

Quarantine Regulations & Checkpoints

Travellers should be aware of the regulations and restrictions relating to the transporting of not only fruit, but items such as fruit boxes, honey, vegetables, etc, between states – and it does vary from state to state. In fact every state in Australia has some quarantine precautions and restrictions. Being forewarned will save you the expense of handing over a great load of fruit and vegetables at a quarantine checkpoint which you may have just recently purchased.

The best place to look for all the information on quarantine for travellers on all states is the **Quarantine Domestic** web site where you can check out each state and look at the *Travellers Guide to Interstate Quarantine*. From this site you can also download a copy of the same pamphlet, www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au/ – www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Australian-Interstate-Quarantine-A-Travellers-Guide.pdf.

You can also contact your state quarantine authorities through **Quarantine Domestic** on Freecall 1800 084 881, during business hours Monday to Friday.

Check what you're carrying. Penalties apply.

Below is a brief summary of the quarantine areas, regulations and checkpoints for each state, but **PLEASE** look at the **Quarantine Domestic** web site mentioned above before travelling. You'll also find relevant information on the web site at:

Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry in Australia www.agriculture.gov.au/home.

VIC/NSW/ACT

Primary Industries Agriculture

www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/pests-diseases-and-weeds/pest-insects-and-mites/queensland-fruit-fly/about-queensland-fruit-flies.

www.goulburnrivervalley.com.au/stakeholderinformation/are-you-giving-accurate-information-about-fruit-fly.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture.

<http://wilcanniatourism.com.au/article/heading-into-broken-hill-beware-fruit-fly-exclusion-zone>.

Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone (FFEZ) and Greater Sunraysia Pest Free Area (**PFA**). Part of the far west and most of the Murrumbidgee and Murray regions. Do not take fruit (including capsicum, chilli, tomato & eggplant) into the FFEZ or the PFA. For maps of the areas, check out the web sites: www.murrayriver.com.au/fruit-fly-free-zone/; <http://wilcanniatourism.com.au/article/heading-into-broken-hill-beware-fruit-fly-exclusion-zone>; <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/insects/qff/ez/nsw-vic-sa>.

Fruit fly checkpoints are located at **Renmark, Pinnaroo, Oodla Wirra and Ceduna**.

Northern Territory

Ti Tree Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone (FFEZ)

The Ti Tree FFEZ extends from Tennant Creek to Alice Springs. Do not take fruit (including capsicum, chilli, tomato, eggplant, cucumber, zucchini and squash) into the FFEZ.

www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au/destination-northern-territory.html.

Queensland

Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry www.daff.qld.gov.au/plants/moving-plants-and-plant-products/into-or-within-queensland.

www.daff.qld.gov.au/plants/moving-plants-and-plant-products/into-or-within-queensland/plant-quarantine-maps/pest-quarantine-areas.



You should contact the Dept on 13 25 23, or visit their web site, if you intend to travel with plants or plant products within Queensland.

In Cape York, just north of Coen, a quarantine checkpoint is manned to stop the spread of a number of exotic diseases, including the mango leaf hopper and the red banded mango caterpillar. There are generally no restrictions on root and leafy vegetables. You can contact the Coen DPI&F Information & Inspection on ph: (07) 4060 1135.

South Australian

Dept of Primary Industries and Resources SA

www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecuritysa/fruit_fly/fruit_fly.

www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecuritysa/planthealth/travellers/travelling_within_south_australia_to_the_riverland_region_fruit_fly_exclusion_zone.

www.pestfreearea.com.au/ (for Sunraysia)

It is illegal to carry fruit and vegetables across all borders into South Australia, unless they have been certified free of pests and diseases.

South Australian Quarantine roadblocks and honesty bins are strategically placed throughout South Australia. Mobile quarantine roadblocks operate on country roads.

Quarantine Checkpoints are located on the:

Sturt Highway at **Yamba** between Mildura and Renmark

Eyre Highway at **Ceduna** – for travellers coming in from Western Australia

Barrier Highway at **Oodla Wirra**

Mallee Highway between Murrayville and Pinnaroo

(Also see web sites for Vic/NSW/ACT.) Phone the **Fruit Fly Hotline** on 1300 666 010.

Tasmania

Dept of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

<http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity/quarantine-tasmania>.

Plant and animal quarantine examinations are conducted at all points of entry into Tasmania. 'On the spot' fines apply for both commercial and non-commercial imports.

Western Australia

Dept of Agriculture & Food - Quarantine WA www.agric.wa.gov.au/.

Quarantine Checkpoints are located at:

Eucla – The WA/SA border on the Eyre Highway has **very** stringent quarantine regulations for travellers entering WA. Travellers planning to head south or north before reaching Norseman, where you can purchase supplies, will need to plan their food supplies well. You cannot carry any fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, or honey.

For further information and current regulations contact the **Eucla Quarantine Checkpoint**, Eyre Highway, ph: (08) 9039 3227.

Kununurra – in far north of WA at the NT/WA border, on Highway 1 (Victoria Highway), also has very strict quarantine regulations. For further information and current regulations contact the **WA/NT Checkpoint**, ph: (08) 9168 7354.

Movement of plant products into and/or out of the following zones is regulated:

Ord River Irrigation Area – Uncertified citrus and stone fruit are prohibited entry into the Ord River Irrigation Area (Kununurra) from 1 April to 30 November. Check other fruit you are carrying, to reduce the risk of introducing fruit fly.

Kimberley region –The entry or taking delivery of hosts of the pest silverleaf whitefly is prohibited into the Shires of Broome and Wyndham East Kimberley from parts of Western Australia outside the Kimberley region, unless certified by Quarantine WA.