accepted as evidence of complying with the quarantine requirements for interstate and intrastate markets.

The accreditation is an agreement between a business and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). The accredited business assumes responsibility for treating and/or inspecting produce and then issuing a PHAC.

These accreditations are routinely audited by Agriculture Victoria to ensure they are working effectively.

To obtain an application form contact the Biosecurity Services Centre on biosecurityservicescentre@agriculture.vic.gov.au

To ensure your accreditation is processed in a timely way:

- Complete all details on the application form and Authorised Signatory form

- Attach the completed authorised signatory document for all members of staff who will be signing the PHACs
- Complete all relevant training.
- If you have any questions, reply to the email that sent you the application

Please note:

- You will receive a Certificate of Attainment once your training is completed.
- You will receive a Certificate of Accreditation with your Interstate Produce (IP) number once your application is approved.
- When you have an IP number you can receive a PHAC book.

Produce and market access arrangements

Agriculture Victoria now has a dedicated webpage for Tomato-Potato Psyllid (TPP) market access arrangements. The new page consolidates information about TPP host and carrier produce, and the market access arrangements and accreditations required to trade to each jurisdiction.

The new webpage links to a number of produce and market access arrangement lists that will assist growers and nurseries to determine which accreditations apply to their business. Information available includes:

- Carrier and host produce lists to determine whether your produce is impacted by the TPP restrictions.
- Market access arrangements and requirements for carrier plants and produce per state.
- Market access arrangements and requirements for host plants and produce per state.
- Host type requirements and key elements of each accreditation procedure.
- Arrangements under development.
- Alternative market access options for businesses that are not accredited.

It is essential to stay updated as conditions and accreditation options evolve.

For more information on accreditation options visit the [interstate quarantine regulations](#) webpage.

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

- **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”)

Notice on Queensland requirements

A ‘packinghouse prepared carrier’, which is **EXEMPT** of TPP entry requirements, is defined as a fruit or vegetable, other than a plant of the *Solanaceae* family or *Convolvulaceae* family, that is:

- prepared, stemmed, processed, graded, sorted or packed in a packing house; and
- free of leafy green material

To support continued trade of plants and produce, Queensland has implemented a transition phase until 11.59pm 22 December 2025 providing Victorian businesses additional time to become accredited.

Notice on Tasmanian requirements

Tasmania granted 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. The grace period is valid until midnight 22 December. A new version of the *Plant Biosecurity Manual Tasmania 2024 edition* with the revised IR46 will be issued in due course.

About TPP

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

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 from 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 continuing to work with interstate counterparts to expedite market access arrangements to allow continued trade for businesses.

Implications for businesses

With the detection of TPP outside the Restricted Area, businesses in Victoria need to comply with **destination jurisdiction entry requirements for TPP** when moving plants or produce interstate. Please contact the relevant destination state for specific requirements (see next section). There are different interstate requirements for hosts or carriers of TPP.

Consignments originating from Victoria may be subject to inspection, treatment and certification requirements by destination states. Depending on the destination state, you may need either:

- a Plant Health Certificate (PHC) (issued by an Agriculture Victoria Authorised Officer), or
- a Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC) (issued by an approved accredited business).

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](tel:1800084881).

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

Agriculture Victoria has held a number of 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](#).

Packing shed posters for fruit and vegetable growers are also available on that webpage.

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