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IMPORTATION (WHITE SPOT DISEASE OF CRUSTACEANS) ORDER (NO 1) 2016

under the

ANIMAL DISEASES AND ANIMAL PESTS (EMERGENCY OUTBREAKS) ACT 1991

I, Juliet Anne Corish, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, with the powers the Minister has delegated to me under section 67 of the *Animal Diseases and Animal Pests (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991* and pursuant to section 28 of that Act, having the reasonable suspicion that an area outside New South Wales is infected with the emergency animal disease, White Spot Disease of Crustaceans, make the following Order.

Dated this 9th day of December 2016

JULIET ANNE CORISH
Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer

1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Importation (White Spot Disease of Crustaceans) Order (No 1) 2016*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the date on which it is signed.

Note: Section 30 of the Act provides that notice of an Importation Order is to be published in the NSW Government Gazette as soon as practicable after it is signed.

3 Interpretation

(1) In this Order:

Penaeid prawns means prawns of the Penaeidae Family and include, but is not limited to: school, tiger and banana prawns

fittings has the same meaning as in the Act

cooked prawns means Penaeid prawns that have been cooked in premises approved by and under the control of the Competent Authority to a minimum time and temperature standard where all the protein in the prawn is coagulated and no uncooked meat remains.

Competent Authority is the relevant state government agency that regulates food safety.

White Spot Disease of Crustaceans means the disease that is caused by the virus *Whispovirus* (Family *Nimaviridae*). (Also known as infection with white spot syndrome virus).

Waters of the Logan River means all of the waters of the Logan River including all its estuary, lakes, lagoons, inlets, channels, creeks and tributaries

the Act means the *Animal Diseases and Animal Pests (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991*.

(2) Unless otherwise defined in this Order, words and expressions that are defined in the Act have the same meaning in this Order.

4 Prohibition on entry or importation into New South Wales due to White Spot Disease of Crustaceans

(1) Pursuant to section 28 (1) of the Act and except as provided in (2) below, the entry or importation of the following into New South Wales is prohibited:

(a) live or dead penaeid prawns taken from within a 10 kilometre radius of the Global Positioning System point (27.708185, 153.266235) which is an Infected Premise for White Spot Disease of Crustaceans (this includes the prawns originating from any of the waters of the Logan River within this defined radius, or originating from any commercial aquaculture prawn farm within this defined radius);

(b) fittings used in connection with cultivation or commercial catch of live or dead penaeid prawns described in subclause (1) (a) unless such fittings have been cleaned and disinfected to remove all traces of prawn or prawn product;

(c) live or dead penaeid prawns that have been in contact with either of the following:

(i) water that has held live or dead penaeid prawns described in subclause (1)(a); or

(ii) fittings that have previously been used in connection with live or dead penaeid prawns described in subclause (1)(a) unless such fittings have been cleaned and disinfected to remove all traces of penaeid prawns or penaeid prawn product in accordance with a protocol approved by the NSW Chief Veterinary Officer.

(2) Penaeid prawns taken from within a 10 kilometre radius of the Global Positioning System point (27.708185, 153.266235) which is an Infected Premise for White Spot Disease of Crustaceans may only enter or be imported into New South Wales if:

(a) they first have been processed for human consumption as cooked prawns; and

- (b) they are securely packaged; and
- (c) they are transported directly to a point of sale for human consumption.