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Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995

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

I, Joe Helper, Minister for Agriculture, make the following Order:

Dated 10 May 2007

JOE HELPER MP
Minister for Agriculture

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 7 May 2006 under section 24 of the Act, and published in Government Gazette S130 on 11 May 2006 (pp 1–2), is revoked.

4 Definitions

In this Order –

“**citrus canker**” means the exotic disease caused by the bacteria *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pathovar *citrus*;

“**citrus canker host plant**” means any plant, plant part or plant product of the family Rutaceae, including *Citrus* spp., *Atalantia* spp., *Clausena lansium* (wampee), *Feroniella lucida*, *Feronia* spp., *Hesperethusa crenulata*, *Limonia acidissima* (elephant apple), *Paramignya monophylla*, *Swinglea* spp., and *Zanthoxylum* spp. (wild lime, prickly ash), 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.

5 Controls applying to citrus canker host plants

(1) The entry or importation into Victoria of any –

- (a) citrus canker host plant; or
 - (b) agricultural equipment which has been used in the cultivation, harvesting, handling, packing, processing or transportation of citrus canker host plants; or
 - (c) package which contains, or has contained, any citrus canker host plants; or
 - (d) soil in which any citrus canker host plants have been grown –
- is prohibited.

(2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply if –

- (a) the citrus canker host plants were grown and packed, or the agricultural equipment or packages were last used, on a property that is located in a State or Territory or part of a State or Territory for which an area freedom certificate, issued by an officer responsible for agriculture in the State or Territory where the host plants were grown and packed, or the equipment

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or packages were last used, is currently in force certifying that the State or Territory or part of the State or Territory is known to be free of citrus canker; or

- (b) the citrus canker host plants, agricultural equipment or packages are accompanied by a plant health declaration issued by an authorised person, 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 in the affected State or Territory certifying that the host plants, equipment or packages have been treated in a manner approved by the Manager Plant Standards.

6 Verification of Consignments

Where requested by an authorised inspector, citrus canker host material imported into Victoria in accordance with clause 5(2)(b) and the accompanying certificate must be:

- (a) presented to an authorised inspector for inspection; or
(b) verified by a person accredited to do so by the Department of Primary Industries.

Note: Section 25 of the **Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995** provides that a person is guilty of an offence and a penalty not exceeding 50 penalty units, in the case of a natural person and 200 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate, for knowingly breaching an Importation Order.

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