



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL No. P144/07/01  
Under the Plant Diseases Act 1924 No 38**

**CONDITIONS OF MOVEMENT OF WARE POTATOES FROM VICTORIA INTO  
NEW SOUTH WALES ON ACCOUNT OF THE PEST POTATO CYST NEMATODE**

I, **Doug Hocking**, Executive Director, Biosecurity Compliance and Mine Safety, of New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, and acting in accordance with Proclamation P144, published in the NSW South Wales Government Gazette No. 12, 16 January 2004 at pages 202 to 203, and for the purposes of regulating the importation, introduction and bringing of potatoes, soil and other things in New South Wales on account of the pest potato cyst nematode (PCN) approve the following conditions for the movement of ware potatoes from Victoria to New South Wales provided the importer complies with all the conditions numbered 1 to 28 below.

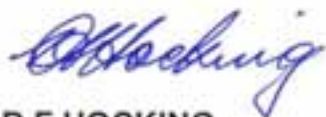
***This approval allows ware potato packing business accredited under PS-29 to pack ware potatoes originating from a non PCN control area in Victoria or another State or Territory for consigning to New South Wales.***

1. All businesses packing ware potatoes and sourcing from a PCN control area within Victoria, and also consigning ware potatoes to New South Wales that have not been grown in a PCN Control Area, must be accredited by Department of Primary Industries Victoria (Plant Standards Branch) under PS-29 (Export of Potatoes) and be issued with a unique identification or accreditation number; and
2. the business receiving the potatoes must also be accredited to receive, pack and consign product to NSW by Plant Standards Branch; and
3. all potatoes received at the facility originating from PCN Control Area in Victoria must be accompanied by a Potato Transfer Certificate (PTC) or a Plant Health Certificate (PHC) or Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC) which must be verified by the business and kept for auditing purposes; and
4. the facility must have in place a product traceability management system that is capable of tracing product to a grower supplier and the paddock in which the potatoes were grown; and
5. arrangements in place for the handling of soil and or potato spillages at any point during the receiving, grading and packing of potatoes; and
6. segregation of control and non control area potatoes, bins, bulker bags and pallets at all times within the facility during the receipt, grading, packaging and prior to and including product distribution; and
7. equipment such as grading equipment, packing lines, storage areas, bins, pallets or anything that are used for the processing of control and non control area potatoes must be cleaned to remove soil and plant residues as per PS-29.

***Equipment must always be decontaminated after it has been used for control area potatoes; and***

8. used bins, bulk bags, and any thing that has had contact with potatoes, soil and equipment within the packing facility must be cleaned and disinfested before returning to NSW; and
9. all wastes derived from the above processes are to be disposed off in accordance with the PS-29; and
10. all staff are to be trained in the protocols for PCN management and updated work instructions and training records be maintained; and
11. all potatoes must be practically free of soil when packed; and
12. the packer may elect to use a dedicated line for the packing of non control area potatoes; and
13. potatoes packed for sale in NSW must be packed in either a plastic bag or a carton with a net weight no more than 20 kilograms; and
14. product must be labelled so the product can be traced back to that facility; and
15. all packages of potatoes must be labelled with the words “**NOT FOR PLANTING**”; and
16. the plastic bags or cartons containing the packed product must carry a printed vendor number or initials or the packers name and physical address where the potatoes were graded and packed, interstate produce number, grower code, date or date code and the letter “U”; **or**
17. the packer may print the equivalent information on the “plastic bag closure” and must carry the packer code, grower code, date or date code and the letter “U” (these code must be made available to NSW Department of Primary Industries for product verification and audit purposes only); and
18. the finished packed product must be isolated from ungraded and packaged and in-process potatoes at all times; and
19. the packed product, including pallets, must not be mixed with control area packed product and remain segregated at all times. Palletised product for export to NSW must be labelled with the words “**MEETS PS-29**” to distinguish it from control area potatoes and be stored separately within the facility away from control area potatoes; and
20. prior to exporting from the facility, each NSW consignment must be inspected for compliance with the arrangement and must be accompanied by an original Plant Health Certificate (PHC) or a Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC); and

21. a copy of PHC or PHAC must be faxed to the Regulatory Compliance Manager, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Orange, fax 02 6361 9976 within 24 hours of issue; and
22. there must be no mixing together of control or non control area packed product being despatched to NSW or to a Distribution Centre; and
23. the packed product, including pallets, must remain segregated all times from control area packed product. Palletised product must be labelled to distinguish it from control area potatoes and be stored separately within the facility away from control area potatoes; and
24. the vehicles must be clean and free of risk material such as soil and plant residue prior to loading packed product and transport to a Distribution Centre or into NSW; and
25. personnel or staff associated with the movement of packed product such as internal and external carriers and Distribution Centres must be advised of the protocols, the requirement to segregate packed product at all times and any other issues relating to the transporting, storage and distribution of packed product originating from the accredited facility; and
26. all loads must be covered during transport; and
27. the business must maintain all standard operating procedures, work instructions, process control, monitoring and consignment records in accordance with the compliance agreement under which the business is accredited; and
28. all records must be held for a period of 2 years and produce any records relating to the importation of packed product to NSW if required by an authorised officer of NSW Department of Primary Industries undertaking an audit of the business and the accreditation authority.



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Date: 21/2/07

**Note:**

This approval may be varied or cancelled at any time. The accredited business, under this approval, may be subject to random audits undertaken by NSW Department of Primary Industries and the business will be responsible any fees charged for these audits.