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Primary Industries Notices

Importation (White Spot Disease)

Order (No 4) 2017

under the

ANIMAL DISEASES AND ANIMAL PESTS (EMERGENCY OUTBREAKS) ACT 1991

I, JULIET ANNE CORISH, Acting 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, make the following Order.

Dated this 10th day of April 2017

JULIET ANNE CORISH
Acting Chief Veterinary Officer
(by delegation)

1. Name of Order

This Order is the Importation (White Spot Disease) Order (No 4) 2017.

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:

cooked product means product that has been cooked at premises approved by and under the control of the Competent Authority to a minimum time and temperature standard where all the protein in the decapod crustaceans and polychaete worms is coagulated and no uncooked meat remains.

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

Decapod crustaceans means any crustacean of the Order Decapoda and includes, but is not limited to: school, tiger and banana prawns, shrimp, slipper lobsters, crabs and hermit crabs.

fittings has the same meaning as in the Act.

Inspector has the same meaning as in the Act.

Polychaete worm means any worm of the Class Polychaeta.

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

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. Revocation of Importation (White Spot Disease of Crustaceans) Order (No 3) 2017

Pursuant to section 43(2) of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, the ‘*Importation (White Spot Disease of Crustaceans) Order (No 3) 2017*’ dated 6 April 2017 is revoked.

5. 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 subclause (2), the entry or importation of the following into New South Wales is prohibited:

(a) live or dead decapod crustaceans and polychaete worms taken from within the area in Queensland defined below and outlined in red in the map at Schedule 1:

- (i) the local government areas of Redland City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Logan City Council, Brisbane City Council, Ipswich City Council, Gold Coast City Council and the following localities from Sunshine Coast Regional Council: Bells Creek, Beerburrum, Beerwah, Booroobin, Bribie Island North, Caloundra, Caloundra West, Coochin Creek, Crohamhurst, Kings Beach, Glass House Mountains, Golden Beach, Mount Mellum, Moffat Beach, Landsborough, Peachester, Pelican Waters and Shelly Beach, and
- (ii) the waters of Moreton Bay Marine Park bounded by Redland City Council, Brisbane City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council and a line running generally north westerly from Amity on North Stradbroke Island to the southern most point of Moreton Island and a line running generally westerly from Comboyuro Point Moreton Island to Skirmish Point on Bribie Island.

(b) the prohibition in (1)(a) includes live or dead decapod crustaceans and polychaete worms:

- (i) originating from any of the waters within the area defined in subclause 1(a); or
- (ii) originating from any commercial aquaculture prawn farm within the area defined in subclause 1(a).

(c) fittings used in connection with cultivation or commercial catch of live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms described in subclause (1)(a) unless such fittings have been cleaned and disinfected to remove all traces of decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms or decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms product, in accordance with a protocol approved by the NSW Chief Veterinary Officer;

(d) live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms that have been in contact with either of the following:

- (i) water that has held live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms described in subclause (1)(a); or
 - (ii) fittings that have previously been used in connection with live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms described in subclause (1)(a) unless such fittings have been cleaned and disinfected to remove all traces of decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms or decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms product in accordance with a protocol approved by the NSW Chief Veterinary Officer.
- (2) decapod crustaceans taken from within the area defined in subclause (1)(a) may only enter or be imported into New South Wales if subclauses (a), (b) and (c) below are satisfied:
- (a) they first have been processed for human consumption as cooked product; and
 - (b) they are securely packaged; and
 - (c) they are transported directly to a point of sale in New South Wales for human consumption.
- (3) uncooked decapod crustaceans moved through (into, within and out of, including the loading and unloading of product into or from vehicles whilst in transit) the area defined in subclause (1)(a) may only enter or be imported into New South Wales if subclauses (a) to (d) below are satisfied:
- (a) the uncooked decapod crustaceans originated from outside of the area defined in subclause (1)(a); and
 - (b) any bins or packaging or coverings containing uncooked decapod crustaceans remain intact and secured; and
 - (c) clearly display information on the outer covering of any bins or packaging the name, address, postcode and the State or Territory of both the grower and the packer; and
 - (d) they are transported directly to a point of sale in New South Wales for human consumption.
- Note:** For example, uncooked decapod crustaceans originating from outside of the area defined in subclause (1)(a) ('the area') may be moved into the area unloaded from a vehicle and then loaded onto a secondary vehicle.
- (4) The prohibition on entry or importation into New South Wales provided in subclause (1) to (3), do not apply to an Inspector while acting in the ordinary course of the Inspector's duties.

SCHEDULE 1 - Map indicating Infected Area for White Spot Disease

