

Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2007

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council and the concurrence of the Premier, has made the following Regulation under the *Agricultural Industry Services Act 1998*.

Minister for Primary Industries

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to remake, without substantial alteration, the *Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2002*. This Regulation will be repealed on 1 September 2007 by section 10 (2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

This Regulation establishes Riverina Citrus as an agricultural industry services committee. The Committee is established for growers of citrus fruit within the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (the "MIA"), other than those whose citrus fruit orchards have a total area of less than 2 hectares.

The Committee is constituted for the following agricultural industry services in relation to the MIA:

- (a) to contribute to the funding of fruit fly eradication programs,
- (b) to facilitate the adoption of orchard management practices aimed at improving citrus fruit production,
- (c) to obtain and disseminate information relevant to the citrus fruit industry, including the development of a forecasting service for production,
- (d) to contribute to promotional activities aimed at increasing the sale of citrus fruit,
- (e) to facilitate the development of new and existing export markets for citrus fruit,
- (f) to provide for communication between growers of citrus fruit in the MIA and government departments and agencies, public authorities and the general public.

The Committee is to consist of 9 members, of whom 3 are to be elected from the Northern District of the MIA, 3 are to be elected from the Southern District of the MIA, and 3 are to be appointed by the elected members.

This Regulation is made under the *Agricultural Industry Services Act 1998*, including sections 5, 6 and 51 (the general regulation-making power).

Part 1 – Preliminary

1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2007*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 September 2007.

This Regulation replaces the *Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2002* which is repealed on 1 September 2007 under section 10 (2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

3 Definitions

- (1) In this Regulation: "**citrus fruit**" means oranges (other than Seville oranges), grapefruit, lemons and mandarins. "**Committee**" means the agricultural industry services committee established by this Regulation under the corporate name of Riverina Citrus. "**Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA)**" means the area constituted by the local government areas of Carrathool, Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera. "**Northern District**" means that part of the MIA constituted by the local government areas of Carrathool and Griffith. "**Southern District**" means that part of the MIA constituted by the local government areas of Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera. "**the Act**" means the *Agricultural Industry Services Act 1998*.
- (2) Notes included in this Regulation do not form part of this Regulation.

4 Saving

Any act, matter or thing that, immediately before the repeal of the *Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2002*, had effect under (or was done for the purposes of) that Regulation continues to have effect under (or is taken to have been done for the purposes of) this Regulation.

Part 2 – Establishment and functions of Committee

5 Establishment of Committee

- (1) There is established by this Regulation, under section 5 (1) (a) of the Act, an agricultural industry services committee with the corporate name of Riverina Citrus.
- (2) The Committee is a continuation of the Committee established by the *Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2002*.

6 Class of primary producers for which Committee is constituted

The class of primary producers for which the Committee is constituted is growers of citrus fruit, other than those whose citrus fruit orchards have a total area of less than 2 hectares.

7 Area of operations

- (1) The area of operations for which the Committee is constituted is the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (the "**MIA**").
- (2) The Committee's area of operations comprises 2 electoral districts:
- (a) the Northern District, and
 - (b) the Southern District.

8 Commodities for which Committee is constituted

The commodity for which the Committee is established is citrus fruit.

9 Agricultural industry services of Committee

The agricultural industry services for which the Committee is established are as follows:

- (a) to contribute to the funding of fruit fly eradication programs in the MIA,
- (b) to facilitate, through research and technology transfer, the adoption of orchard management practices aimed at improving citrus fruit production within the MIA,
- (c) to obtain, analyse and disseminate information relevant to the citrus fruit industry, including the development of a forecasting service for citrus fruit production within the MIA,
- (d) to initiate, co-ordinate and contribute to promotional activities aimed at increasing the sale of citrus fruit grown in the MIA,
- (e) to facilitate the development of new and existing export markets for citrus fruit grown in the MIA,
- (f) to provide a point of access for communication between growers of citrus fruit in the MIA and:

- (i) Commonwealth government departments and public authorities, and
- (ii) State government agencies and public authorities, and
- (iii) the general public.

Part 3 – Other provisions relating to Committee

10 Membership of Committee

- (1) The Committee is to consist of 9 members, of whom:
 - (a) 3 are to be elected by such of the Committee's constituents as have the majority of their citrus fruit production in the Northern District, and
 - (b) 3 are to be elected by such of the Committee's constituents as have the majority of their citrus fruit production in the Southern District, and
 - (c) 3 are to be appointed by the elected members of the Committee by notice in writing lodged with the Director-General.
- (2) As far as practicable, each of the members referred to in subclause (1) (c) is to be appointed on the basis of:
 - (a) his or her expertise in one or more of the following fields:
 - (i) marketing,
 - (ii) management,
 - (iii) finance,
 - (iv) law,
 - (v) fruit processing, and
 - (b) his or her awareness of community issues.
- (3) Each member of the Committee holds office for a period not exceeding 3 years.
- (4) The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is 5 members, of whom a majority are elected members.

11 Voting entitlements of constituents

The voting entitlements of the Committee's constituents for polls and elections is one vote per constituent.

12 Quorum for meeting of constituents

The quorum for a meeting of the Committee's constituents is 30 constituents.

13 Financial year

The financial year of the Committee is the year ending on 30 April.

Historical notes

The following abbreviations are used in the Historical notes:

Am	amended	No	number	Schs	Schedules
Cl	clause	p	page	Sec	section
ClI	clauses	pp	pages	Secs	sections
Div	Division	Reg	Regulation	Subdiv	Subdivision
Divs	Divisions	Regs	Regulations	Subdivs	Subdivisions
GG	Government Gazette	Rep	repealed	Subst	substituted
Ins	inserted	Sch	Schedule		

Table of amending instruments *Agricultural Industry Services (Riverina Citrus) Regulation 2007 (408)*. GG No 108 of 31.8.2007, p 6019. Date of commencement,

1.9.2007, cl 2.