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Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995

ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING THE ENTRY OR IMPORTATION OF CITRUS TRISTEZA VIRUS HOST MATERIAL INTO VICTORIA

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

JOE HELPER MP
Minister for Agriculture

Dated 7 June 2007

1 Objective

The objective of this Order is to prevent the importation or entry of the exotic disease citrus tristeza virus 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 24 May 2006 under section 24 of the Act, and published in Government Gazette G22 on 1 June 2006 (p1050), with a commencement date of 8 June 2006, is revoked.

4 Definitions

In this Order –

“*citrus tristeza virus*” means the stem pitting strain of the exotic disease citrus tristeza virus;

“*citrus tristeza virus host material*” means any plant or plant part, excluding fruit, of the species *Citrus*;

“*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 tristeza virus host materials

(1) The entry or importation into Victoria of any citrus tristeza virus host material is prohibited.

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

- (a) the citrus tristeza virus host material was grown on a property 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 citrus tristeza virus host material was grown, is currently in force certifying that the State or Territory, or part of the State or Territory, is free from citrus tristeza virus; or

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- (b) the citrus tristeza virus host material:
 - (i) is 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 declaration issued by an authorised person 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 material has been grown or treated in a manner approved by the Manager Plant Standards; and
 - (ii) is packed and labelled in accordance with any conditions prescribed by an accreditation program under which the material is certified.

6 Verification of Consignments

Where requested by an authorised inspector, citrus tristeza virus 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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