

**PLANT PROTECTION (CONTROL OF BLACK
SIGATOKA DISEASE) (TOBAGO) ORDER**

made under section 4A

WHEREAS by the Plant Protection (Declaration of Notifiable Disease) Order, *Mycosphaerella fijiensis* (Black Sigatoka) disease was declared a notifiable disease:

And whereas it is necessary to take certain precautions to prevent the spread of that disease to Tobago:

Now, therefore, the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 4A(*b*), (*e*) and (*g*) of the Act, hereby orders as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Plant Protection (Control of Black Sigatoka Disease) (Tobago) Order.
2. For the purpose of controlling the spread of the Black Sigatoka Disease to Tobago, the Minister hereby—
 - (a) prohibits, controls or restricts the transportation of any part of the *Musa* plant, with the exception of treated fruits and planting material, outside of the boundaries as defined in the Schedule (hereinafter called the “declared boundaries”); and
 - (b) directs that the following precautions be taken in cases where fruits and planting material are to be transported to Tobago:
 - (i) the leaves of bananas and plantain plants shall not be used as packing material;
 - (ii) leaves and leaf material shall not be transported outside the declared boundaries;
 - (iii) all planting material of banana and plantain plants, which is being moved between Trinidad and Tobago, shall be free of leaves;
 - (iv) all planting material, which is being moved between Trinidad and Tobago, shall be treated in the manner advised by the Plant Pathologist; and
 - (v) fruits which are to be transported outside of the declared boundaries shall be dipped in a 0.5 sodium hypochlorite solution for three minutes.
3. (1) This Order applies only to plants of the banana and plantain family (*Musa* species) and includes the “moko” variety.
(2) This Order does not apply to ornamental types of the banana and plantain family.

SCHEDULE

That area of land in the Ward of Cedros in the County of St. Patrick in the island of Trinidad and bounded on the North by the Gulf of Paria, on the South by the Columbus Channel, on the East by Chatham Road and on the West by the Serpent's Mouth (sea).

Application of
Order.