

## INDUSTRY ADVICE

# Changes to NSW Plant Diseases legislation

October 2016

### Melon Necrotic Spot Virus (MNSV)

MNSV has been added to the list of notifiable diseases for NSW. Suspect infections of any notifiable pest or disease must be notified to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881 or an inspector as soon as possible after first suspecting or becoming aware of the pest or disease.

### Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus (TYLCV)

The former Proclamation and permit expired on 13 October 2016 and have been replaced with a new Order regulating carriers of TYLCV to protect NSW industry. The new Order contains the following changes.

- Removal of the exemption for host plants grown outside 20 km from a known outbreak of TYLCV. This is because TYLCV is now considered endemic in Queensland.
- Reduction in the mesh hole size required under secure conditions from 1.5 mm to 1 mm as the size of the insect is smaller than 1.5mm.

### Rice Biosecurity Zone

A single Order incorporating multiple expired pieces of legislation has been made. The new Order continues to regulate carriers of rice pests and diseases into the NSW rice production area. Changes include:

- Prohibited entry of all paddy rice.
- Restrictions on the movement of rice material from the genus *Zizania* have been added to the Order as *Zizania* is a host of rice blast. Previously only rice material from the genus *Oryza* was regulated.
- Additional requirement for used packaging (covering or goods) to be of impermeable material.
- The prohibition on the entry of snails has been limited to snails of the genera *Pila* and *Pomacea*. Previously all snails of the family Ampullariidae were prohibited.
- The definitions in the Order have also been updated to better describe the regulated items.

### Spiraling whitefly

A new Order replacing the former Proclamation is now in force. Changes include:

- Host plants that have been grown on a property located more than 10 km from a detection of spiraling whitefly may now be imported provided they meet the requirements specified in the Order.
- Plants entering NSW from areas with an area freedom certificate must not travel within 10 km of a detection of spiraling whitefly.
- Treated plants and inspected plants have secure condition requirements added.
- Inspected plants have a new inspection rate consistent with the rate in ICA-35 *Inspection and treatment of plants for spiraling whitefly*.
- Property freedom certification has new requirements for growing plants.

## Link to new legislation

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/plant-diseases>

## Further information

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