

Biosecurity Update – PS-60: inspection of carrier produce for Tomato potato psyllid (TPP) – updated to include Tasmania

19 December 2025

Current situation

Agriculture Victoria has updated **PS60: inspection of carrier produce for Tomato potato psyllid (TPP)** to include **Tasmania**. This procedure can now be used by Victorian businesses to send approved produce to both **Queensland and Tasmania** using the same post harvest inspection and self-certification process.

Key changes in PS-60 (Version 1.3):

- Tasmania has been added to the procedure.
- Inspection rates and secure packing conditions have been updated to meet Tasmania's Import Requirement 46 (IR46).
- Pre-processing inspection option has been added.
- Updated instructions for consignments made up of produce from multiple growers.

Notes:

- PS-60 **cannot be used for nursery stock** to Tasmania or Queensland.
- Businesses already accredited under the previous version **do not need to reapply** but should review the changes.

About TPP

Tomato potato psyllid is a sapsucking insect affecting *Solanaceae* and *Convolvulaceae* crops. It can spread the bacterium that causes **zebra chip** in potatoes, though Victoria and Australia, remain free of the bacterium. TPP detections in Melbourne (2025) and the Bellarine Peninsula (2024) have triggered new interstate movement restrictions from **8 December 2025**.

Agriculture Victoria is working with other states to restore market access.

Implications for businesses

From 8 December, businesses sending plants or produce interstate must meet the destination state's entry requirements. Depending on the destination, consignments may require:

- a **Plant Health Certificate**, or
- a **Plant Health Assurance Certificate (PHAC)** from an accredited business.

- Businesses should monitor Agriculture Victoria’s website for updates.
- Queensland and Tasmania have provided **grace periods**, with restrictions starting on **22 December 2025**.

Process for accreditation

- The process for business accreditation will take about 5-10 working days after a complete application is submitted. The processing time depends on applicants providing correct and complete information and rapidly responding to communications from Agriculture Victoria.
- The accreditation process requires multiple steps by Agriculture Victoria and the applicant.
- Required eLearning modules replace the initial audit.
- A Certificate of Accreditation is issued after assessments are passed.
- **You cannot operate under an accreditation until the certificate is issued.**

Please note the following when working through the accreditation process:

- You must complete part 1 and part 2 and/or part 3 of the application form depending on whether you have a current arrangement with Agriculture Victoria.
- Ensure you complete all sections of the application form and include any required attachments.
- All potential staff from a business who may sign PHAC books on behalf of the business need to complete an Authorised Signatory form and submit it with your application.
- You must pass the assessment to receive accreditation. The assessment is challenging to maintain rigour in the process, and successful completion requires reading all content in the modules. You may need to take the assessment multiple times if you don’t pass on your first attempt.
- Businesses authorising multiple staff should submit signatory certificates together to speed up processing.

To find help with submitting an application or to obtain more information visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/tpp.

Interstate quarantine requirements

Businesses must check host/carrier lists and rules for each state. You will find the information on this web page: [Tomato potato psyllid information for businesses | Tomato potato psyllid | Priority pest insects and mites | Pest insects and mites | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#).

Also check the current import conditions for TPP in each state:

- **New South Wales:** www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/biosecurity/plant-biosecurity/market-access-and-trade/nsw-movement-zones/movement-conditions-for-plants,-plant-products-and-related-items (search for “TPP”)
- **Tasmania:** nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/importing-plants (search for “Import Requirement 46 – Tomato Potato Psyllid – Hosts and Carriers”)
- **South Australia:** interstatequarantine.org.au/new-condition-17-entry-conditions/ (includes PDF link and recent changes)
- **Queensland:** www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/priority-pest-disease/tomato-potato-psyllid

- **Northern Territory:** daf.nt.gov.au/publications/publications-search/publications-database/primary-industry/plants/plant-health-manual.pdf (search for “Condition 23 for TPP”)

Drought relief for fees

Under the Victorian Government Drought Support Package:

- Plant biosecurity fees remain at 2024–25 levels.
- From **1 October 2025 to 30 June 2026**, specific fees (application, audits, travel and non-conformance reports) are waived for TPP-related market access activities.

More information about plant biosecurity fees can be found at: agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/moving-plants-and-plant-products/fees-and-charges-for-plant-biosecurity-services

Reporting an unusual plant insect pest or disease

Report any unusual plant pest or disease immediately using our [online reporting form](#) or by calling the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on [1800 084 881](tel:1800084881).

Please take multiple [good quality photos](#) of the pests or damage to include in your report where possible, as this is essential for rapid pest and disease diagnosis and response.

Your report will be responded to by an experienced staff member, who may seek more information about the detection and explain next steps.

More information

Webinars, packing-shed posters ([Collateral](#)) and detailed guidance are available on the Agriculture Victoria TPP webpage: agriculture.vic.gov.au/tpp.