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Movement conditions from the Ascot Vale fruit Fly Suspension Zone (suburban Melbourne)

An outbreak of Queensland Fruit Fly has been declared in Ascot Vale and a 15 km restricted zone is being implemented to control the movement of fruit fly host produce sourced from the zone or moving through or out of the zone. This has implications for growers who send host fruit through the Melbourne Wholesale Market and other distribution centres in the zone. The Market is within the 15km restricted area of the initial infestation. There is also an 80km suspension zone for Tasmania.

Due to this outbreak the following conditions are being applied for fruit, fruiting vegetables and plants bearing fruits and fruiting vegetables moving through and out of the zone:

1 **COMMERCIALY GROWN FRUIT AND FRUITING VEGETABLES**

From within the 15 km zone to the rest of Victoria (other the Greater Sunraysia PFA)
Movement is permitted to the rest of Victoria without additional wrapping. *

From within the 15 km zone to the Greater Sunraysia pest free area of Victoria
Movement is permitted without additional wrapping if the person importing/transporting the fruit to the PFA has been issued with a permit or a certificate by DPI.

From the 15 km zone to South Australia and Western Australia
Movement is permitted without additional wrapping.

From the 15 km zone to the NSW FFEZ
NSW is currently reviewing their entry requirements.

From an 80 km zone to Tasmania
Movement is permitted if the consignment is shrink wrapped at all times. An additional declaration on certification should state "the product was shrink wrapped outside the fruit fly suspension zone" or the words "meets IR1 I, II and III".

Consignments unwrapped at any time whilst in the suspension zone must be retreated, and immediately wrapped for transport onwards. An additional declaration on the certification should state "the product was shrink wrapped immediately after fumigation" or the words "meets IR4A I, II and III".

2 **HOME GROWN FRUIT AND FRUITING VEGETABLES AND PLANTS WITH FRUIT OR FRUITING VEGETABLES ATTACHED**

Movement of home grown fruit and fruiting vegetables sourced from within the 15km zone is prohibited unless inspected and certified by DPI. Movement of plants with fruit and fruiting vegetables attached sourced from within the 15km zone is prohibited unless from a nursery or business accredited by DPI (accreditation will involve DPI issuing a permit).

3 **ORGANIC FRUIT**

ICA treated or area free organic consignments are permitted to transit the suspension zone if certified and wrapped for all states. For Tasmania an additional declaration on PHC should state "the product was shrink wrapped immediately after fumigation" OR the words "meets IR4A I, II and III".

DPI is in discussions with Tasmania about conditions to allow repacking and rewrapping in the zone without retreatment under special security conditions.

Organic consignments sourced from fruit fly endemic areas and consigned to the Melbourne market for inspection is permitted for trade within Victoria only.

* **'Wrapping' means shrink wrapping or enclosed in an insect-proof carton.**

Check with DPI at the Melbourne Market (03 83713500) if unsure of movement conditions.