Emergency Plant Pest or **EPP** is a Plant Pest that has met one or more of the following criteria:

- It is a known exotic Plant Pest the economic consequences of an Incident of which would be economically or otherwise harmful for Australia, including without limitation the Plant Pests listed in Parts 1.2 to 1.5 inclusive of Schedule 13, and for which it is considered to be in the regional and national interest to be free of the Plant Pest.
- (b) It is a variant form of an established Plant Pest which can be distinguished by appropriate investigative and diagnostic methods, and which if established in Australia, would have a regional and national impact.
- (c) It is a serious Plant Pest of unknown or uncertain origin which may, on the evidence available at the time, be an entirely new Plant Pest or one not listed in **Schedule 13** and which if established in Australia would have an adverse economic impact regionally and nationally.
- (d) It is a Plant Pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there or widely distributed and being officially controlled,, but is occurring in such a fulminant outbreak form, that an emergency response is required to ensure that there is not either a large scale epidemic of regional and national significance or serious loss of market access.

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