

Biosecurity Update - Market access changes for interstate fruit and vegetable trade

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Current situation

Agriculture Victoria is expediting market access arrangements for nursery, fruit and vegetable businesses following a new detection of Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP). Restrictions will come into effect shortly and producers will need to comply with these restrictions if they are sending plants and produce interstate.

In October 2025, TPP was found in Melbourne's northern suburbs. This follows an earlier detection on the Bellarine Peninsula in 2024. The new detection occurred outside the Restricted Area, indicating that the pest may be present beyond the previously identified area.

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.

Crops to be regulated for interstate movement

Hosts crops (plants, plant products and waste material) from the *Convolvulaceae* (e.g. sweet potato) and *Solanaceae* (e.g. tomato, potato) families are regulated as TPP risk pathways by other jurisdictions.

In addition, the definition of a carrier varies by state. In some jurisdictions, it can include all other plant families that are not true hosts. This means produce with green material such as calyx and leaves may be classified as carriers and require treatment if sent to states with carrier restrictions.

The situation is evolving rapidly. Agriculture Victoria urges businesses that trade plants and plant products interstate to determine their arrangement requirements and apply for accreditation as soon as arrangements are released (please see 'Import conditions for each state' below).

The process for business accreditation will take approximately five 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 which enables streamlining of the accreditation process. After successfully completing these modules and assessments, you will be issued a Certificate of Accreditation. Please note that the assessment must be passed to receive accreditation. The assessment is challenging to maintain rigour in the process, and successful completion of the assessment

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.

Implications for businesses

With the detection of TPP outside the current Restricted Area, businesses in Victoria will soon 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).

It is essential to stay updated via the Agriculture Victoria website as conditions and accreditation options evolve.

Moving fruit and vegetables

Agriculture Victoria is developing arrangements for businesses trading fruits and vegetables interstate, which are expected to be completed shortly. To help guide you through what this means for your business, Agriculture Victoria will hold a webinar on Thursday 27 November from 11 am to 12 pm focused on the fruit and vegetable industry. To attend the webinar, please complete the form below.

[Fruit and vegetable industry tomato potato psyllid webinar registration – Fill out form](#)

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”)

Interstate Certification Assurance for treatment of carrier produce

Moving carrier produce

Agriculture Victoria has developed ICA-61 to assist with interstate market access for the vegetable industry. Vegetable producers that trade interstate will be able to apply for the ICA-61 from Monday 24 November 2025.

The accreditation allows vegetable producers to self-certify TPP carrier produce for interstate exports as an alternative to getting a Plant Health Certificate issued by an Agriculture Victoria authorised officer. 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).

TPP host produce is not covered by ICA-61 and will need to be consigned under another approved protocol. More information on host produce arrangements will be provided shortly.

Moving carrier nursery stock

Interstate Certification Assurance (ICA)-62 was released on 7 November 2025 for nursery businesses that trade interstate. For more information and to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pest-insects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites/tomato-potato-psyllid.

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)	• Treatment (pre-harvest) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing	• Treatment (pre-harvest) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing	Prohibited	• Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, • Fumigated and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing	• 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	• 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	• Treatment and inspected and secure packing	Prohibited	• 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	• Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	Produce type dependant • Inspected and secure packing, • Treated and inspected and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing
	Strawberry Fruit	Exempt	Exempt	• Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	• 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)	• Treatment (pre-harvest) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing	• Fumigation and secure packing, or • Treatment and inspected and secure packing	• Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	• 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	• 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	• Treatment and inspected and secure packing	• 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	• Washing and Inspection	• Fumigation and secure packing, or • Treatment and inspected and secure packing	• Treated (all stages) and inspected and secure packing, or • Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	• 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 • Inspected and secure packing, • Treated and inspected and secure packing, or • Washed and inspected and secure packing
	Strawberry Fruit	Exempt	Exempt	• Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	• Commercially sorted and packed and inspected and secure packing
	<i>Solanaceae</i> Tubers	Exempt	• Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	Exempt	• Fumigation and secure packing, or • Brushed or washed and inspected and secure packing
	<i>Convolvulaceae</i> Tubers	Exempt	• Fumigation and secure packing	Exempt	Exempt	• Fumigation, or • Brushed or washed and inspected

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