

8.2 Pest and Quality Control

THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACT, 1914 (Act No. II of 1914)

An Act to prevent the introduction into Bangladesh of any insect, fungus or other pest, which is or may be destructive to crops.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (a) "crops" includes all agricultural or horticultural crops and all trees, bushes or plants;

(c) "infection" means infection by any insect, fungus or other pest injurious to a crop.

3.(1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, prohibit or regulate, subject to such restrictions and conditions as it may impose, the import into Bangladesh, or any part thereof, or any specified place therein, of any article or class of articles likely to cause infection to any crop or of insects generally or any class of insects.

(2) A notification under this section may specify any article or class of articles or any insect or class of insects either generally or in any particular manner, whether with reference to the country of origin, or the route by which imported or otherwise.

4. A notification under section 3 shall operate as if it had been issued under section 16 of the Customs Act, 1969, and the officers of Customs at every Port shall have the same powers in respect of any article with regard to the importation of which such a notification has been issued as they have for the time being in respect of any article the importation of which is regulated, restricted or prohibited by the Customs Act, 1969.

5.(1) The Government may make rules for the detention, inspection, disinfection or destruction of any insect or class of insects or of any article or class of articles in respect of which a notification has been issued under section 3 or of any article which may have been in contact or proximity thereto, and for regulating the powers and duties of the officers whom it may appoint in this behalf.

(2) In making any rule under this section the Government may direct that a breach thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand Taka.