



DOMESTIC PLANT QUARANTINE REGULATIONS 1993

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Queen's Representative

ORDER IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

At Avarua, Rarotonga, this 1st day of November 1993

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE
IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

PURSUANT to Section 14 of the Plants Act 1973, the Queen's Representative, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations:

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REGULATIONS

1. Title (1) These regulations shall be cited as the Domestic Plant Quarantine Regulations 1993.

2. Interpretation (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Inspector" means an Inspector appointed pursuant to the Plants Act 1973;
"Nursery stock" means propagative material of any kind or species of plant, and includes any vegetable used for propagation; but does not include any vegetable, fruit or seed;
"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, terms and expressions used in these regulations shall have the same meaning as in the Plants Act 1973.

3. Movement of nursery stock within the Cook Islands prohibited without approval - No person shall move, transport, ship, or introduce from any island in the Cook Islands to any other island within the Cook Islands, any nursery stock or plant material, without first obtaining the approval of an Inspector.

4. Nursery stock to be treated - (1) All nursery stock or plant material submitted to an Inspector under regulation 3 of these regulations for movement to any island within the Cook Islands shall be subject to such treatment as may be prescribed by the Secretary from time to time.

(2) The Inspector shall issue a certificate or label for every nursery stock or consignment of nursery stock treated pursuant to sub-clause (1) of this regulation.

(3) The onus shall be on the owner to obtain and to ensure that the certificate specified in sub-clause (2) of this regulation accompanies the nursery stock.

5. Nursery stock may be seized - Any nursery stock moved to any island within the Cook Islands which is not accompanied by a certificate issued pursuant to these regulations may be seized, by an Inspector.

6. Offences - (1) Every person who introduces any nursery stock or propagative plant material to any island within the Cook Islands contrary to these regulations commits an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

(2) The Court may, in addition to a fine order the forfeiture of the nursery stock or plant material to the Crown, for treatment or destruction as the Court thinks fit.

T. Bishop
Clerk of the Executive Council

These Regulations are administered by the Ministry of Agriculture