

Biosecurity Advisory 26/2025 - Conditions for importation of Tasmanian potatoes into other states and territories

Like Tasmania, other Australian states and territories maintain biosecurity systems and may impose import requirements for certain commodities based on risk.

In Tasmania, potatoes may be grown for three types of market: fresh potatoes for eating, processing potatoes for processing into chips or other products, or seed potatoes that are planted and grown into new potato crops.

Due to the recent detection of Potato Mop Top Virus (PMTV) in Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia have implemented restrictions on the movement of unprocessed Tasmanian potatoes and other risk items such as equipment used in potato production.

Exports of potatoes to these states for processing and for the fresh food market is allowed where exporters can meet the stated conditions. Each set of import conditions is individual to the relevant state, so it's important to refer to information published by that state.

Generally, potatoes must:

- not be sourced from properties potentially associated ('linked') with infected sites (noting each jurisdiction has a different definition for 'linked');
- be free of soil;
- be free of powdery scab symptoms;
- be packaged and labelled 'for human consumption' as well as with property of origin details.

Seed potatoes currently cannot be exported to these states without further specific approvals being granted by the regulatory agency within the relevant jurisdiction.

There are currently no restrictions on potatoes that have already been processed (such as frozen french fries).

As conditions and certification requirements differ between the jurisdictions, it is critical that exporters check specific requirements prior to sending any consignments to make sure they are not held up or disallowed entry.

Biosecurity Tasmania will help impacted growers navigate these movement restrictions. Exporters can email Public.Information@nre.tas.gov.au for assistance. Alternatively, growers can reach out to Potatoes Tasmania.

Information published by each state can be found at the following websites:

New South Wales: [Potato mop-top virus](#)

Victoria: [Potato mop-top virus importation restrictions established | Biosecurity updates | Moving plants and plant products | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#)

South Australia: [Potato mop top virus \(PMTV\) - Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia - PIRSA](#)

States and territories may continue to update import conditions. It is anticipated that other states and territories will implement conditions soon. It is therefore important for exporters to keep up to date on the requirements of their destination markets.

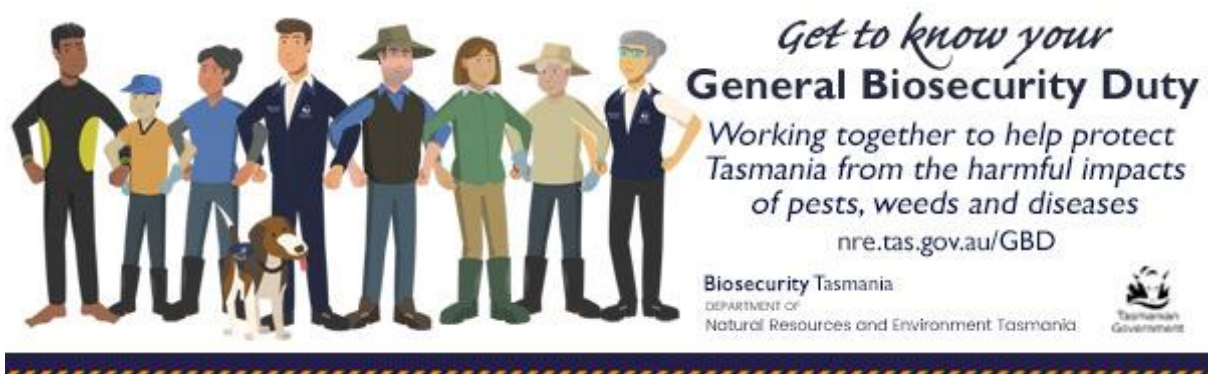
Biosecurity Tasmania will continue to provide advice as other states announce their import requirements.

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