Northern Territory of Australia

Plant Health Act

Declaration of Pests, Notifiable Pests, Declaration of Host Plants and Restriction of Introduction of Host Plants into Territory

I, Sarah Kathryn Corcoran, Chief Inspector of Plant Health:

(a) under section 6(2)(a) of the Plant Health Act, declare each of the following to be a pest (a declared pest):

(i) Bactericera cockerelli (Tomato Potato Psyllid);

(ii) Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum; and

(b) under section 6(4) of the Act, specify that each declared pest is a notifiable pest; and

(c) under section 8(2)(a) of the Act, declare each of the following to be a host plant for the declared pests:

(i) Solanaceae;

(ii) Convolvulaceae; and
(d) under section 17(2) of the Act, for the control of the declared pests, restrict the introduction into the Territory of any host plant as set out in the Schedule for 12 months from the date of this instrument.

Dated 29 March 2017

S. K. Corcoran
Chief Inspector of Plant Health

Schedule

Part 1 Definitions

1 In this Schedule:

*area freedom certificate* means a certificate issued by an officer of a department responsible for agriculture for the State or Territory where the host plant material was grown or from where it was sourced, certifying that the State or Territory is known to be free from the declared pests.

*host plant media* means any of the following relating to a host plant:

(a) soil or soil growth medium;

(b) tissue culture material.

*plant health assurance certificate* means an assurance certificate given by an accredited person in a State or a Territory in accordance with a national scheme known as the Interstate Certification Assurance Scheme.

*plant health certificate* means an inspection certificate given by a person holding an office or position under a law of a State or another Territory equivalent to the office of an inspector.

*registered chemical* means a chemical registered for use with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
Part 2  Restriction of introduction into the Territory

2  A person must not introduce into the Territory a host plant, unless:

   (a) the plant has been treated before transportation with a registered chemical known to be effective against all life stages of the declared pests; and

   (b) one of the following can be produced when the material is transported into the Territory:

      (i) a plant health certificate;

      (ii) a plant health assurance certificate;

      (iii) an area freedom certificate;

      (iv) other documentation approved by the Chief Inspector of Plant Health.

3  A person must not introduce into the Territory host plant media of a host plant unless one of the following can be produced when the material is transported into the Territory:

   (a) a plant health certificate;

   (b) a plant health assurance certificate;

   (c) an area freedom certificate;

   (d) other documentation approved by the Chief Inspector of Plant Health.

4  Fruit or vegetables from a host plant must not be introduced into the Territory unless:

   (a) the fruit or vegetables:

      (i) have been treated before transportation with a registered chemical known to be effective against all life stages of the declared pests; or
have been, while traversing on rollers, using water and mechanical brushes or high pressure jets, washed and brushed before transportation; and

(b) one of the following can be produced when the fruit or vegetables are transported into the Territory:

(i) a plant health certificate;

(ii) a plant health assurance certificate;

(iii) an area freedom certificate;

(iv) other documentation approved by the Chief Inspector of Plant Health.

5 A person must not introduce into the Territory machinery or equipment used in the production of a host plant unless:

(a) the machinery or equipment:

(i) has been washed with high pressure hot water; or

(ii) has been treated before transportation with a registered chemical known to be effective against all life stages of the declared pests; and

(b) one of the following can be produced when the machinery or equipment is transported into the Territory:

(i) a plant health certificate;

(ii) other documentation approved by the Chief Inspector of Plant Health.