

CONTROLLED AREA NOTICE UNDER SECTION 131 OF THE BIOSECURITY ACT 1993.

Controlled Area and Movement Controls in Respect of *Solenopsis invicta* (Red Imported Fire Ant)

Commencement

1. This Notice takes effect on and from Friday 23 June 2006.

Declaration of Controlled Area

2. Under section 131(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, I declare that the areas described in Schedule 1 are areas that are controlled for the purpose of limiting the spread of *Solenopsis invicta* (Red Imported fire Ant) being an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993. These areas are 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, I give notice that, except with the permission of an inspector or authorised person appointed under the Biosecurity Act 1993, the movement from or within the controlled area of the following things is prohibited:

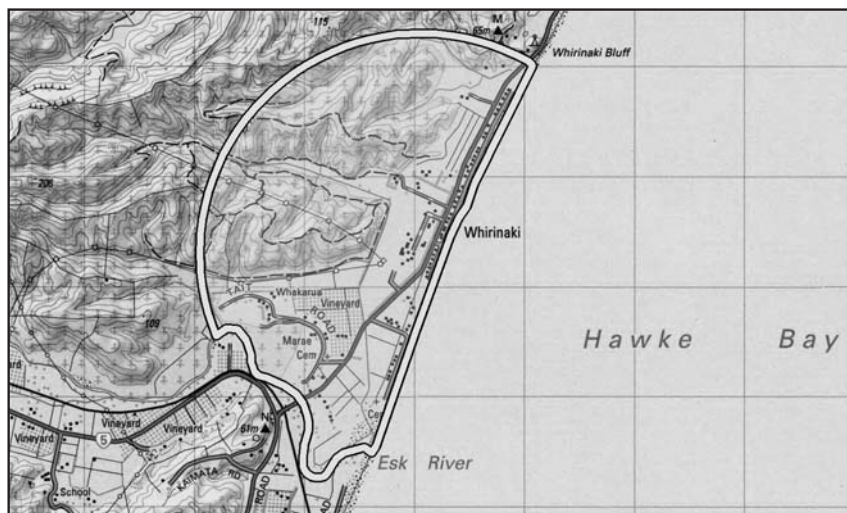
- *Solenopsis invicta* (Red Imported fire Ant);
 - soil;
 - gravel;
 - hay and silage;
 - plants, plant material, and garden waste (including compost);
 - goods, other than roadworthy vehicles, that have been outside in contact with soil for more than 24 hours;
 - firewood, bark, wood chips, and other wood products;
 - used electrical goods, other than small portable appliances.
4. Things listed in clause 3 that enter the controlled area and that proceed directly through the controlled area and do not come into contact with the ground are exempt from this notice.
 5. The collection of rubbish on a regular basis by a municipal authority is exempt from this notice.
 6. The ban on movement within the controlled area does not apply to the movement of things within a single property.

Schedule 1 – Description of Controlled Area

The controlled area is the area described below:

The area of land located at Whirinaki that is bounded to the south by the Esk River and is otherwise within a 2 kilometre radius of the nest site at Global Positioning System location NZMG x 2845052, NZMG y 6195300; being approximately that area south of Whirinaki Bluff, north of the Esk River and 2 kilometres west of the Hawkes Bay Coast.

Schedule 2 – Map of Controlled area



Notes for Information

Any person who wishes to obtain a permission to move anything in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this Notice should telephone 0800 – 809966.

Signed at Wellington this 23rd day of June.

Chief Technical Officer
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry