



NSW DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL No. P174/09/01
Under the Plant Disease Act 1924 No 38

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY OF RICE PLANTS AND PRODUCTS, RESTRICTED MACHINERY, AND COVERING AND GOODS INTO THE NSW RICE PEST AND DISEASE EXCLUSION ZONE

I, **Bruce M Christie**, Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, acting in accordance with Proclamation P174 published in the *New South Wales Government Gazette* No. 99 on 20 October 2006 at pages 8872 to 8873, which regulates the importation, introduction or bringing into part of New South Wales of certain things on account of pests and disease affecting rice, hereby approve the following conditions of entry of certain things into the NSW Rice Pest and Disease Exclusion Zone (the "zone") pursuant to clause 1.1 and 2.1 of Proclamation P174.

Each consignment, where applicable, must be accompanied by a Plant Health Certificate (PHC) or a Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC) for the purpose of compliance with this Approval and a copy of the certificate must be faxed to the Regulatory Compliance Manager (02) 6391 3206.

Condition 1 Paddy Rice grown outside the zone

Paddy rice grown outside of the zone is prohibited entry into the zone unless certified that:

- (1) the crop has been grown from rice seed produced and stored in the zone; and
- (2) the crop has been inspected in the field during grain fill for rice pests and diseases by a person approved by the Manager, Plant Biosecurity Risk Management and:
 - (a) found not to be infested with disease and pests affecting rice that are not present in the zone; and
 - (b) a written report is provided by that person after inspection.

Condition 2 Packaged brown, milled and polished rice

Packaged brown, milled and polished rice (the "rice") sourced from outside of the zone is prohibited entry into the zone unless:

- (1) in the case of rice that **originated in the zone and moved outside of the zone**, certified that:
 - (a) the package containing the rice is externally clean and free of rice plant material and free from the visible presence of pests affecting rice; and
 - (b) whilst outside the zone, was stored in a facility that during the previous five (5) years had not stored, contained or handled any rice other than rice originating from within zone; and
- (2) in the case of rice that **did not originate in the zone**:
 - (a) has been processed to achieve commercial sterility and is for retail sale for human consumption; and
 - (b) has been packaged in Australia.

Condition 3 Covering or goods

Any coverings or goods in which, or with which, any rice plant, rice product or restricted machinery has been contained, packed or in contact with, is prohibited entry into the zone unless certified that the covering or goods:

- (1) have been thoroughly cleaned to remove all soil and rice plant material; or
- (2) enclose things that have been packaged in Australia.

Condition 4 Restricted machinery

Machinery that has been used in the production, harvesting, handling or processing of rice is prohibited entry into the zone unless certified that that the machinery was:

- (1) dismantled and thoroughly cleaned to remove all soil and rice plant material; and
- (2) disinfested by:
 - (a) steam applied at a temperature above 100°C and contacting all surfaces; or
 - (b) immersion in hot water for a minimum of 2 minutes at a temperature greater than 70°C.

Definitions:

certified means the consignment has received a Plant Health Certificate or a Plant Health Assurance Certificate endorsing the consignment as meeting the applicable conditions of entry.

commercial sterility means the condition achieved by application of heat that is sufficient, alone or in combination with other appropriate treatments, to render food free from micro-organisms capable of growing in food at normal non-refrigerated conditions at which the food is likely to be held during storage and distribution.

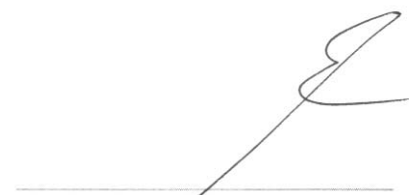
Plant Health Assurance Certificate means a certificate issued by a business accredited under an accreditation scheme authorised by the primary industries' department of the relevant state or territory, certifying that the regulated item has been introduced, imported or brought into New South Wales in compliance with all specified conditions.

Plant Health Certificate means an official certificate issued by a person authorised to do so by the primary industries' department in the relevant state or territory certifying that the regulated item has been introduced, imported or brought into New South Wales in compliance with all specified conditions.

rice plant means any plant of the genus *Oryza* and includes all rice grain (including paddy rice, rice seed, brown rice, milled and polished rice) and all parts of rice plants (including rice hulls, rice pollard and rice bran).

rice product means any thing made from a rice plant, such as rice straw matting, but does not include

- (a) rice flour, rice processed to achieve commercial sterility, or meals which contain rice processed to achieve commercial sterility, and
- (b) that have been packaged in Australia.



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