

Biosecurity Update - Market access arrangements for strawberry fruit and other carrier produce into Queensland

8 December 2025

Current situation

Agriculture Victoria has finalised market access arrangements, including post-harvest inspection and secure packing of strawberry fruit for Tomato-Potato Psyllid (TPP). 'ICA-60: inspection of strawberry fruit for Tomato-Potato Psyllid' and 'PS-60: inspection of carrier produce for Tomato-Potato Psyllid', released today, will assist the strawberry industry to trade into Queensland. There are no restrictions on trade of strawberries into other jurisdictions.

These two procedures describe the requirements for post-harvest inspection and secure packing and provide the mechanism for businesses to self-certify their produce for movement into the Queensland market. Queensland will accept accreditation under either of these arrangements; businesses are not required to be accredited under both. Under the current Queensland restriction, strawberries are classified as carriers, i.e. 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). Note that PS-60 also covers all carrier fruits and vegetables, cut flowers and foliage; not just strawberries.

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 will come 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 working with interstate counterparts to expedite market access arrangements to allow continued trade for businesses.

Implications for businesses

When restrictions come into effect on 8 December 2025, 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 (issued by an Agriculture Victoria Authorised Officer), or
- a Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC) (issued by an approved accredited business).

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 as conditions and accreditation options evolve.

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.

For more information and to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/tpp.

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”)

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

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 the Agriculture Victoria information for businesses 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