

Biosecurity requirements to export Table Grapes to Tasmania

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Clarification of the certification requirements for exporting table grapes to Tasmania.

BACKGROUND

Tasmania is state free of Queensland Fruit Fly and Phylloxera, and therefore have in place import conditions for table grapes to enter the state. The requirements to meet these conditions has been clarified (see below).

IMPORT CONDITIONS EXPLAINED

Table grapes need to meet:

1. Import Requirement 42 (IR-42) for Queensland Fruit Fly
 - An approved system of pre-harvest treatments, identification and segregation of treated grapes, and post-harvest inspection with no live fruit fly infestation found
and
 - certified by a Plant Health Certificate issued by an Agriculture Victoria inspector or a Plant Health Assurance Certificate issued by an accredited ICA-20 Business.
2. Import Requirement 10 (IR-10) for Phylloxera
 - For table grapes sourced from a Phylloxera Exclusion zone, the table grapes must have originated from a property free of grape phylloxera.
and
 - certified by a Plant Health Certificate issued by an Agriculture Victoria inspector or a Plant Health Assurance Certificate issued by an accredited ICA-23 Business.
OR
 - For table grapes sourced from a Phylloxera Risk or Infested Zone the table grapes must be packaged with sulphur pads containing a minimum of 970g/kg sodium metabisulphite at the labelled rate and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
and
 - certified by a Plant Health Certificate issued by an Agriculture Victoria inspector.
3. Schedule 1B - secure conditions for Queensland Fruit Fly
 - For packaged produce, it must be handled, stored and transported continuously and securely for the duration of the produce's transit to end destination from its point of origin certification for freedom from Fruit Fly infestation, in either:
 - (a) Unvented packages; or
 - (b) Vented packages with the vents secured with mesh with a maximum aperture of 1.6mm; or
 - (c) Vented packages enclosing a liner bag or liner sheets that obscure vent holes; or
 - (d) Packages, bins or palletised units fully enclosed under plastic wrap, tarpaulins, hessian, mesh or other coverings which provide a maximum aperture of 1.6mm.

FURTHER INFORMATION

See Tasmania import conditions <https://nre.tas.gov.au/documents/Plant%20Biosecurity%20Manual%20Tasmania.pdf>

For further information regarding movement and treatment requirements, please contact Agriculture Victoria on 1800 878 962 or email Officers in your region for service delivery:

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