



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

### **DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION – Venom Supplies 2020-2023**

I, Laura Timmins, Senior Director of the Wildlife Trade Office, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- (a) having considered any comments that were given in response to an invitation under section 303FR(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (the **EPBC Act**); and
- (b) being satisfied as to the matters set out in section 303FN of the EPBC Act,

declare that the operation to commercially export snake venom, blood and body parts by Venom Supplies Pty Ltd of South Australia, is an **approved small-scale wildlife trade operation** for the purposes of section 303FN of the EPBC Act.

The operation is subject to the declaration in paragraph 1 only:

- (a) for a period of three years from the date of publication on the Federal Register of Legislation;
- (b) while the conditions specified in the Schedule to this Declaration are complied with.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020

.....Laura Timmins.....

**Delegate of the Minister for the Environment**

A person whose interests are affected by this declaration may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for the reasons for the decision.

An application for independent review of the decision (under section 303GJ(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), on payment of the relevant fee (currently \$884 or reduced fee where applicable due to financial hardship) by the applicant, either within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this declaration if reasons for the decision are not sought. Applications should be made to the Deputy Registrar, AAT in your capital city. Please visit the AAT's website at <http://www.aat.gov.au/> for further information. You may make an application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) to access documents relevant to this decision. For further information, please visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/foi/index.html>. Further inquiries should be directed to the Director, Wildlife Trade Assessments Section, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, by email [wta@awe.gov.au](mailto:wta@awe.gov.au) or telephone (02) 6274 1900 (option 2).

## SCHEDULE

### Declaration of Venom Supplies as an approved wildlife trade operation, November 2020

#### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting and export of snakes under this operation:

##### Condition 1

The operation is undertaken in accordance with the proposal submitted by Venom Supplies, 3 August 2020 and updated 27 August 2020 for the harvest of Australian native snakes (except those listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 as threatened (excluding the conservation dependent category).

##### Condition 2

The operation is required to comply with all relevant state or territory legislation, including the maintenance of any licenses required to undertake the operation.

##### Condition 3

Initially only the following specimens are eligible for export:

- specimens derived from exotic snake species listed in the proposal
- specimens derived from Australian native species listed in the proposal and harvested from South Australia under relevant state licence(s), and
- specimens derived from first-generation captive-bred progeny of specimens harvest from South Australia and Queensland under relevant state licence(s),

Specimens from species harvested from other Australian states and territories may only be exported with the prior approval of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

Applications for the inclusion of snakes harvest from additional Australian states and territories to the operation must include, but are not limited to:

- supplier details
- harvest location
- intended harvest numbers (by species); and
- copies of any required harvest permits issued by the jurisdiction of collection

##### Condition 4

All species identified on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and all species listed as threatened under the EPBC Act are excluded from this operation.

##### Condition 5

Accurate up-to-date records must be maintained in accordance with the requirements of the state regulatory body in which the collection occurs and include all information necessary for the reporting outlined in Condition 6. If requested, these records will be made available to the Department in a timely manner.

## **Condition 6**

An annual report must be provided to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment 12 months to the day of the declaration's registration on the Federal Register of Legislation. This report will cover the preceding 12 months. Annual reports must include, but are not limited to:

- The number of specimens harvested (by species, harvest area and supplier) in the previous 12 months
- The number of specimens exported (by species, harvest area and supplied) in the previous 12 months
- Any changes to the management regime of the operation and relevant State or Territory regulation.