



22 May 2019

QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK – Lindsay Point MOVEMENT OF PRODUCE

An outbreak of Queensland Fruit Fly was declared at Lindsay Point (Riverland, Victoria) on 21st May 2019, as the result of fruit fly being detected in a Biosecurity SA - Plant Health fruit fly trap.

It is a requirement of other States that a Suspension Area is imposed for all fruit fly host produce which effectively removes the fruit fly free status of the zone. Until the suspensions are lifted any host produce grown or packed in the area must be treated and certified as meeting the import requirements of the destination state prior to departure and cannot be certified under ICA-23. (ICA23 Approved Properties in Suspension Zone can no longer supply an ICA23 business).

The Suspension Area is the area within 15km radius of the Outbreak centre and encompasses parts of South Australia and Victoria. It applies for;

- All Tasmania, Ti-Tree in N.T., other parts of the Riverland PFA and W.A.
- Entry or movement through Victoria/New South Wales areas of Sunraysia Pest Free Area (PFA),
- No suspension zone applies for Queensland or areas of Victoria/NSW not in PFA.

There is also a 1.5km radius Outbreak Area from which produce must not leave under any circumstances unless prior approval from PIRSA is granted and conditions met.

Host produce may continue to move from the South Australian Produce Markets (SAPM) provided produce was grown and packed from outside the Suspension Area and cold chain and secure conditions are maintained. Secure conditions apply for transportation also.

Host produce from within a Suspension Area (but not from within the 1.5km Outbreak Area) may move for local market within the area without restrictions – but must not be moved outside the 15km, especially not to the wider Riverland areas or other growing areas.

The anticipated earliest re-instatement date for fruit fly freedom (lifting of suspensions) will be 22nd December 2019. Further detections may however cause this date to change.

Key fruit fly treatments available for produce from within a Suspension Area include;

- Dipping/spraying of some hosts with Dimethoate under Biosecurity SA - Plant Health supervision or by self-application using ICA-01 / ICA-02 accreditation.
 - Cold Storage (ICA-07).
 - Fumigation with Methyl Bromide (ICA-04).
- (Fumigation services available from TriCal – 8347 3838, or Australian Fumigation – 0417 833 223).

New ICA arrangements require an application being made to Biosecurity SA with up to 10 days processing time.

Please determine whether you are within the Suspension Area using the attached map.

For further information on these requirements, produce movements, other treatment options or maps please contact Plant Health Operations on 08 8207 7814 or explore <http://pir.sa.gov.au/ica>.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Russell Elliott'.

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