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SUMMARY OF THE “PLANTENBESCHERMINGSVERORDENING 1965”

(PLANT PROTECTION ORDINANCE 1965) OF SURINAME

PURPOSE

To prevent and control pest and diseases in crops.

To protect cultivated crops against the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases.

CHAPTER 1

Definitions and general provision

ARTICLE 1

The following definitions apply :

Importation:

The bringing of goods into the territory, including the territorial waters, of Suriname, for use, sale, or transit to other countries, except goods remaining on ship or aircraft if these do not remain longer than 12 hours within Suriname territory;

Goods:

Those materials indicated under Articles 111 and 1V;

Importer:

The natural or legal person in whose name the importation takes place, or the person responsible for the importation;

Protected area:

A district or part thereof, proclaimed protected zone under article 1X;

Designated Crop:

A crop designated under article 1X in a protected area:

Cultural measure:

A measure as specified under article X111;

Transit:

The bringing in, transportation, unloading, trans loading or storage in a protected zone of goods from elsewhere:

Transport:

Any moving of goods in a protected area (by land, water or air);

Minister:

The minister of Agriculture, Husbandry, and Fisheries;

Director:

The director of Agriculture, Husbandry, and Fisheries;

Plant parts:

Untreated, unprocessed agricultural and forestry products;

Pests:

Invertebrate animals injurious to plants and noxious weeds.

ARTICLE 11

Ministerial promulgations under the provisions of this ordinance will be published in the Official Gazette.

CHAPTER 11

Import provisions

ARTICLE 111

1. Except if stated otherwise in this ordinance, importation of the following is prohibited; plants, plant parts, untreated soil, packing material used for plants and plant parts; used empty bags.
2. The Minister may prohibit the importation of any other goods contaminated, or believed to be so, by harmful plant pests and diseases.

ARTICLE IV

1. Unless the Minister specifies otherwise, the import prohibitions do not apply to:
 - a. Commercial shipments of deep frozen fruits and vegetables;
 - b. Shipments accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate in a conformity with the International Plant protection Convention 1951.
2. Unless the Minister specifies otherwise, the prohibition to import used empty bags does not apply to consignments accompanied by a certificate stating that the bags have been disinfected or fumigated satisfactorily prior to dispatch.

ARTICLE V

The Director or his representative may grant exemptions of the prohibitions under Article 111 for each separate shipment, and may prescribe certain conditions of entry.

ARTICLE VI

1. Goods enterable under Article IV and V are allowed only through designated points of entry and in conformity with the local regulations.
2. All consignments are subject to inspection and inspection certificate is issued .
3. Inspection fees may be prescribed. Designation and opening of packed goods must be done by the importer or his representative . No compensation is given for samples taken away for investigation.
4. The Director or his representative may prescribe how goods will be stored pending their approval and release.
5. Only approved goods for which the inspection fee has been paid, may be released.
6. Approved or released goods may be subject to reinspection if judged necessary, but in this case inspection fee will not be required.

ARTICLE V11

1. Any treatment or handling to disinfect or re-disinfect goods , method and time limit may be prescribed depending on the results of inspection.
2. After treatment , goods will be reinspected before release conform article V1. costs of treatment administrated by the government should be paid for in advance by the importer.
3. Treatments are at the risk of the importer.

ARTICLE V111

1. Goods mentioned in Article 111, imported in contravention of this Ordinance may be destroyed without compensation for the importer.
2. The above-mentioned paragraph also applies to goods imported in virtue of article 1V or V but which :
 - a. do not comply with the prescribed conditions of entry;
 - b. are not stored conform Article V1 paragraph 4.
 - c. have not been treated as prescribed conform Article V11, paragraph 1;
 - d. have been released without approval.
3. Goods imported in virtue of Article 1V or V, but which do not fall under paragraph 2 of this Article, may be destroyed if judges necessary by the Minister. In such a case a reasonable compensation may be given.

CHAPTER 111

Transportation and transit through a protected area

ARTICLE 1X

In order to prevent and control plant pests and diseases, a district or part thereof may be proclaimed a protected area for a given period of time for designated crops.

ARTICLE X

All transportation and transit in a protected area of plants and plant parts of a designated crop, and packing materials used for these, is prohibited.

ARTICLE X1

1. The Director may grant exemptions of article X, considering each consignment separately, and may prescribe certain conditions.
2. A special permit will be issued.
3. Goods not accompanied by a permit will not be considered exempt.

ARTICLE X11

Goods referred to in Article X may be destroyed without compensation if not accompanied by the permit mentioned in Article X1 or if they do not comply with the prescribed conditions.

CHAPTER 1V

CULTURAL MEASURES

ARTICLE X111

1 Scientifically tested and economically sound measures which may be considered applicable in a protected area for the control or reduction of the risk of spread of pests and diseases of a designated crop, and the methods to apply these measures, may be indicated by state decision.

2. The above-mentioned measures may include cleaning, removal or destruction of sick or affected plants, application of pesticides, temporary flooding of land or any other measure necessary to obtain healthy cultivations of the designated crop.

ARTICLE X1V

In a protected area, designated crops may only be grown if the cultural measures declared applicable by the Minister are carried out.

ARTICLE XV

Kind and size of cultivations of designated crops in a protected area must be declared by the growers according to certain rules to be established by the District Commissary.

ARTICLE XV1

The cultural measures declared applicable in virtue of Article XIV must be carried out by growers of designated crops in a protected area within a reasonable period of time after notification by the District Commissary. In special cases the state may subsidize or assist in any other way in the application of the cultural measures.

ARTICLE XV11

If measures are not carried out conform Article XV1, the state may have the measures carried out at the expenses of the grower.

ARTICLE XV111

1. In urgent cases the cultural measures declared applicable under Article XIV, may be carried out directly by the state.
2. In that case, the contribution of the growers may be fixed up to half of the real costs incurred by the state.

CHAPTER V

PENALTIES

ARTICLE XIX

1. The person that imports, or accepts, transports, or trades after importation, any plants, plant parts or goods which he may reasonably know to be contaminated with injurious agricultural pests or diseases, will be punished by imprisonment not exceeding four years.
2. The person who acts according to a permit extended by the Minister and complies with the conditions indicated on the permit, is not punishable.
3. In case of conviction, the prohibited goods may be confiscated .
4. In case of release from prosecution, the goods may be ordered to be destroyed or treated against compensation.

ARTICLE XX

1. Any person who imports or accepts, transports, keeps or trades materials in violations of Article 111, will be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six month or a fine not exceeding two thousand guilders.
2. Other violations are punished by imprisonment not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding one thousand guilders. These violations include the obstruction or

impeding of enforcement of this ordinance; non compliance with Article V1, paragraph 1 & 4; Article V11, paragraph 1, Article V1, paragraph 10& 11; Article XV and XV1, paragraph 1.

ARTICLE XX111

Persons authorized by the Minister, customs and police at all times have access to all carriers, buildings, spaces whether or not closed, where violations of this ordinance are suspected.

ARTICLE XXV

1. The ordinance may be referred to as the “Plantenbeschermingsverordening 1965”(the Plant Protection Ordinance 1965)

This supersedes the order of 30th august 1916 (G.b. 1918 No. 51) and of 28th September 1928(G.B 1929 No. 31)

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