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**AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT, 1983 (ACT 36 OF 1983)****CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO COTTON**

I, Gert Jeremias Kotze, Deputy Minister of Agricultural Economics, acting on behalf of the Minister of Agricultural Economics under section 6 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act 36 of 1983), hereby prescribe the control measures set out in the Schedule with regard to cotton.

**G.J. KOTZE,**  
**Deputy Minister of Agricultural Economics.**

**SCHEDULE****Definitions**

1. Any word or expression in this Schedule to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates\_\_\_

"cotton plants" means plants of *Gossypium hirsutum* L. and *G. barbadense* L.;

"cotton field" means any piece of land on which cotton is planted;

"host plants" means cotton plants growing outside a cotton land, and any other plant that, in the opinion of the executive officer, serves or could serve as host for the insect *Apion soleatum*;

"the Act" means the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act 36 of 1983); and

"top growth" means those portions of cotton plants that are more than 100 mm above the soil surface.

**Obligation relating to the destruction of top growth**

2. Each user of land in the area specified in column 1 of Table 1 shall annually not later than the date specified in column 2 of the said Table opposite thereto, destroy all top growth in cotton fields on the land in respect of which he is the user by cutting or chopping such top growth off at a height of 100 mm or less above the soil surface.

**Obligation relating to the prevention of aerial regrowth**

3. Each user of land in the area specified in column 1 of Table 1 shall annually during the period specified in column 3 of the said Table opposite thereto keep all cotton plants in cotton fields on the land in respect of which he is the user, and all stubbles left on such cotton fields after the destruction of top growth as contemplated in clause 2, free of aerial regrowth.

**Obligation relating to the destruction of cotton plants and host plants**

4. Each user of land in the area specified in column 1 of Table 2 shall annually not later than the date specified in column 2 of the said Table opposite thereto, destroy

all cotton plants in cotton fields on the land in respect of which he is the user, and all host plants growing within 100 metres of any such cotton land, by lifting it and thereafter burning it.

**Prohibition relating to the keeping, planting and cultivation of cotton plants and host plants**

5. No land user in the area specified in column 1 of Table 2 shall during the period specified in column 3 of the said Table opposite thereto, keep, plant or cultivate any cotton plant or host plant on the land in respect of which he is the user, or permit it to be kept, planted or cultivated there.

**TABLE 1**

AREAS IN WHICH AND PERIODS DURING WHICH THE DESTRUCTION OF TOP GROWTH AND THE PREVENTION OF REGROWTH ARE COMPULSARY

Description of area	Date on which top growth has to be destroyed	Period during which cotton plants and stubbles have to be kept free of regrowth
1	2	3
1. Orange Free State	15 Aug.	15 Aug.-15 Sept.
2. Cape Province	15 Aug.	15 Aug.-15 Sept.
3. Transvaal excluding the following magisterial district: Barberton, Caroline, Ermelo, Letaba, Nelspruit, Pilgrim's Rest, Piet Retief, White River	1 Sept.	15 Aug.-15 Sept.
4. Natal excluding the following magisterial districts: Ngotshe, Paulpietersburg, Ubombo	1 Sept.	15 Aug.-15 Sept.

**TABLE 2**

AREAS WITHIN WHICH THE DESTRUCTION OF COTTON PLANTS AND HOST PLANTS ARE COMPLUSARY AND THE KEEPING, PLANTING AND CULTIVATION THEREOF IS PROHIBITED

Description of area	Date on which cotton plants and host plants have to be destroyed	Period during which the keeping, planting and cultivation of cotton plants and host plants are prohibited
1	2	3
The following magisterial district: Barberton, Caroline, Ermelo, Letaba, Nelspruit, Ngotshe, Paulpietersburg; Pilgrim's Rest, Piet Retief, Ubombo, White River	1 Aug.	1 Aug.-30 Sept."

