

Procedures to be followed

when a new pest/regulated pest of plants has been detected in South Africa

1. Any user of land and/or land owner including any individual, municipal authorities, traditional authorities, community members, farmers, fruit and vegetable industries, universities and other affected role players in the Republic of South Africa must immediately notify the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform (DALRRD) of any suspected occurrence or detection of a new pest/ regulated pest/s in their area.
2. The above triggers the required regulatory actions and DALRRD shall launch an investigation to determine whether the detected pest is a regulated pest or not.
3. If the detected pest is not a regulated pest, the land user/owner shall be notified.
4. If the detected pest is regulated in terms of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No.36 of 1983) and is a quarantine pest, the area concerned shall be declared a quarantine area by the executive officer of the said Act. The DALRRD shall initiate awareness actions in collaboration with the land owners/users and other role players within the affected area on the appropriate management practices for the regulated pest.
5. The land user/ owner of the affected land shall be served with an official order in terms of Section 7 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983).
6. The land user/ owner of the affected land shall be advised accordingly about the phytosanitary control measures to be complied with in terms of Section 6 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983) as prescribed by the official order served.
7. The prescribed measures may include specific management practices to control the pest and prohibition of movement of host plants or plant products in and out of the area concerned as per the official order served.

NB: The above measures will assist in protecting our plant and plant resources against phytosanitary pests in order to maximise crop yield and to safeguard our export markets.

To report occurrence or suspected occurrence of the pest contact:	For inspection and removal permit contact:	For awareness and promotion contact:
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Bactrocera dorsalis.
Photo courtesy: Bob Copeland



Fall armyworm (larva)
Photo courtesy: Desiree van Heerden



Banana Bunchy Top Virus symptoms (Typical dwarfed, upright growth and bunched at the top)
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