



MORNINGTON PENINSULA INTERIM PHYLLOXERA EXCLUSION ZONE UPDATE

MORNINGTON PENINSULA REZONING PROJECT

The Mornington Peninsula Phylloxera Rezoning Project was initiated to declare the region as a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ). The agreed PEZ area aligns with the Geographical Indicator (GI) of the region and all surveillance procedures align with the National Phylloxera Management Protocols (NPMP) and Agriculture Victoria operating procedures.

The NPMP requires the systematic inspection of all commercial vineyards and most amenity vines in the region over a three-year period (2018-2020).

If no phylloxera is found during the surveillance period, the Mornington Peninsula region will be officially declared as a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ), and the region will be recognised as such by industry and interstate biosecurity agencies.

YEAR 1 SURVEY RESULTS

Year 1 surveys for the Mornington Peninsula Rezoning Project were completed in March 2018. A total of 223 vineyards comprising 980 hectares were surveyed.

NO PHYLLOXERA was detected during these surveys.

INTERIM PEZ DECLARED

An interim PEZ has now been legislated under the Victorian Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 for the Mornington Peninsula Geographic Indicator.

An interim PEZ prohibits the movement of phylloxera host materials from a Phylloxera Risk Zone (PRZ) or Phylloxera Infested Zone (PIZ) into the Mornington Peninsula region. It **does not provide PEZ status** to vineyards within the interim PEZ area.

Phylloxera host material prepared in accordance with specific entry conditions may enter the interim PEZ (see below).

The region will maintain its status as a Phylloxera Restricted Zone (PRZ) for moving host material out of the region.

PHYLLOXERA HOST MATERIAL ENTRY CONDITIONS

For movement of phylloxera host material **from a PRZ into the interim PEZ** the following conditions apply:

Whole wine grapes

Plant Health Certificate or Plant Health Assurance Certificate required.

Sender requirements:

- grapes grown on a property which has been inspected within the previous year and found free of phylloxera;

Receiver requirements:

- accreditation under ICA-33 *Movement of Wine Grapes*; or
- consignment verified by an Agriculture Victoria Inspector upon arrival.

Agricultural equipment, bins and packages

Permit and Plant Health Certificate or Plant Health Declaration (PHD) required.

The consignment must be:

- thoroughly cleaned with a steam cleaner or with high pressure hot water to remove all soil and plant debris; and
- disinfested by:
 - steam applied at a temperature above 100°C, as measured at the steam outlet; or
 - immersion in hot water (>70 °C) for at least 2 minutes at temperature; or
 - placing in a hot room at a temperature of 45 °C for at least 75 minutes or at a temperature of 40 °C for at least 120 minutes.

Must and unfiltered juice

Permit or Product Movement Declaration required.

Sender requirements:

- in the case of whole must, be prepared from destemmed crushed grapes; and
- in the case of juice, be prepared from crushed grapes; and

- consigned in sealed tankers or containers, cleaned free of soil and organic matter; and
- transported via an approved route; and
- operate under an emergency response plan approved by an inspector, for handling spillages; and
- accompanied by a copy of a permit or a Product Movement Declaration issued by a business accredited under ICA-22 *Transfer and Processing of Grape Must and Juice*.

Receiver requirements:

- accreditation under ICA-22; or
- the business is approved by Agriculture Victoria for the receipt of must or juice including:
 - a dedicated unloading area and no-entry areas;
 - signage indicating dedicated roadways;
 - waste disposal and spill control procedures.

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Permit required.

The consignment must:

- have undergone fermentation for at least four days; or
- have been composted for at least 3 months:
 - at least 500m from any grapevines; or
 - located in a secure, segregated location; and
- be consigned in sealed tankers or containers, cleaned free of soil and organic matter.

Cuttings and rootlings

Permit required.

The consignment must be:

- washed free of soil and treated by:
 - methyl bromide fumigation at 32 g/m³ for 3 hours at a temperature of at least 18°C; or
 - submerging in a hot water bath for:
 - 5 minutes at 54±1°C; or
 - 30 minutes at 50±1°C; and
 - loosely packed with no more than 50 plants per bundle.

Potted vines and soil

Movement of potted vines and soil into the interim PEZ is prohibited.

Soil may be moved in small quantities for diagnostic or research purposes (refer to conditions for diagnostic samples).

Diagnostic samples and germplasm

Permit required.

Conditions for the movement of diagnostic samples and germplasm will be stipulated in the permit.

MOVEMENT TO A PEZ

Moving phylloxera host material across state borders or between defined phylloxera zones must comply with state legislation.

Businesses in the interim PEZ can apply for a free permit from Agriculture Victoria, which will allow the movement of wine grapes from the interim PEZ to a PEZ based upon the vineyard survey conducted on the property through this project.

OFFENCE FOR MOVING PHYLLOXERA HOST MATERIAL CONTRARY TO INTERIM PEZ REQUIREMENTS

Under section 20(1) of the Plant Biosecurity Act 2010, it is an offence for a person who causes or permits the movement of any plant, plant product, used package, used equipment or earth material into the interim PEZ contrary to any prohibition or restriction relating to the interim PEZ.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or to apply for a permit, please email: market.access@ecodev.vic.gov.au

This notice can also be found on the Agriculture Victoria website at: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/plantnotices