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Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995

ORDER TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OR IMPORTATION OF CITRUS CANKER INTO VICTORIA

I, Bob Cameron, Minister for Agriculture, make the following Order:

BOB CAMERON

Minister For Agriculture

Dated 16 December 2004

1. **Objective**

The objective of this Order is to prevent the importation or entry of the exotic disease citrus canker into Victoria.

2. **Authorising provision**

This Order is made under section 24 of the **Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995** (the Act).

3. **Revocation**

The order made on 11 August 2004 under section 24 of the Act and published in the Government Gazette S181 on 11 August 2004 is revoked.

4. **Definitions**

In this Order –

“**citrus canker**” means the exotic disease citrus canker caused by *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citrus*;

“**citrus canker host material**” means –

- (a) citrus canker host plants; and
- (b) agricultural equipment which has been used in the cultivation, harvesting, handling, packing, processing or transportation of any citrus canker host plants; and
- (c) a package which contains or has contained any citrus canker host plants; and
- (d) soil that has been used with any citrus canker host plants;

“**citrus canker host plants**” means any plant, plant part or plant product of *Citrus* spp., *Atalantia* spp., *Clausena lansium* (wampee), *Feroniella lucida*, *Feronia* spp., *Hesperethusa crenulata*, *Limonia acidissima* (elephant apple), *Paramignya monophylla*, *Swinglea* spp., *Zanthoxylum* spp. (wild lime, pricklyash) and *Ageratum conyzoides* (goat weed);

“**Manager, Plant Standards**” means the person for the time being occupying or acting in the position of Manager, Plant Standards in the Department of Primary Industries;

“**citrus canker quarantine area**” means –

- (a) the area consisting of the areas of the local government shires of Bauhinia, Emerald and Peak Downs, described in the Local Government (Areas) Regulation 1995 (Qld); and
- (b) any other area in any State or Territory over which a declaration is made under a corresponding law to the Act to prevent or control the spread of citrus canker within or from the area to which the declaration applies.

5. **Controls applying to citrus canker host material**

- (1) The entry or importation into Victoria of any –
 - (a) plant, plant part or plant product of the family Rutaceae and *Ageratum conyzoides* (goat weed); or

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- (b) agricultural equipment which has been used in the cultivation, harvesting, handling, packing, processing or transportation of any plant, plant part or plant product of the family Rutaceae and *Ageratum conyzoides* (goat weed); or
 - (c) package which contains or has contained any plant, plant part or plant product of the family Rutaceae and *Ageratum conyzoides* (goat weed); or
 - (d) soil that has been used with any plant, plant part or plant product of the family Rutaceae and *Ageratum conyzoides* (goat weed) –

from a citrus canker quarantine area is prohibited.
- (2) The entry or importation into Victoria of any citrus canker host material from a State or Territory in which citrus canker has been detected is prohibited unless the citrus canker host material is-
 - (a) sourced from outside a citrus canker quarantine area; and
 - (b) accompanied by an assurance certificate issued by a person who is accredited by the Department responsible for agriculture in the affected State or Territory or a plant health certificate issued by an officer of the Department responsible for agriculture of the affected State or Territory certifying that:
 - (i) in the case of *Citrus* spp. fruit, the fruit has been treated and inspected in a manner approved by the Manager, Plant Standards; or
 - (ii) in the case of packages which contain or have contained *Citrus* spp. fruit, the packages are internally and externally free from any citrus canker host plants, soil and other material that has been used with any citrus canker host plants; or
 - (iii) in the case of citrus canker host material (other than *Citrus* spp. fruit and packages that contain or have contained *Citrus* spp.), the citrus canker host material has been treated in a manner approved by the Manager, Plant Standards; or
 - (iv) in the case of *Citrus* spp. fruit, packages which have contained *Citrus* spp. fruit or other citrus canker host material, it has been used, grown, sourced or packed in an area for which an area freedom certificate issued by an officer responsible for agriculture in the State or Territory is currently in force certifying that the State or Territory or that part of the State or Territory is free of citrus canker.
- (3) A person who imports citrus canker host material into Victoria from a State or Territory in which citrus canker has been detected must present the citrus canker host material and the accompanying assurance certificate or plant health certificate for inspection or audit purposes, if required to do so by an inspector and in accordance with the directions of that inspector.
- (4) A person who imports citrus canker host material into Victoria from a State or Territory in which citrus canker has been detected must retain records of the importation of each consignment of citrus canker host material and the accompanying assurance certificate or plant health certificate for a period of 12 months.

Note: Section 25 of the **Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995** provides that a person is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding 200 penalty units for knowingly breaching an Importation Order.

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