

**DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL No. P144/09/01**  
under the *New South Wales Plant Diseases Act 1924*

**Conditions of movement for plants and plant products other than potatoes  
(nursery stock) on account of the pest potato cyst nematode**

I, **Bruce M. Christie**, Principal Director, Biosecurity, Industry & Investment NSW, in accordance with Proclamation P144, published in the *New South Wales Government Gazette* No. 12, 16 January 2004 at pages 202 to 203, and for the purpose of regulating the importation, introduction and bringing of potatoes, soil and other things into New South Wales on account of the pest potato cyst nematode (PCN), approve the importation of regulated nursery stock originating in or sourced from any place within a 20 km radius from where the pest is or has been present, subject to compliance with the applicable conditions below.

**IMPORTANT**

This approval does not apply to the importation of potatoes or seed potatoes.  
Any item regulated under Proclamation P144, which includes nursery stock, originating from a **PCN defined infested** area is prohibited entry into New South Wales.

**Condition 1 Property status in relation to Potato Cyst Nematode**

For the purpose of compliance with the relevant conditions of entry of this approval:

- (1) a **PCN defined infested area** means the area verified by the appropriate authority as having a positive PCN detection; and
- (2) a **PCN linked area** means a defined area of land:
  - (a) operated by a farmer who has farmed other PCN infested land, or
  - (b) farmed with equipment used in a field with a history of PCN infestation, or
  - (c) bordering a field with a known or history of PCN infestation, or
  - (d) that receives direct drainage from a field with a history of PCN infestation, or
  - (e) exposed to PCN as a result of a regulatory violation; and
- (3) **PCN non-linked area** means any other defined cropping area that does not meet the criteria of a "PCN linked area" or "PCN defined infested area".

**Condition 2 Accreditation and certification**

The entry of regulated nursery stock grown, sourced or packed within 20 km of a known PCN detection is prohibited unless:

- (1) the property is accredited with the Department of Primary Industries, Victoria, for this purpose under the specific version of the compliance agreement approved by the Plant Biosecurity Risk Management unit; and
- (2) in the case of commercial lots, a copy of the Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC) certifying the consignment meets the conditions of this approval must accompany the consignment; and
- (3) in the case of non-commercial mail-order nursery stock;
  - (a) a single PHAC may be issued for each lot distributed; and

- (b) a copy of each PHAC and the list of consignees, including their name, address, contact number, product name and quantity, must be provided to the Regulatory Compliance Manager as stipulated within the compliance agreement.

### **Condition 3 General requirements for all properties**

The entry of regulated nursery stock grown, sourced or packed within 20 km of a known PCN infestation is prohibited unless:

- (1) certified that:
  - (a) the property is a PCN non-linked area as defined in Condition 1(3); and
  - (b) the property does not share machinery with potato growers or with other nurseries within 20 km of an infestation that are not accredited under Condition 2; and
  - (c) *Solanaceous* crops have not been grown on the property for a period of 10 years immediately prior to the commencement of accreditation; and
- (2) vehicles used to transport the nursery stock from within 20 km of a known PCN infestation are clean of soil and organic matter prior to entry into New South Wales; and
- (3) all records relating to the movement, receipt, storage, packing and certification of each consignment must be:
  - (a) retained for a minimum period of two (2) years; and
  - (b) made available upon request by an authorised officer of Industry & Investment NSW or an approved officer of the Department of Primary Industries, Victoria.

### **Condition 4 Bulbs**

The entry of bulbs grown, sourced and packed within 20 km of a known PCN infestation is prohibited unless:

- (1) the property meets Condition 2 and Condition 3; and
- (2) certified that:
  - (a) the bulbs were:
    - (i) brushed, cleaned or washed free of soil and graded prior to sale; and
    - (ii) stored in new containers, or recycled containers which has been cleaned free of soil and sanitised using a commercial sanitising agent; and
  - (b) the containers are not in direct contact with soil.

### **Condition 5 Potted plants**

The entry of potted plants grown, sourced and packed within 20 km of a known PCN infestation is prohibited unless:

- (1) the property meets Condition 2 and Condition 3; and
- (2) certified that:
  - (a) the plants were grown in containers using a soil-free mix; and
  - (b) the containers were not in direct contact with soil.

### **Condition 6 Trees and bare rooted stock**

The entry of trees and bare rooted stock grown, sourced and packed within 20 km of a known PCN infestation is prohibited unless:

- (1) the property meets Condition 2 and Condition 3; and
- (2) certified that:
  - (a) the trees are bare rooted and visibly free of soil; and
  - (b) the bare rooted stock were not in direct contact with soil within the 20 km area.

### Condition 7 Advanced, containerised field grown trees

The entry of advance, containerised field grown trees grown or sourced within 20 km of a known PCN detection is prohibited unless written approval is obtained from the Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity.

#### Definitions

**Potato cyst nematode (PCN)** means the potato pest *Globodera rostochiensis*.

**Regulated nursery stock** means any plants or plant material, including tubers, bulbs (including onions and garlic), roots (including carrots, parsnips and turnips), corms or rhizomes any of which have soil attached.

**Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC)** means a certificate issued by a business accredited under an accreditation scheme authorised by the primary industries department of the relevant state or territory certifying that the regulated item has been introduced, imported or brought into New South Wales in accordance with the conditions of this approval.

#### Note

It is the responsibility of the person proposing to move regulated items to identify:

- where the boundaries of the various zones lie at the point in time the movement is proposed to take place; and
- how the relevant item, proposed route or proposed circumstances of the movement may be prohibited or regulated under this Approval and any other relevant legislation under the NSW Plant Diseases Act 1924.

For further information please contact the Department of Industry and Investment, Primary Industries, on (02) 6391 3593 or (02) 6391 3575. .



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