Northern Territory Primary Industry Minister, Kon Vatskalis, has signed off on a gazettal notice under the Plant Disease Control Act, prohibiting the importation or introduction of citrus fruit grown in Queensland.

The move follows confirmation of a Citrus Canker outbreak on a commercial citrus property near Emerald, Queensland.

In co-ordination with all other jurisdictions, the Northern Territory is taking action to reduce the risk of spread of the potentially serious citrus disease.

Queensland has already banned the export of all citrus fruit.

Northern Territory industry stakeholders have been kept informed of the developments, as have all wholesalers and supermarkets.

A survey of stores in the Northern Territory has been undertaken. No fruit from the infected QLD farm has been sent to the Territory.

For more information and a direct link to the national site please go to www.dpi.qld.gov.au/health