

Frequently Asked Questions

Glynde Outbreak Growers Meetings: 29 Jan 2025

Questions and answers

On 29 Jan 2025, two Growers Meetings were held: one at Pooraka Markets in Adelaide and one at The Haus in Hahndorf. What follows is information to address growers' questions.

General outbreak questions

Why are there restrictions?

- South Australia is unique as the only mainland state in Australia where Queensland fruit fly is not established, earning parts of the state the internationally recognised "Pest-Free Area" status.
- This certification helps our growers access national and international markets and demonstrates how amazing South Australian produce is.
- To maintain Pest-Free Area status for our growers, as part of national and international agreements to certify its fruit and vegetable industries, South Australia is required to follow protocols and restrictions during outbreaks of fruit fly.

Why is the yellow suspension zone 15 kilometres?

- Based on scientific evidence and best practice, national and international agreements set out the response to fruit fly outbreaks as part of South Australia's Pest-Free Area accreditation, which includes requirements about the size of the yellow suspension zone.

Can I move fruit from an outbreak in the Metro area to the Riverland?

- To move fruit from the Metro yellow suspension zone to the Riverland Pest-Free Area, they need appropriate accreditation, such as ICA-33 accreditation for grape growers.
- For specific advice, including what fruit treatments and accreditations are right for your situation, contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556**.

How and why should I become accredited?

What's the point of accreditation?

- Accreditation is required to move commercially-grown fruit, including grapes and maturity samples.

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How much does getting accredited to move or receive fruit cost?

- If you need to become accredited for reasons related to a fruit fly outbreak, aside from if you are moving produce to the Pest-Free Area, fees to do so are waived. For further information, please contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556**.

What are the penalties if someone does not comply with restrictions or obtain appropriate accreditation?

- Private travellers can be fined up to \$417.
- Businesses in violation of restrictions may face legal action.
- For further information, please contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556**.

What does accreditation involve?

- Obtaining accreditation certifies that a grower or other related business affected by a fruit fly outbreak is conducting its business safely.

How long does it take for a Market Access staff member to visit a property to accredit it?

- PIRSA are bringing in additional Market Access staff to ensure we can support growers to obtain accreditation as quickly as possible.
- If you need to seek urgent accreditation to move or receive fruit, please contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556**.

What if I don't have time for the audits?

- Please contact our Market Access Team in the first instance at **1800 255 556**. They will be able to help you understand your options for moving fruit quickly and can discuss your longer-term options.
- The Market Access Team can prioritise those growers whose needs are urgent, and they will discuss your situation with you when you contact them.

To get accredited, will I need to have fruit fly monitoring traps or other things put on my property?

- Depending on the accreditation type you apply for, you may need to have traps on your property.
- This may involve PIRSA staff needing access to your property to check traps or compliance.
- For further information, please [visit our website](#) or contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556**.

Which situations need accreditation?

My property is only partially in the yellow suspension zone. What does this mean for me?

- If any part of your property is in the yellow suspension zone, the entire property is considered to be in it. If you're unsure, please contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556** for further information.

When should I obtain a Chief Inspector's Movement Certificate (CIMC) or Section 9 Order instead of accreditation?

- The best time to seek a CIMC or Section 9 order will depend on your or your business' individual circumstances and what you are looking to do.
- For further information, please contact our Market Access Team on **1800 255 556**.

What if I am moving fruit outside of South Australia?

- If moving fruit to an interstate market or exporting overseas, it is important to contact the [receiving state](#) and make sure you understand their requirements and restrictions.
- If moving fruit through a yellow suspension zone, it must be done safely and it's best to avoid stopping at a depot in a yellow suspension zone if possible.

What paperwork does a vehicle need to carry when transporting fruit from a yellow suspension zone to a green zone?

- The vehicle must carry a copy of the grower's accreditation, or other accreditation which permits the load to be moved (such as a Chief Inspector's Movement Certificate).

During application but before accreditation

Can I deliver fruit after I submit my accreditation application, but before I am accredited?

- No.

Am I still accredited from the last outbreak?

- It's likely that your accreditation will have lapsed.
- Please contact our Market Access team on **1800 255 556** in the first instance to discuss your accreditation. If you have become accredited previously, your details may still be on record.

Can untreated produce grown in a yellow suspension zone be sold in that yellow zone?

- No. Contact our Market Access team on **1800 255 556** for further information.

Treatment options

There are many different accreditation options which you can read about [on our website](#). To find out more, or discuss which is right for you, contact our Market Access team on **1800 255 556**.

ICA-21

- Is ICA-21-accredited fruit able to enter Adelaide (from yellow suspension zones)?
 - Yes.

ICA-33

- What does ICA-33 accreditation involve?
 - ICA-33, or Interstate Certification Assurance ICA-33, is an accreditation for moving or accepting of wine grapes.

- Obtaining this accreditation certifies that a winery/vineyard is conducting its business safely during a fruit fly outbreak.

How long does CA-33 accreditation take?

- From the initial audit of your property by PIRSA Market Access staff, accreditation takes 6 weeks.
- Please note that spraying or treating your property before this will not be considered during the accreditation process, and any treatment will have to be repeated after the initial audit.

Commodity - grapes

When moving wine grapes from a yellow suspension zone to a green zone, do both the grower and receiving business need to be accredited?

- Yes.
- If you are an accredited grape grower in a yellow suspension zone delivering to a non-accredited winery in a green zone, they cannot accept your shipment without first obtaining accreditation.
- If you are a non-accredited grape grower in a yellow suspension zone and wish to deliver to an accredited winery in a green zone, you cannot ship your delivery without first obtaining accreditation.

If an accredited recipient/winery has included me as a grower in their accreditation, do I still have to be accredited to deliver to other recipients/wineries?

- Yes. You must be appropriately accredited to deliver to each receiving winery.

What if the winery I want to deliver to is in a green area and refuses to get accredited, but I am in a yellow area?

- A winery needs to be accredited to receive fruit from a yellow suspension area without being in breach of restrictions. For more information, contact our Market Access team on **1800 255 556**.

Will PIRSA be present to check for compliance through vintage?

- PIRSA inspectors audit accredited growers and wineries to ensure compliance.

What accreditation is needed to send maturity samples from a vineyard to a winery?

- If you are moving maturity samples from a vineyard in a yellow suspension zone to a winery in a green zone, the grower will need to have ICA-33 and the winery CA-01 accreditation.
- If you are a grower or vineyard without ICA-33 accreditation but the winery you are moving to is accredited, PIRSA can issue a Deputy Chief Inspector's Movement Certificate or Plant Health Assurance Certificate.
- Where both the grower and receiving winery are appropriately accredited, a Plant Health Assurance Certificate need not accompany the maturity sample.
- For further information, contact our Market Access team on **1800 255 556**.

If grapes are rejected by a winery, can they be sent back to the grower under the restrictions?

- If a winery is in a yellow suspension zone and the grower is in a green zone, rejected wine grapes can only be returned if the grower is accredited. For further information, contact our Market Access team on **1800 255 556**.

Does it matter if grapes are hand-picked or machine-picked?

- No. The restrictions and requirements on growers are the same, no matter how fruit is picked, including the need for accreditation.

How does the 24 hour period to process wine grapes after delivery work?

- Once received at the winery, the receiving winery has 24 hours to process them.

Does crushing grapes prevent the spread of fruit fly?

- Yes. Fruit can be moved safely from a yellow suspension zone to a green zone if it is crushed, cooked, canned, dried, frozen, grated, pureed, or juiced.
- There are no restrictions on the movement of grape marc within or out of fruit fly affected areas.

Harvesting

If I harvest fruit in a yellow suspension zone and in a green zone, is washing my equipment enough to ensure fruit fly does not spread?

- Yes. You should clean your equipment between harvests to prevent the spread of fruit fly.