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Interpretation Act 1978

Notification of Making of By-laws under *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976*

I, Marie-Clare Joy Boothby, Minister for Parks and Wildlife, under section 63A(2)(a)(ii) of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, give notice that the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory has made the following by-laws under section 71(1) of the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976*:

Subordinate Legislation No. 1 of 2026: *Territory Parks and Wildlife
Conservation Amendment
By-laws 2026*

Copies of the by-laws may be obtained from the Northern Territory Legislation website at: <http://legislation.nt.gov.au/>

M-C. J. BOOTHBY
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Dated 19 January 2026



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Plant Health Act 2008

Control of Banana Freckle: Declaration of Quarantine Place

I, Sally Ann Heaton, Chief Inspector of Plant Health:

- (a) under section 18(1) of the *Plant Health Act 2008*, declare the whole of the Territory to be a quarantine place (the ***quarantine place***) for the control of the declared pest *Phyllosticta cavendishii* (banana freckle) (the ***declared pest***); and
- (b) declare the quarantine place for the purposes mentioned in section 18(2)(c)(ii) and (iii) of the Act; and
- (c) specify that the prohibitions, restrictions and requirements described in the Schedule apply to the whole of the quarantine place; and
- (d) specify that the reason for the decision to make this declaration is because the quarantine place is affected by the declared pest; and
- (e) specify that a person whose interests are or might be affected by this decision has a right to apply under section 58 of the Act for a reconsideration of this decision.

S. A. HEATON
Chief Inspector of Plant Health

Dated 12 January 2026

Schedule

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

banana fruit means the fruit of a banana plant.

banana plant means a live plant of the genus *Musa*, including the following:

- (a) a mature plant;
- (b) an offset or set;
- (c) a sucker;
- (d) a tissue cultured plantlet in sterile culture.

banana plant accredited production place means an accredited production place declared for banana plants.

banana plant-related material means any of the following:

- (a) a banana plant;
- (b) a banana fruit;
- (c) a product (a ***banana plant product***) that is wholly or partly derived from a banana plant;
- (d) the packaging of a banana plant or banana plant product;
- (e) soil or growth medium for a banana plant;
- (f) the declared pest;
- (g) any other thing that is, or might reasonably be, affected by the declared pest.

2 Requirements relating to departure from quarantine place

The removal of banana plant-related material, other than banana fruit, from the quarantine place is prohibited unless carried out in accordance with a written permit given by the Chief Inspector.

3 Requirements relating to movement within quarantine place

- (1) The movement of banana plants within the quarantine place for the purpose of commercial trade is prohibited unless carried out in accordance with a written permit given by the Chief Inspector.

- (2) The movement of banana plant-related material into a banana plant accredited production place within the quarantine place is prohibited unless:
- (a) the material is a banana fruit for human consumption; or
 - (b) the material is a banana plant originating from another banana plant accredited production place or a tissue culture scheme approved by the Chief Inspector, and any soil, growth medium or packaging for the plant.



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Livestock Act 2008

Revocation and Declaration of Restriction of Movement of Honey Bees, Bee Products and Beekeeping Equipment

I, Robert Steven Williams, Chief Inspector of Livestock:

- (a) under section 59(1) of the *Livestock Act 2008* (the **Act**) and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, revoke the declaration made by the instrument entitled 'Revocation and Declaration of Restriction of Movement of Bees, Bee Products and Associated Equipment' dated 15 March 2024 and published in *Gazette* No. G7 of 28 March 2024; and
- (b) under section 59(1) of the Act, restrict the movement of honey bees, bee products and beekeeping equipment as specified in the Schedule for the control of the following notifiable diseases:
 - (i) infection of bees with *Paenibacillus larvae* (American foulbrood);
 - (ii) infection of bees with *Melissococcus plutonius* (European foulbrood);
 - (iii) small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*);

- (iv) infestation of bees with *Varroa destructor* or *Varroa jacobsoni* (Varroosis).

R. S. WILLIAMS
Chief Inspector of Livestock

Dated 15 January 2026

Schedule

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

American foulbrood means infection of bees with *Paenibacillus larvae* (American foulbrood).

beekeeping equipment means any article, apparatus or implement used in connection with the keeping of honey bees or the handling or processing of bee products.

Examples for definition beekeeping equipment

- 1 *Hive components.*
- 2 *Intermediate bulk containers.*
- 3 *Extraction equipment.*

bee product means any product produced by honey bees.

Examples for definition bee products

Honey, honey comb, candy, beeswax, bee-collected pollen, propolis, royal jelly or venom produced by honey bees.

candy means any honey product that has been produced by honey bees and is primarily intended for use as a food source for honey bees.

declared area movement permit means a declared area movement permit mentioned in section 59(2) of the Act.

diagnostic laboratory has the same meaning as in section 32(4) of the Act.

escort means a non-reproductive female honey bee accompanying a queen bee.

European foulbrood means infection of bees with *Melissococcus plutonius* (European foulbrood).

packaged bees means a quantity of adult honey bees between 1.5kg and 2kg, with or without a queen bee, contained in a screened shipping cage with a food source.

protected area means the area declared from time to time to be a protected area under section 58(1) of the Act for the control of American foulbrood, European foulbrood, small hive beetle or Varroosis.

queen bee means a reproductive female honey bee.

secure area means a working area where consignments of honey bees can be packaged to ensure they do not abscond.

small hive beetle means small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*).

Varroosis means infestation of bees with *Varroa destructor* or *Varroa jacobsoni* (Varroosis).

2 Restrictions relating to movement of honey bees

- (1) A person must not move honey bees into the protected area unless:
- (a) the person has applied for, and been granted, a declared area movement permit for the bees; and
 - (b) notice of consignment dates has been given to an inspector before the bees are moved into the area; and
 - (c) the bees are:
 - (i) queen bees travelling with up to 10 escorts per queen that comply with the requirements of subclause (2); or
 - (ii) packaged bees that comply with the requirements of subclause (3).

Note for subclause (1)

As honey bees are prescribed imported livestock, under section 17 of the Act, a health certificate is also required for entry into the Territory.

- (2) The following requirements apply in relation to a queen bee travelling with up to 10 escorts:
- (a) the bees must be handpicked; and

- (b) the bees must be inspected immediately before packaging and found to be free of Varroosis and small hive beetle; and
 - (c) the bees must be packaged for shipment in a secure area; and
 - (d) the bees must be contained in new bee-proof queen cages that are secured sufficiently to prevent the escape of bees during normal handling; and
 - (e) candy accompanying the bees must be irradiated at a rate of 15 kiloGray prior to consignment; and
 - (f) the bees must be inspected on arrival in the protected area as directed by an inspector.
- (3) The following requirements apply in relation to packaged bees:
- (a) the bees must be from a small hive beetle free area in Western Australia;
 - (b) within 7 days prior dispatch, the hive from which the bees are taken must be inspected for small hive beetle and Varroosis found to be free of these; and
 - (c) within 21 days prior to dispatch, the bees must be tested for American foulbrood and European foulbrood by a diagnostic laboratory and found to be negative; and
 - (d) the packaging containing the bees must remain closed and secure at all times during transit; and
 - (e) candy accompanying the bees must be irradiated at a rate of 15 kiloGray prior to consignment; and
 - (f) the bees must be inspected on arrival in the protected area as directed by an inspector.

3 Restriction relating to movement of candy

A person must not move candy into the protected area unless it has been irradiated at a rate of 15 kiloGray.

4 Restrictions relating to used beekeeping equipment

A person must not move used beekeeping equipment into the protected area unless:

- (a) the person has applied for, and been granted, a declared area movement permit for the equipment; and
 - (b) notice of consignment dates has been given to an inspector before the equipment is moved into the area; and
 - (c) the equipment is clean and free of bee products and other contaminants; and
 - (d) any metal parts of the equipment:
 - (i) have been irradiated at a rate of 15 kiloGray and are accompanied by an irradiation certificate; or
 - (ii) have been steam cleaned and are accompanied by a signed statutory declaration verifying the steam cleaning; and
 - (e) any non-metal parts of the equipment have been irradiated at a rate of 15 kiloGray and are accompanied by an irradiation certificate; and
 - (f) the equipment has been isolated once treated so it is not exposed to honey bees, bee products or other used beekeeping equipment during the period between the treatment and entry to the protected area.
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Northern Territory of Australia

Motor Vehicles Act 1949 and Traffic Act 1987

Further Amended Exemption from *Motor Vehicles Act 1949, Traffic Act 1987* and *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*

I, Cindy-Lee McDonald, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, under section 135 of the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949* and section 43B of the *Traffic Act 1987*, and with reference to sections 42 and 43 of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, hereby further amend the exemptions granted by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles by the instrument dated 15 November 2023 entitled "Exemption from *Motor Vehicles Act 1949, Traffic Act 1987* and *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*" published in *Gazette* No. G24 on 23 November 2023 ("the Instrument of Exemption"), and amended by the instrument entitled "Amended Exemption from *Motor Vehicles Act 1949, Traffic Act 1987* and *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*", published in *Gazette* No. S73 on 28 November 2023, as follows:

Omit "This exemption shall be valid until 31 January 2026"

Insert "This exemption shall be valid until 31 March 2026",

with the effect that the exemptions granted by the Instrument of Exemption will continue in force until 31 March 2026.

C-L MCDONALD
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

Dated 19 January 2026

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