

Keep South Australia fruit fly free – zero tolerance on uncertified produce

Frequently Asked Questions - January 2019

Why is a zero tolerance approach being introduced?

Following a Queensland fruit fly outbreak at Loxton in the Riverland (declared on 7 December 2018), as part of an emergency response a zero tolerance approach has been adopted by the South Australian Government at the Yamba Quarantine Station and at all random roadblocks held across the state.

Zero tolerance was made effective at the Yamba quarantine station from Friday 4 January 2019.

The adoption of zero tolerance measures on any prohibited fruit and host material taken into the Riverland (from within the state) or into South Australia from eastern states, is an important measure to protect the Riverland's Fruit Fly Free status. This status has particular benefits to South Australia, including protecting our horticultural produce vulnerable to fruit fly which in 2017-18 had an estimated farm-gate value of \$1.2 billion.

What does 'zero tolerance' mean?

The term zero tolerance means that anyone caught bringing uncertified produce into the Riverland will face a fine. There is no opportunity to declare prohibited fruit and vegetables at random roadblocks or the Yamba quarantine station. The policy regarding bringing prohibited produce into the Riverland and South Australia is clear on signage in the lead up to quarantine stations and there are ample opportunities to legally dispose of this fruit in the quarantine bins provided.

Will zero tolerance be occurring at all quarantine stations or just at Yamba?

The zero tolerance approach is being applied at the Yamba quarantine station and at all random roadblocks conducted in the Riverland and across South Australia during the remainder of the 2018-19 fruit fly season.

What happens if you are caught with uncertified produce?

Anyone caught with uncertified fruit or vegetables either at the Yamba quarantine station or at a random roadblock will face a fine and penalties up to \$100,000.

Packhouses or processors are also required to clean their fruit bins or their trucks will be turned around at the border if found with prohibited fruit waste.

Will there be opportunities to dispose of any fresh fruit and vegetables while travelling?

The public will be reminded of these changes through increased signage, as they head into the Yamba quarantine station or into the Riverland Pest Free Area to ensure they dispose of fruit. There will also be increased awareness at key locations in Victoria, particularly Mildura and in New South Wales.

Travellers can dispose of any uncertified produce through roadside quarantine bins. When entering South Australia toward Yamba there are disposal bins at the Bede Road rest stop.

Quarantine bins across the state can be found at:

- Glenelg Highway near Mount Gambier
 - Nelson Highway near Mount Gambier
 - Princes Highway near Mount Gambier
 - Dukes Highway near Bordertown
 - Stuart Highway at Marla
 - Wimmera Highway near Naracoorte
 - Old Wentworth Road at the State border
 - Purnong Road near Mannum
 - Goyder Highway near Morgan
 - Thiele Highway near Eudunda
 - Sturt Highway near Blanchetown
 - Stott Highway near Sedan
 - Angas Valley Road near Walker Flat
 - Hunter Road near Bow Hill
 - Browns Well Highway near Paruna
 - Karoonda Highway near Alawoona
 - Oodla Wirra (when quarantine station is closed)
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- Pinnaroo (when quarantine station is closed)

What can I bring into South Australia?

Uncertified fresh fruit and fruiting vegetables (those generally carried by the travelling public) cannot be brought into the state.

To check what you can bring into South Australia go to the [SA Quarantine Brochure](#) available on our website.

Where can I go for further information?

Details on the restrictions on bringing fresh fruit and fruiting vegetables vulnerable to fruit fly infestation either into the Riverland or South Australia is available from www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruit_fly

