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## Biosecurity (Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis) Control Order Update

### Ban on live abalone imports into NSW from South Australia from 24 February 2024

*From 24 February 2024, the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) has placed additional restrictions on importation of live abalone into NSW banning the import of live abalone from South Australia.*

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NSW DPI has implemented a ban on the importation of live abalone sourced from South Australia following a detection of Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG) near Port MacDonnell. Retail and wholesale seafood businesses are no longer permitted to import live abalone from South Australia.

The Biosecurity (Abalone viral ganglioneuritis) Control Order 2024 is in place to manage the risk of AVG through live trade of abalone into and within NSW. Pre-existing restrictions for other jurisdictions remain unchanged with movements of live abalone from Tasmania and Victoria prohibited unless meeting specified conditions.

Any live abalone imported into NSW must not have come into contact with:

1. wild caught Tasmanian, South Australian, Victorian central or western zone abalone, or
2. South Australian or Victorian aquaculture abalone, or
3. associated holding water or fittings.

Imported live abalone via an abalone processor stocking high risk abalone can only occur where controls are in place to ensure no contamination of stock.

Fittings used in connection with live abalone from wild Tasmanian, South Australian, Victorian central or western zone, or South Australian and Victorian aquaculture abalone must not be moved into NSW unless they have been appropriately cleaned and disinfected.

All abalone wastewater moved into NSW that has been in contact with live abalone from outside the NSW wild abalone fishery or Victorian eastern zone abalone fishery must be disposed of directly to the sewer.

For more information and to view the Biosecurity (Abalone viral ganglioneuritis) Control Order 2024 visit <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/avg>

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