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Plant Biosecurity Act 2010

ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING THE ENTRY OR IMPORTATION INTO VICTORIA OF MATERIALS WHICH ARE HOSTS OF CITRUS CANKER

I, Rosa Crnov, as delegate of the Minister for Agriculture, being of the reasonable suspicion that the exotic pest citrus canker exists within Australia but outside Victoria, make the following Order.

1 Objective

The objective of this Order is to prohibit, restrict or impose conditions upon the entry or importation into Victoria of materials which are hosts of citrus canker.

2 Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 36(1) of the **Plant Biosecurity Act 2010** (the Act).

3 Commencement

This Order comes into force on the day of making.

4 Definitions

In this Order –

‘**citrus canker**’ means the exotic disease caused by the bacteria *Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri*.

‘**host material**’ means any material capable of being affected or contaminated with citrus canker including citrus canker host plants and agricultural equipment and used packages used in the cultivation and distribution of citrus canker host plants.

‘**citrus canker host plant**’ means *Citrus* spp., including *Citrus trifoliata* L. (syn. *Poncirus trifoliata*), *Citrus glauca* (Lindley) Burkill (syn. *Eremocitrus glauca*) and *Citrus australasica* F. Muell. (syn. *Microcitrus australasica*), and their hybrids.

5 Prohibitions, restrictions and conditions

The following prohibitions, restrictions and conditions are specified in relation to the entry or importation of host material.

- (a) The entry or importation into Victoria of any host material is prohibited.
- (b) Sub-clause (a) does not apply if the host material –
 - (i) was grown on, sourced from or 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 material was grown, sourced or 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
 - (ii) enters Victoria under and in accordance with a permit issued by an inspector and there is compliance with any conditions or requirements set out in the permit.

6 Expiry

This Order remains in force for a period of 12 months after the date of making.

Notes:

Section 38 of the Act provides that it is an offence for a person to cause, permit or assist any plant, plant product, plant vector, used equipment, used package, earth material or beehive to enter Victoria in contravention of an importation order under section 36. The maximum penalty of 60 penalty units applies in the case of a natural person, and 300 penalty units in the case of a body corporate.

Terms in this Order that are defined in the Act have that meaning.

Dated 20 April 2018

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