

BIOSECURITY ACT 2019

Section 191

GENERAL BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

I, Andrew Bishop, being and as the Chief Plant Protection Officer under the *Biosecurity Act 2019* ('the Act'), acting pursuant section 191 of the Act, and being satisfied that it is necessary to assess, prevent, eliminate, minimise, control or manage biosecurity risks posed by Potato virus Y NTN strain (PVY^{NTN}), hereby issue a general biosecurity direction, the requirements and restrictions of which are set out in Schedule I below.

SCHEDULE I

1. This general biosecurity direction applies to all persons who deal with, or are proposing to deal with—
 - (a) Maranca variety potato crops that may reasonably be suspected of being infected with PVY^{NTN}; and/or
 - (b) any other biosecurity matter or carrier that may reasonably be suspected of being a carrier of PVY^{NTN}

2. A person referred to in clause 1 above must –
 - (a) grade all harvested potatoes to detect and separate any tubers displaying PVY^{NTN} symptoms; and
 - (b) securely contain and dispose of –
 - (i) all tubers with PVY^{NTN} symptoms; and
 - (ii) any remaining seed from the original seed lot from which those tubers were sourced –

by incineration or deep burial at a registered quarantine place with an approved arrangement for the deep burial of biosecurity waste, or otherwise in a manner that is approved in writing by an authorised officer; and
 - (c) ensure that all machinery and agricultural equipment used for the production, harvesting and transport of potatoes at any premises that may reasonably be suspected of being a carrier of PVY^{NTN} is washed or treated prior to being moved to another premises, to prevent, eliminate or minimise the risks of spreading or transmitting PVY^{NTN} between premises; and
 - (d) manage the destruction of self or wild-sown potato plants (potato volunteers) at any premises that may reasonably be suspected of being a

carrier of PVY^{NTN} in a manner that, so far as reasonably practicable, prevents, presence or suspected presence of PVY^{NTN} at the premises.

This general biosecurity direction is given and takes effect on this 31st day of March 2023 at 12.00 pm and remains in force for a period of 6 months unless sooner revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bishop', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Signed:

Andrew Bishop

Chief Plant Protection Officer

31 March 2023