

Keep fire ants out of NSW



Important information

Moving fire ant carriers into NSW from the QLD fire ant infested area – who's responsible?

Interstate movements of fire ant carriers often involve several people or links in supply chains. This factsheet clarifies the legal responsibilities for those involved.

The decision maker

The **decision maker** is the person or business who decides to move the fire ant carrier from the *Qld fire ant infested area* into NSW. This person may also be the supplier, and/or the driver of transport, and/or the receiver.

Check the detail in the Emergency Order, noting the decision maker MUST:

- ⚠ Obtain a copy of any required biosecurity certificate
- ⚠ Obtain the vehicle registration of the transport
- ⚠ Find out whether the supply premises is checked and treated for fire ants
- ⚠ Declare a [Record of Movement](#) before the carrier enters NSW (the declarant must be the decision maker)
- ⚠ Keep records

! **TIP:** without this person's decision, the carrier would not have moved into NSW. See examples below.

The supplier

The **supplier** at the place of origin in the *Qld fire ant infested area*.

Check the detail in the Emergency Order, noting the supplier MUST:

- ⚠ Treat the carrier
- ⚠ Have every consignment certified with a biosecurity certificate
- ⚠ Check the supply premises for fire ants
- ⚠ Treat the supply premises if fire ants have been present
- ⚠ Keep records

The driver

The **driver** during transport across the NSW-QLD border.

Check the detail in the Emergency Order, noting the driver MUST:

- ⚠ Carry a copy of the biosecurity certificate with the carrier when it enters NSW

The receiver

The **receiver** at the destination in NSW.

Check the detail in the Emergency Order, noting the receiver MUST:

- ⚠ Obtain the biosecurity certificate from the supplier/driver
- ⚠ Check the **Emergency Order** and follow the requirements for turf and indoor potted plants



Examples of decision makers

The person who decides to move a fire ant carrier from the QLD fire ant infested area into NSW could be any of the following:

- ⚠ a resident in NSW driving to QLD to get a trailer load of mulch
- ⚠ a resident in QLD relocating their belongings and pot plants to NSW
- ⚠ a business operator in any state arranging to send carriers from QLD to business locations in NSW
- ⚠ a grower or processor in QLD with distribution points in NSW
- ⚠ a contractor, sub-contractor, distributor or agent in NSW or QLD
- ⚠ an online shopper in NSW
- ⚠ a farmer in NSW buying hay from a grower in QLD
- ⚠ a plant collector from NSW buying plants at a plant show in QLD
- ⚠ a transport company supplying dump trucks from a QLD depot to a development site in NSW

Further information

View the **Emergency Order** and **Plain English Guide** online: at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fire-ants

Call us about suspected fire ant sightings: phone the **NSW DPIRD Biosecurity helpline at 1800 680 244**

To obtain a biosecurity certificate from the Queensland Government call **13 25 28** or email info@daf.qld.gov.au

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