



Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Biosecurity Act 2014
Pursuant to chapter 6, part 4 *Biosecurity Act 2014*

Biosecurity instrument permit

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In pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Chief Executive for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries by the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, permission is granted to the Permit Holder to perform an activity or not perform an activity other than in compliance with the biosecurity instrument (biosecurity zone regulatory provisions) (described by reference to the relevant sections of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*) for the purpose and subject to the conditions (if any) set out below:

Permit Holder

Persons transporting fire ant carriers from City of Moreton Bay suburbs indicated in source location below, to the Upper Caboolture Transfer Station at 789 Caboolture River Road, Upper Caboolture, 4510. (Commercial customers excluded).

Term

This Permit has effect from 22 December 2023 and expires (unless earlier cancelled) on 28 June 2024.

Permit Holder location(s)

Suburbs indicated in source location below.

Purpose

Permit purpose - to allow the movement of a fire ant carrier that is free of live fire ants, to be transported directly from a place within City of Moreton Bay suburbs indicated in source location below to Upper Caboolture Transfer Station.

Stated biosecurity matter or carrier.

Fire ant carriers include.

- Soil
- animal manure
- material that is a product or by-product of mining or quarrying (e.g., chitters, coal fines, coal stone, decomposed granite, gravel, overburden)
- material that is a product or by-product of the processing of a plant, or something that comes from a plant (e.g., mulch, sawdust, green waste, compost, turf)
- hay.

Source location (provide all details that apply)

Caboolture South, Upper Caboolture, Caboolture, Morayfield, Burpengary, Burpengary East, Narangba, Bellmere and Deception Bay.

Destination location:

- Upper Caboolture Transfer Station at 789 Caboolture River Road, Upper Caboolture QLD 4510.

Conditions

1. Permit Holders and Caboolture waste management facility are not permitted to move a live fire ant and report any suspect ants to Biosecurity Queensland, as soon as practicable, but not more than 24 hours after becoming aware of their presence by calling 13 25 23.
2. Prior to movement of a fire ant carrier, a search for fire ants in the material to be moved must be conducted by the Permit Holder and any suspect ants must not be moved (refer to condition 1).
3. The Permit Holder must move the fire ant carrier directly from the original place in a MBRC suburbs indicated in source location on this permit to Caboolture waste management facility.
4. The stated carrier must be moved off-site, either:
 - a. Within 21 days of the initial mechanical disturbance process; or
 - b. If the carrier is to remain on the site for more than 21 days, it must undergo additional disturbance within 21 days prior to movement. The Final disturbance must occur at least 24 hours prior to the load out.Disturbance can be through any combination of turning, screening, crushing, shredding, chipping or washing.
5. Records to be kept of the disturbance applied at the site (including the details of the date of disturbance, type of disturbance applied and person who carried out the disturbance).
6. Caboolture waste management facility must ensure all machinery and equipment used for moving or processing the fire ant carrier must be free of the transported fire ant carrier before it leaves the waste facility.
7. Caboolture waste management facility and persons involved with moving the fire ant carrier material, prior to the movement, must have read and understood this permit to ensure all aspects of this permit are being followed.
8. A fire ant treatment plan must be implemented. This fire ant treatment plan must include:
 - a. a treatment regime where an insect growth regulator (IGR) fire ant bait must be applied to the storage areas of the carrier; and
 - b. records to be kept of any treatments applied to the site (including the details of the bait, date of treatment, application rates and person who applied the treatment). Refer to the chemical label of the product for instructions.
9. All chemical treatments must be applied in accordance with the conditions of the APVMA permits and in conjunction with the chemical product's label.
10. Records must be produced to a Biosecurity Queensland inspector upon request.
11. All records must be kept for a minimum of 2 years.
12. At all times during business hours, there must be a person on-site, who is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of the permit are being adhered to. This person must be able to clearly explain to a Biosecurity Queensland inspector the nature of the carrier movements from the site and the risk mitigation measures being undertaken to ensure compliance with the permit.
13. This permit is not transferable.
14. This permit does not remove, override, or negate other associated legislative obligations.
15. Biosecurity Queensland inspectors may at any time conduct compliance checks to verify that the conditions of this permit are being complied with.
16. This permit may be cancelled at any time in accordance with section 132(8) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

Offence warning

A person who holds a biosecurity instrument permit and who does not comply with the conditions of this biosecurity instrument permit, without reasonable excuse, commits an offence under section 133 (1) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The maximum penalty for an offence under this section is 2000 penalty units or one year's imprisonment.

A person who holds a biosecurity instrument permit and while acting, or purportedly acting, under the authority of the biosecurity instrument permit, without reasonable excuse, commits an offence under section 133 (2) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* if they do not carry the permit with the person. The maximum penalty for an offence under this section is 100 penalty units.

A person who holds a biosecurity instrument permit must, if asked to do so by an authorised officer, and unless the person has a reasonable excuse, produce the permit to the authorised officer for the authorised officer's inspection—

- (a) if the person is at the time of the request acting, or purportedly acting, under the authority of the permit—immediately; or
- (b) otherwise—within the shortest practicable time after the request is made.

A person who does not comply with this commits an offence under section 133 (3) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The maximum penalty for an offence under this section is 100 penalty units.

Inspector's authorisation



Tony Kelly
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National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program

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