

Biosecurity in Protected Edibles Pest and disease emergency action checklist

- Quarantine the affected area – total exclusion until the problem is identified
- Inform PHSI if necessary
- Ensure workers have disposable protective clothing
- Keep access restricted to the absolute minimum number of people
- Protect other areas of the glasshouse with plastic sheeting
- Check all environmental control systems are functioning correctly
- Check nutrient solutions are within specified parameters
- Consult with agronomists and biochemical representatives
- Make use of biological or chemical controls
- Request emergency use for unapproved chemical products where applicable
- Make sure the affected area is worked last each day
- If the pest, disease, virus or viroid has become unmanageable then the crop must be destroyed
- If possible stop irrigation and allow plants to wilt before removal
- Take crops down as carefully as possible and place in sealed bins or bags
- Place protective clothing in sealed bags
- Carry bags carefully out of the glasshouse
- Burn or place waste in sealed bins a distance from the glasshouse and not upwind