

BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 98 of 2004

ORDER made by the Belize Agriculture Health Authority with the approval of the Minister responsible for Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 35 (a) and (f) of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and all other powers thereunto it enabling.

(Gazetted 22nd May, 2004.)

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**QUARANTINE PEST (THRIPS PALMI)
ORDER, 2004.**

2. (1) The *thrips palmi* (*karny*) commonly known as the melon thrips is hereby declared to be a quarantine pest for the purposes of section 35 (a) and (f) of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act.

Quarantine
pest.
CAP. 211.

- (2) The description of the pest and the plants on which it feeds are set out in the First Schedule hereto.

First
Schedule.

3. (1) A person shall -

Restrictions
on
importation,
sale, etc. of
restricted
articles.

- (a) immediately notify the Belize Agricultural Health Authority of the presence or suspected presence of the *thrips palmi* pest in any area,

(b) not possess, carry, or import any plant material, cut flowers or plant products from infested areas without the prior written approval of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.

**Second
Schedule.**

2. The regions specified in the Second Schedule hereto are deemed to be infested areas for the purposes of sub-paragraph 1 (b) of this Order.

Commencement.

4. This Order shall come into force on the 3rd day of May, 2004.

MADE by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority this 3rd day of May, 2004.



(NERIE SANZ)

Managing Director

Belize Agricultural Health Authority

APPROVED by the Minister responsible for Agriculture this 3rd day of May, 2004.



(SERVULO BAEZA)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

FIRST SCHEDULE**[Paragraph 2(2)]****DESCRIPTION OF PEST AND PLANTS ON WHICH IT FEEDS**

The adult pest scientifically known as *thrips palmi* (Karny) or commonly known as the melon thrips is pale yellow or whitish in colour, having numerous dark hairs on the body and measuring 0.8 - 1.0 mm in length.

The pest feeds on many plant species ranging from vegetables of the cucumber and tomato families to other crops and flowering plants such as avocado, citrus, cotton, mango, peach, plum, soybean, tobacco, carnation, chrysanthemum and hibiscus.

SECOND SCHEDULE**[Paragraph 3 (1) (b)]**

Africa

Tropical Areas of Asia

Australia

Caribbean

Campeche

Central America

Florida

South America