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Chief Inspector Biosecurity Notice

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Mornington Peninsula Phylloxera risk status changed

Agriculture Victoria has reclassified the Mornington Peninsula area as a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ).

In 2017, the Victorian Government provided \$1.8 million to deliver the Tackling Phylloxera Program, a suite of projects aiming to improve phylloxera management in Victoria through focused investment in research and development, policy analysis and regional phylloxera management projects. One of these projects was the Mornington Peninsula rezoning project, undertaken to support a case for transitioning the Mornington Peninsula production zone from a Phylloxera Risk Zone to a PEZ. Approximately \$500,000 was allocated to the Mornington Peninsula rezoning project.

PIRSA Biosecurity has carefully considered and consulted on this matter and after considering feedback, accepts that Agriculture Victoria has met the requirements specified under the National Phylloxera Management Protocol to allow the Mornington Peninsula to be rezoned.

From the date of this notice, South Australia regards the Mornington Peninsula as a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ) for the purposes of imports into South Australia.

Plant quarantine restrictions still apply to plant and plant-related material entering South Australia from interstate, even when sourced from a PEZ, as specified within Condition 7 of the Plant Quarantine Standard. This applies to grapevine material, machinery and equipment used in grape production or on vineyard soil, grapes, grapevine diagnostic samples and vineyard soils.

An updated grape phylloxera management zone map is attached to this notice and available on Vinehealth Australia's website.

If you would like further information, please contact the Plant Biosecurity Operations

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Regards,

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