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Issued by the Minister under section 45 of the Act.

1. Citation

This management plan is the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Stable Fly) Management Plan 2016*.

2. Commencement

This management plan comes into operation as follows—

- (a) clauses 1 and 2—on the day on which this management plan is published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the management plan on the day after publication in the *Gazette*.—

3. Terms used

In this management plan—

approved measure means a measure that—

- (a) is approved by the Director General for the control of stable fly; and
- (b) is published on the department's electronic site.

approved pesticide means a chemical product that—

- (a) is effective for use in the control of Stable fly; and
- (b) is approved by, and registered with, the APVMA;

APVMA means the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority continued by the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992* (Commonwealth);

poultry means chickens, ducks, emus, geese, ostriches, turkeys, waterfowl and any other birds bred or kept for commercial purposes (other than for the purpose of sale as pets);

relevant land means land in an area described or set out in clause 4;

Stable fly means *Stomoxys calcitrans*.

4. Area to which management plan relates

This management plan relates to the areas of the State for which Stablefly is a declared pest¹.

5. Purpose of management plan

The purpose of this management plan is to provide for the control of Stable fly in each area to which this management plan relates.

6. Measures to be followed under management plan

The measures set out in clauses 7 to 10 are—

- (a) the prescribed control measures to control Stable fly to be taken, under section 30(2) of the Act, by the owner or other person in control, in an area for which Stable fly is a declared pest, of an organism or thing infested with Stable fly; and
- (b) the prescribed control measures to control Stable fly to be taken, under section 30(3) of the Act, by the owner or occupier of land in an area for which Stable fly is a declared pest, or a person who is conducting an activity on the land; and
- (c) the measures to be taken by a person who is directed under a pest control notice under section 31(1) of the Act to take the measures to control Stable fly required under this management plan.

7. Storage, use and transportation of commercially derived untreated poultry manure

(1) In this clause—

commercially derived untreated poultry manure means poultry manure, whether or not mixed with other materials, that—

- (a) is the result of a commercial poultry undertaking, including egg production through layer farming and meat production through broiler farming; and

¹ At the time of issue, this Management Plan relates to the Cities of Armadale, Cockburn, Joondalup, Kwinana, Rockingham, Swan and Wanneroo; the Shires of Capel, Chittering, Gingin, Harvey, Kalamunda and Sepentine-Jarrahdale; and the portion of the Shire of Murray described as the Harvey Coastal Plain Catchment State Planning Policy No. 2.

- (b) has not been treated by composting to the current Australian Standard 4454 or by means of an approved measure.
- (2) Commercially derived untreated poultry manure must not—
- (a) be stored or used on relevant land that is used for an agricultural activity; or
 - (b) be transported into or within an area to which this management plan relates
- unless with the prior approval of the Director General.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply to—
- (a) the storage of commercially derived untreated poultry manure at the place where it is produced for the purpose of composting to the current Australian Standard 4454 or treating the manure by means of an approved measure; or
 - (b) the temporary storage of commercially derived untreated poultry manure, at the place where it is produced, that is to be transported to—
 - (i) relevant land that is not used for an agricultural activity; or
 - (ii) an area to which this management plan does not relate; or
 - (c) the transportation of commercially derived untreated poultry manure to—
 - (i) relevant land that is not used for an agricultural activity; or
 - (ii) an area to which this management plan does not relate.

8. Cultivation and harvesting of annual fruits and certain vegetables

- (1) In this clause—
- fruit** does not include tomatoes or perennial fruits;
- vegetables** does not include—
- (a) beans; or
 - (b) capsicums (except paprikas); or
 - (c) cucumbers; or
 - (d) parsley; or
 - (e) potatoes; or
 - (f) spinach.
- (2) The measures set out in this clause apply to the commercial cultivation of fruit or vegetables on relevant land.
- (3) A crop of fruit or vegetables that has reached maturity must be either—
- (a) harvested as soon as is practicable for that type of fruit or vegetable; or
 - (b) as soon as is practicable, dealt with in accordance with subclauses (4) and (5) as if it had been completely harvested.
- (4) Within 3 days after a crop of fruit or vegetables has been harvested, any part of the crop that remains in or on the soil must be—
- (a) broken up into pieces with a high speed mulcher, flail mower or slasher (but not incorporated into the soil) and
 - (i) be treated with an approved pesticide; and
 - (ii) left undisturbed and unirrigated (except to the extent necessary to prevent wind erosion) for at least 7 days; and
 - (iii) after it has been left in accordance with paragraph (ii), be thoroughly incorporated into the soil with a rotary hoe or a similar device; or
 - (b) completely covered by more than 30cm of compacted soil by the means of appropriate machinery; or
 - (c) treated in accordance with an approved measure.
- (5) Fruit or vegetables that are not for human consumption, or are for any reason unsuitable for sale, must not remain on relevant land for more than 7 days after they are harvested unless they are
- (a) dealt with in accordance with subclause (4); or
 - (b) fed to stock in accordance with clause 10(2); or
 - (c) treated with an approved pesticide or by an approved measure and buried under at least 50 cm of soil.

9. Olive pressing

- (1) In this clause—
- olive pomace** means the residue left after pressing olives for olive oil.
- (2) Olive pomace must not be placed on relevant land unless the olive pomace is—
- (a) monitored at intervals of not less than 14 days for the presence of Stable fly; and
 - (b) unless dealt with in accordance with subclause (3), treated with an approved pesticide within 30 days of being placed on the land.
- (3) Any olive pomace on relevant land that is found to be infested with Stable fly must be immediately—
- (a) treated with an approved pesticide; and
 - (b) buried under at least 30 cm of soil.

10. Keeping stock

- (1) The measures set out in this clause apply to the keeping of stock for commercial purposes on relevant land, including the operation of a feedlot on relevant land.
- (2) Fruit or vegetables must not be fed to stock except—
- (a) in a trough; or
 - (b) by being spread thinly on the ground.
- (3) Any animal manure, soiled straw animal bedding, poultry litter or spilled grain feed that accumulates in an enclosure where stock are kept, and is not infested with Stable fly or Stable fly larvae, must be either—
- (a) monitored at intervals of not less than 7 days for the presence of Stable fly; or
 - (b) dealt with in accordance with subclause (4) as if it were infested with Stable fly.
- (4) Any animal manure, straw animal bedding, poultry litter or spilled grain feed on relevant land that is infested with Stable fly must immediately—
- (a) be collected into a heap or mound; and
 - (b) be treated with an approved pesticide and left undisturbed for two weeks; or
 - (c) be covered completely with plastic sheeting, and be kept covered until such time that it is not infested with Stable fly.

11. Repeal

- (1) The *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Stable Fly) Management Plan 2013*, published in the *Gazette* on 5 July 2013 is repealed.

D. NALDER, Minister for Agriculture and Food.

Date 17 August 2016.
