

## Note on Quarantine Issues – 10 August 2010

**Good news** – I can now confirm that I have received approval of a Variation of Import Requirement for daffodil blooms coming to TASDAFF 10 from **both New Zealand and from mainland Australian States**. Under this exemption the current fumigation requirements (2hrs methyl bromide fumigation) will **be waived and no treatment will be necessary, but all imported blooms will be opened and inspected once only by quarantine officers. This inspection will occur in Launceston** in a designated quarantine inspection room at St Ailbe's Hall. Blooms passing inspection will then be transferred directly to the main hall. Any blooms that fail inspection will be seized by Quarantine Tasmania and destroyed at the contestant's expense.

Each person from New Zealand and mainland Australian States registered for TASDAFF 10 will be able to import **up to 75 daffodil** blooms into Tasmania **in insect proof packages**. All packages imported through Launceston airport or the Devonport sea ferry terminal will be opened and inspected in the designated inspection room at St Ailbie's Hall in Launceston.

The inspections will involve payment of a quarantine charge and as a result this charge will be most economical if a number of exhibitors can have their boxes treated at the same time on Thursday afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. This will of course depend on aircraft flight times etc and may need to be adjusted accordingly.

At the end of the show all the daffodil blooms in Tasdaff competition, including those blooms benched by Tasmanian growers will be seized and destroyed by Quarantine Tasmania.

I will need to contact each competitor bringing blooms into Tasmania to enable me to prepare the *Notice of Intention (NoI) to Import Plants or Plant Products into Tasmania* which must be submitted to Quarantine Tasmania's Devonport and Launceston offices at least 24 hours before arrival of the first participant. This will include an attached list of participants, travel arrival details, the number of cut daffodil flowers each will import and their state or country of origin.

For your information a copy of the Exemption is attached. In relation to Schedule 3 IV I have been advised that consignments from New Zealand will not require any other documents.

Should you have any urgent questions on this matter please contact me  
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## EXEMPTION FROM CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF PRESCRIBED MATTER

### *Plant Quarantine Act 1997*

#### Section 99

I, Cindy Hanson, delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment and acting in accordance with section 99 of the *Plant Quarantine Act 1997* (the Act) hereby exempt the prescribed matter identified in Schedule 1 from compliance with those parts of the Act identified in Schedule 2. This exemption is subject to conditions specified in Schedule 3.

#### **Schedule 1** (prescribed matter excluded from compliance)

Cut flowers of daffodil (*Narcissus* spp.).

#### **Schedule 2** (exempted parts of the Act)

Those conditions and restrictions on the importation of prescribed matter imposed under section 68 of the Act established in clause I of "IR 19 - Hosts of Western Flower Thrips (*Frankliniella occidentalis* Pergande)", of the *Plant Quarantine Manual Tasmania 2010 Edition*.

#### **Schedule 3** (specified conditions)

The following conditions apply in respect of the Australasian Daffodil Championships (the event), 16-19 September, 2010, at St Ailbe's Hall, 46 Margaret St., Launceston:

- I. Each registered participant must import in a single consignment no more than 75 cut daffodil flowers; and
- II. A *Notice of Intention (NoI) to Import Plants or Plant Products into Tasmania* must be submitted to Quarantine Tasmania's Devonport and Launceston offices with an attached list of participants, arrival details, the number of cut daffodil flowers each will import and their state or country of origin at least 24 hours before arrival of the first participant; and
- III. Each consignment of cut daffodil flowers and a copy of this exemption must be presented to Quarantine Tasmania upon arrival; and
- IV. International participants must supply to Quarantine Tasmania documents indicating relevant Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service requirements have been met.
- V. Each consignment must be:
  - (a) Imported in fully sealed, insect proof packages;
  - (b) Deposited, in the unopened packages, at the designated inspection room at St Ailbe's Hall for quarantine inspection between 3-5pm, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010; and

- (c) If passing inspection, moved directly to the central display table of the exhibition space, for the duration of the event; and

*Any cut flowers that fail inspection will be seized by Quarantine Tasmania and destroyed at the contestant's expense.*

- VI.** ONLY cut flowers are allowed in the central display area ; and
- VII.** All cut daffodil flowers and other cut flowers must be disposed of in the quarantine bin provided for this purpose, either during or at the end of the event.

**NOTE:**

1. *Charges will be raised in relation to inspections, disposal and any other measures deemed appropriate by Quarantine Tasmania*
2. *Quarantine Tasmania will remove the quarantine bins and dispose of the blooms 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010.*



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