

# STATUTORY RULES.

## No. 4 of 1923.

Made under the *Plants' Diseases Ordinance, 1911-1913.*

### *Citation.*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Plants' (Importation) Regulations, 1923.*

### *Interpretation.*

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise indicates—

“Importer” includes the person who introduces any plant or the consignee of any plant.

“Plants” means trees or plants and includes cuttings and slips of trees and plants and all live parts of trees or plants.

### *Repeal.*

3. All regulations heretofore made under the *Plants' Diseases Ordinance, 1911-1913,* are repealed.

### *Duty of Importer of Plants.*

4. (1) The importer or intending importer of any plants shall, before the plants are introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the Principal Officer of Customs at a Port of Entry of the fact that such plants are intended to be introduced into the Territory by him.

- (2) The importer shall thereafter cause the plants and the boxes, bags and wrappings in, which they are contained to be placed in the tent provided for the purpose of fumigation or to such other structure as the Principal Officer of Customs may direct and in such manner as such Officer shall approve.

### *Fumigation of Plants.*

5. Such plants together with boxes, bags and wrappings in which they are contained shall then be fumigated by the method provided by the Director of Agriculture, under the supervision of the Principal Officer of Customs or such officer as he may appoint, before the same are removed.

### *No removal of Plants before Fumigation.*

6. No person shall remove the plants boxes or the bags or wrappings, in which they are contained from the tent or structure in which they have been so placed for the purpose of fumigation, until after they have been fumigated as provided by these Regulations.

*Importation of Cotton Seed.*

7. No Cotton seed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory unless—

- (1) The importer or intending importer shall, before the cotton seed introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the Principal Officer of Customs at a Port of Entry of the fact that such cotton seed is intended to be introduced into the Territory by him; and
- (2) The importer or intending importer furnishes such Principal Officer of Customs with a certificate from some responsible Officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Queensland —
  - (a) That the cotton seed has been examined and fumigated by expert officers of the Department of Agriculture concerned; or
  - (b) that the cotton seed has been examined by expert officers of the Department of Agriculture concerned and that it is free from disease.

Provided that in cases where cotton seed is imported by and consigned to the Government the Director of Agriculture on being satisfied, in such manner as seems to him sufficient, that the cotton seed has been properly fumigated in Queensland before shipment or that it is free from disease may, in writing, authorize the Principal Officer of Customs to permit the landing and delivery of the cotton seed without requiring the production of any such certificate.

*Penalties.*

8. If any person commits a breach of any of these Regulations he shall be liable on conviction in a summary way to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds and the plants, boxes, bags and wrappings, or any of them in respect of which such breach was committed may be seized and destroyed by any Officer of Customs.

Made in Executive Council this twenty-eighth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

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Acting Clerk of Executive Council.

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