

Biosecurity Update - Market access changes for interstate trade of Tomato Potato Psyllid host produce and host nursery stock

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Current situation

Agriculture Victoria is continuing to expedite market access arrangements for nursery, fruit and vegetable businesses following a detection of Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) in Melbourne's northern suburbs in October 2025. This follows an earlier detection on the Bellarine Peninsula in 2024.

Restrictions will come into effect from Monday 8 December 2025 and growers and businesses will need to comply with these restrictions if they are sending plants and produce interstate.

Agriculture Victoria encourages businesses to finalise their required accreditations as soon as possible to maintain compliance and avoid disruption to interstate trade.

Process for accreditation

- The process for business accreditation will take approximately 5 working days after submitting a completed application.
- Once your application is processed, you will receive links to the required eLearning modules.
- The eLearning modules and assessments replace the usual face-to-face initial audit, streamlining the accreditation process.
- After successfully completing these modules and assessments, you will be issued a Certificate of Accreditation.

Please note the following when working through the accreditation process:

- You must complete part 1 and part 2 and/or part 3 of the application form depending on whether or not you have a current arrangement with Agriculture Victoria.
- Ensure you complete all sections of the application form and include any required attachments.
- All potential staff from a business who may sign Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC) books on behalf of the business need to complete an Authorised Signatory form.
- You must pass the assessment to receive accreditation. The assessment is challenging to maintain rigour in the process, and successful completion requires reading all content in the modules. You may need to take the assessment multiple times if you don't pass on your first attempt.

- You cannot operate under an accreditation until you receive a Certificate of Accreditation from Agriculture Victoria.

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.

Further information will be communicated on Monday 1 December. This will include relevant procedures, application forms and authorised signatory forms.

For more information and to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pest-insects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites/tomato-potato-psyllid.

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.

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

Moving host produce and host nursery stock

Host produce and host nursery stock includes plants and planting materials that are hosts - plants and planting material from the *Convolvulaceae* and *Solanaceae* plant families. Agriculture Victoria will release two new market access certification arrangements on 1 December 2025 for businesses trading host produce and host nursery stock:

- PS-57: Treatment and inspection of host nursery stock for Tomato-Potato Psyllid
- PS-58: Treatment and inspection of Tomato-Potato Psyllid produce

PS-57 describes the requirements that apply to the treatment and inspection of host nursery stock for TPP under an accreditation arrangement, while PS-58 applies to the treatment, inspection and secure consignment of TPP produce with leaves, calyx or other attached green material under an accreditation arrangement.

Agriculture Victoria has developed these procedures to assist with market access for businesses that trade host produce and host nursery stock interstate.

The accreditation allows these businesses to self-certify TPP host produce and host nursery stock for interstate exports as an alternative to getting a Plant Health Certificate issued by an Agriculture Victoria authorised officer. To continue to trade from 8 December, businesses need to meet these requirements.

For more information and to apply visit [Priority pest insects and mites | Pest insects and mites | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#).

Webinar – 2 December 2025

A webinar will be held on 2 December from 2pm to 3pm to explain requirements for host produce and nursery stock, and to give businesses a chance to ask questions.

To register for the webinar please fill out this [Host produce and host nursery stock tomato potato psyllid webinar registration form](#).

Missed the Thursday 27 November TPP fruit and vegetable industry webinar? Watch the recording here: [Tomato potato psyllid webinar - fruit and vegetable industry](#).

All webinar recordings will be made 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](#).

Interstate Certification Assurance for treatment of carrier produce and carrier nursery stock

Different requirements apply to the movement of carrier produce and carrier nursery stock. ICA-61 and ICA-62 allow producers of carrier produce and carrier nursery stock to self-certify TPP carrier produce for interstate exports. Carrier produce means any produce that has green plant material attached (e.g. calyx, leaves). The definition excludes produce from the *Convolvulaceae* and *Solanaceae* family of plants (these are TPP host produce often referred to as TPP true hosts).

For more information and to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pest-insects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites/tomato-potato-psyllid.

Import conditions for each state

Tables detailing requirements for each jurisdiction are available at the end of this document. 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”)

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

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

Table 1: Summary of conditions for importation of fruit/vegetables with green material into other jurisdictions (as at 21 November 2025)

	Included Commodities/ Description	NSW	NT	TAS	SA	QLD
Hosts	<i>Solanaceae</i> fruit (including tomato, capsicum, chillies & eggplant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment (pre-harvest) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment (pre-harvest) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	Prohibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, • Fumigated and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigated and secure packing
	<i>Convolvulaceae</i> fruit and veg	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided	See below for leafy veg Prohibited as no entry conditions provided	Prohibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, • Fumigated and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing 	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided
	<i>Solanaceae</i> and <i>Convolvulaceae</i> field packed leafy veg	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment and inspected and secure packing 	Prohibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, • Fumigated and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing 	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided
Carrier	All fruit and veg that are not of the <i>Solanaceae</i> and <i>Convolvulaceae</i> family	Exempt	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	Produce type dependant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected and secure packing, • Treated and inspected and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing
	Strawberry Fruit	Exempt	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercially sorted and packed and inspected and secure packing

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Due to the complexity and commodity-specific nature of these requirements, we do not guarantee accuracy or completeness and accept no responsibility for any errors, omissions, or reliance placed on this information. It is recommended to confirm requirements with the receiving jurisdiction before shipment.

Table 2: Summary of conditions for importation of fruit/vegetables without green material into other jurisdictions (as at 21 November 2025)

	Included Commodities/ Description	NSW	NT	TAS	SA	QLD
Hosts	<i>Solanaceae</i> fruit (including tomato, capsicum, chillies & eggplant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment (pre-harvest) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing, or • Treatment and inspected and secure packing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigated and secure packing
	<i>Convolvulaceae</i> fruit and veg	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided	See below for leafy veg Prohibited as no entry conditions provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided
	<i>Solanaceae</i> and <i>Convolvulaceae</i> field packed leafy veg	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment and inspected and secure packing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	Prohibited as no entry conditions provided
	<i>Solanaceae</i> fruit (Tomato only) no leaves, calyx or other attached green material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing and Inspection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing, or • Treatment and inspected and secure packing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing
Carrier	All fruit and veg that are not of the <i>Solanaceae</i> and <i>Convolvulaceae</i> family	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Produce type dependant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected and secure packing, • Treated and inspected and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing
	Strawberry Fruit	Exempt	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercially sorted and packed and inspected and secure packing
	<i>Solanaceae</i> Tubers	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing, or • Brushed or washed and inspected and secure packing
	<i>Convolvulaceae</i> Tubers	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation and secure packing 	Exempt	Exempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation, or • Brushed or washed and inspected

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