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Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995

ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING THE ENTRY OR IMPORTATION OF PLANTS INTO VICTORIA TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF THE EXOTIC PEST, SPIRALLING WHITEFLY

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

Dated 1 February 2005

BOB CAMERON MP

Minister for Agriculture

1. **Objective**

The objective of this order is to prevent the importation or entry of the exotic pest spiralling whitefly (*Aleurodicus dispersus*) into Victoria.

2. **Authorising provision**

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

3. **Revocation**

The Order made by the Minister for Agriculture under section 24 of the **Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995** on 29 January 2002 (notice of which was published in the Victoria Government Gazette G5 on 31 January 2002) and extended for a period of 12 months by notice published in the Victoria Government Gazette S16 on 30 January 2003 and extended for a further period of 12 months by notice published in the Victoria Government Gazette S18 on 27 January 2004 prohibiting or restricting the entry or importation of containerised plants and plant cuttings that are hosts to spiralling white fly into Victoria is revoked.

4. **Definitions**

In this Order—

“**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;

“**spiralling whitefly**” means the exotic pest *Aleurodicus dispersus*.

5. **Controls applying to spiralling whitefly**

(1) The entry or importation into Victoria of a plant or part of a plant intended for cultivation in a glasshouse, hothouse or an indoor area is prohibited unless the plant or part of a plant is grown on a property which is—

- (a) located more than 10km from a detection of spiralling whitefly; or
- (b) located in a State or Territory for which an area freedom certificate issued by an officer responsible for agriculture in that State or Territory is currently in force certifying that the State or Territory, or part of the State or Territory, is free of spiralling white fly.

(2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply if—

- (a) the plant or part of a plant is treated in a manner approved by the Manager, Plant Standards; and
- (b) is accompanied by a plant health declaration issued by an authorised person, an assurance certificate issued by an accredited person or a plant health certificate issued by an officer of a department responsible for agriculture in the State or Territory in which the plants were grown.

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- (3) A person who imports a plant or part of a plant intended for cultivation in a glasshouse, hothouse or indoor area into Victoria from a State or Territory in which spiralling whitefly has been detected must present the plant or part of a plant and the accompanying plant health certificate, assurance certificate or plant health declaration for inspection or audit purposes, if required to do so by an inspector and in accordance with the directions of that inspector.

Section 25 of the Act provides that a person is guilty of an offence for knowingly breaching an importation order. Penalty: 200 penalty units.

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