

## NOTIFICATION OF A QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK AT SHEPPARTON

### INTRODUCTION

As a result of a Queensland fruit fly outbreak at Shepparton, a 15km restricted area will be established which affects the movement of fruit throughout Victoria and other sensitive areas including Western Australia, South Australia and parts of New South Wales. There will be an 80km suspension zone for produce entering Tasmania. Fruit moving from the restricted area or the suspension zone to the remainder of Victoria and other sensitive areas of Australia requires certification for freedom from fruit fly.

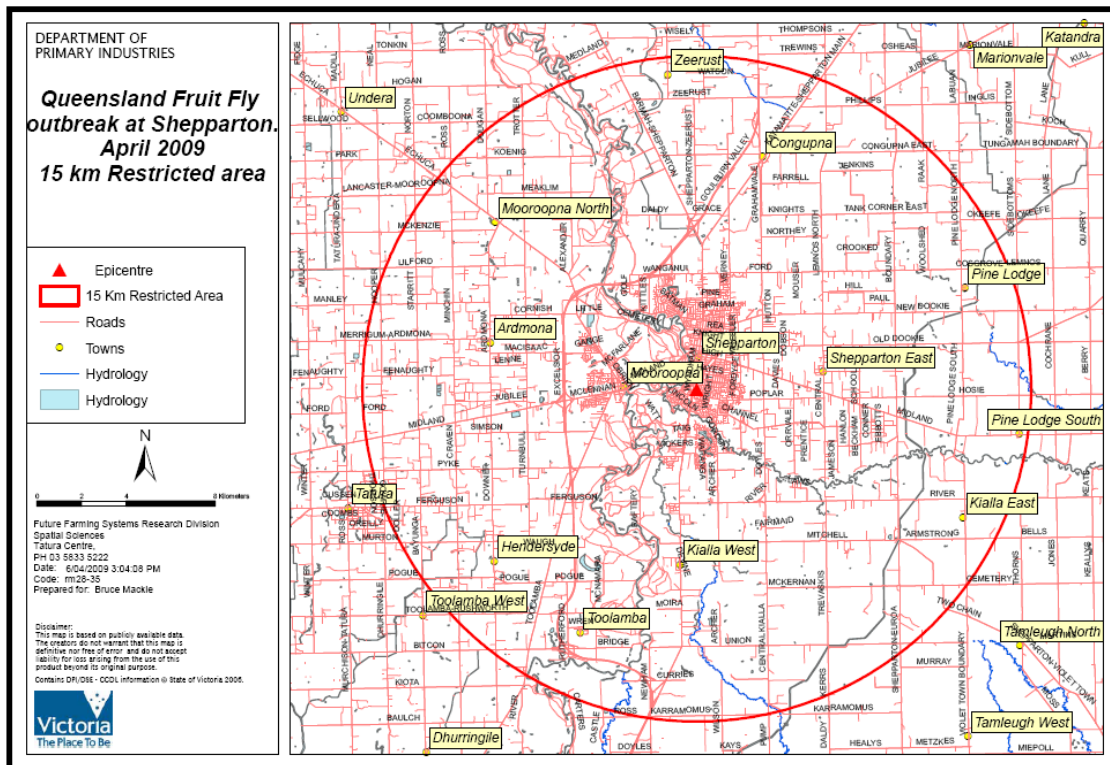


Figure 1: 15km restricted area

### MOVEMENT OF FRUIT FLY HOST PRODUCE

Host produce of Queensland Fruit Fly must be treated before leaving the restricted area. This includes pomefruit (apples, pears), stone fruit (cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, apricots), avocado, capsicums, citrus (oranges, mandarins, tangelos, limes, grapefruit), figs, persimmons, tomatoes, chillies, eggplant, and strawberries.

Any host produce harvested prior to **7 April 2009** can move to fruit fly sensitive markets under area freedom certification providing that it has been stored separately from produce harvested after this date, is labelled and its status is verified by an officer of the Department of Primary Industries.

### Organic host fruit

Organic host fruit may only be consigned under a permit issued by Plant Standards. Growers must be certified by NASA, BFA or another national authority recognised by AQIS in order to qualify for this permit.

### **Processing under permit**

Host fruit destined for processing may only be consigned under a permit issued by Plant Standards.

### **Pre-harvest Treatment options for Fruit Fly**

Pre-harvest treatment of host produce is acceptable for some sensitive Victorian and interstate markets. Pre-harvest treatments may not be available for entry into all markets please contact the Plant Standards Officers to determine if the pre-harvest treatment is available to your selected market.

Plant Standards Officers can accredit growers/packers to use pre-harvest treatments, and to issue relevant certification, under one of the following arrangements:

- Pre-harvest treatment of Queensland Fruit Fly host fruit (all host fruit on chemical label)
- Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of strawberries
- Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of stonefruit
- Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of tomatoes, capsicums and chillies

### **Post Harvest treatment options for Fruit Fly**

Post harvest treatment of host produce is acceptable for sensitive Victorian and interstate markets. Post Harvest treatments may not be suitable for selected host fruit (strawberries, chillies and capsicums).

Plant Standards officers can accredit growers/packers to use post harvest treatments, and to issue relevant certification, under one of the following arrangements:

- ICA 01: Dipping for quarantine
- ICA 02: Flood spraying for quarantine
- ICA 04: Fumigation for quarantine
- ICA 07: Cold Storage

### ***RECORD KEEPING***

Businesses within the restricted area must make and keep records including growers name, property address, produce type and quantity for all fruit received for treatment and/or packing. Treatment records must also be maintained including details of mixture preparation (where appropriate), date of treatment and the type and quantity of fruit treated. These records must be kept for a minimum of 12 months.

### ***TRANSPORT THROUGH THE RESTRICTED AREA***

Produce grown outside the restricted area may be transported through the restricted area to fruit fly sensitive markets provided the produce is transported under a DPI permit and:

- in unvented cartons; or
- has been shrink wrapped; or
- transported in a covered vehicle.

For further information on movement and treatment requirements contact the DPI on  
Ph: 03 5833 5222.

**Note that growers and packers have responsibility for ensuring that all chemicals are used in accordance with the instructions provided on the label or appropriate permit, including dosage rates and withholding periods.**