

CONTROLLED AREA NOTICE FOR THE SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND MADE UNDER SECTION 131 OF THE BIOSECURITY ACT 1993.

Controlled Area, Movement Controls and Procedures in Respect of *Didymosphenia geminata*

Commencement

1. This Notice takes effect at 9am on 9 December 2005.

Declaration of Controlled Area

2. Under section 131(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, the area described in Schedule 1 is declared to be an area that is controlled for the purpose of limiting the spread of *Didymosphenia geminata* (Didymo), being an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993. This area is referred to as "the Controlled Area" in the rest of this notice.

Notice of Movement Controls

3. Under section 131(3)(a) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, notice is provided that movement from the Controlled Area to any river, stream or waterway outside the Controlled Area of the following things is prohibited, unless they have been treated in the manner required by the Chief Technical Officer:
 - Any water from rivers, streams or waterways within the Controlled Area, whether as a discrete item, mixed with other substances, contained inadvertently with other goods (such as wet clothes) or otherwise, and Didymo;
 - Machinery, craft, vehicles, equipment (including fishing equipment) and clothing (including footwear) whether for commercial or personal use that has been in contact with water from the rivers, streams or waterways within the Controlled Area or has Didymo on it;
 - Animals or plants (whether alive or dead), and any organic material from any animal or plant that has been in contact with water from the rivers, streams or waterways within the Controlled Area or has Didymo on it;
 - Inorganic material such as rock, gravel and soil that has been in contact with water from the rivers, streams or waterways within the Controlled Area or has Didymo on it;
 - Any other goods that have been in contact with water from the rivers, streams or waterways within the Controlled Area or has Didymo on it.

Notice of Treatment

4. Under section 131(1)(b) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 the treatment required by the Chief Technical Officer for things that are being moved from the Controlled Area to a river, stream or waterway outside the Controlled Area are set out in Schedule 2.

Information

5. Any person who wishes to obtain more information about the operation of this notice should telephone 0800 809 966. For guidelines on how to apply the treatment requirements to specific items go to www.biosecurity.govt.nz.

This declaration is made at Wellington this 2nd day of December 2005

Peter Scott Thomson
Chief Technical Officer
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

SCHEDULE 1 - CONTROLLED AREA

The Controlled Area is the whole of the land area of the South Island of New Zealand

SCHEDULE 2-TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS

Treatment requirements:

1. Before leaving the river, stream, or waterway remove all clumps of algae and leave them at the affected site. If you later find any, do not wash them down drains. Treat them with the approved cleaning methods below, dry them and put them in a rubbish bin.
2. Soak and scrub all items for at least one minute in either hot (60°C) water, or a two percent solution of household bleach or a five percent solution of salt, nappy cleaner, antiseptic hand cleaner or dishwashing detergent. A two percent solution is 200 ml, a five percent solution is 500 ml (two large cups), with water added to make 10 litres.
3. If cleaning is not practical (i.e. livestock), after the item is completely dry to touch, wait an additional 48 hours.

