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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS REGULATIONS 2006

Notice of Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given under Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Plant Health and Plant Products Regulations 2006.

The main objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- prevent the spread of the pests phylloxera and potato cyst nematode to uninfested parts of Victoria;
- prevent the spread of prescribed pests and disease from declared restricted areas, and from the use of re-conditioned packages;
- provide for other matters for the purposes of the **Plant Health and Plant Products Act** 1995.

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving the stated objectives.

The proposed Regulations replace the Plant Health and Plant Products Regulations 1996 which are due to expire on 12 June 2006.

Copies of the RIS and proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Plant Standards Branch, Department of Primary Industries at 621 Burwood Highway, Knoxfield, by telephoning (03) 9210 9390 or the Internet at www.dpi.vic.gov.au/ris.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to the Legislation Co-ordinator, Plant Standards Branch, Department of Primary Industries, Locked Bag 15, Ferntree Gully Delivery Centre, Victoria 3156 or emailed to plant.standards@dpi.vic.gov.au no later than 5.00 pm on 3 May 2006.

Dated 10 March 2006

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