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## Deputy Chief Inspector Biosecurity Notice

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### Phylloxera Interim Buffer Zone declared in Maroondah, Victoria.

On Wednesday, 12 April 2023, Agriculture Victoria confirmed an additional detection of grape phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*) in a vineyard within the existing Maroondah Phylloxera Infested Zone (“PIZ”). This detection will result in an extension of the existing 5 km PIZ boundary.

Grape phylloxera is among the greatest threats to the South Australian wine and table grape industry. Unfortunately, no eradication treatments are available for grape phylloxera, with the only option being the replacement of grapevines grafted onto grape phylloxera-resistant rootstocks at around \$60,000 per hectare.

Agriculture Victoria is currently in the process of gazetting the extension to the existing PIZ. In the meantime, to protect South Australia’s wine and table grape

industry, PIRSA has declared the new area a Phylloxera Interim Buffer Zone (“PIBZ”) effective immediately.

Vinehealth Australia hosts an [interactive map](#) that shows the new Maroondah PIBZ. In addition, a PDF copy is attached.

Specific restrictions apply to the movement of:

- grapevine material (including for planting or propagation);
- equipment (including hand tools and bins);
- machinery used in the production of grapes;
- grapes (wine and table) and grape-related material; and
- grapevine diagnostic samples and vineyard soils, which have originated from within a PIBZ.

These restrictions are detailed under Condition 7 of the Plant Quarantine Standard South Australia. The most recent version of the can be accessed from the PIRSA website. <https://pir.sa.gov.au/planthealth>

Please ensure you check the Vinehealth Australia website and contact PIRSA if you intend to import any of these items from the new Maroondah PIBZ.

If you would like further information, please contact the Plant Health Market Access hotline at 08 8207 7814 or [PIRSA.PlantHealthMarketAccess@sa.gov.au](mailto:PIRSA.PlantHealthMarketAccess@sa.gov.au).

Regards,

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