
CHAPTER 34
AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE

Subsidiary Legislation

ORDERS

(Section 2)

**THE SOUTH AMERICAN LEAF BLIGHT OF HEVEA
(EXCLUSION) RULES**

(Section 21(a)* of Cap 35)

* Note - Notwithstanding the repeal of section 21(a) of Cap 35 by section 9 of Act No 13 of 1982 the South American Leaf Blight of Hevea (Exclusion) Rules (P 3310 of 1969 Revised Edition) shall continue to have effect as if they were made under section 2 of this Chapter.

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1. These Rules may be cited as the South American Leaf Blight of Hevea (Exclusion) Rules.

2. In these Rules—

"the American tropics" means those parts of the continent of America, including adjacent islands, which are bounded by the Tropic of Capricorn (latitude 23¹/₂° S) and the Tropic of Cancer (latitude 23¹/₂° N) and the meridians of longitude 30° W and 120° W, and includes the part of Mexico north of the Tropic of Cancer;

"Competent Authority" means such person appointed by the Minister for the purposes of these Rules;

"the Region" comprises the territories in South East Asia east of the western border of Pakistan and South of the Himalayas, the southern border of China and the northern border of the Philippines, and all those territories in the Pacific Ocean, the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean, situated wholly or partly in the area bounded by longitudes 100° East and 165° West and latitudes 15° North and 20° South but excluding Australia.

3. The importation into Solomon Islands of any plant or plants of the genus Hevea from outside the Region is hereby prohibited, unless—

(a) the importation is made for scientific purposes; and

(b) written permission has been granted for each consignment of plant or plants by the Competent Authority and the importation is in accordance with such special conditions as may be imposed by the Competent Authority in granting such permission; and

(c) the plant or plants have been disinfected and freed of any original soil in the country of origin in a manner acceptable to the Competent Authority and are free from pests and diseases, and each consignment of plant or plants is accompanied or covered by a certificate to the effect that the above requirements have been fulfilled and signed by an appropriate authority in the country of origin; and
(d) each consignment is addressed to and is received by the Competent Authority.

4. The importation into Solomon Islands of any plant or plants of the genus *Hevea* capable of further growth or propagation (excluding seed) from the American tropics or from any other country in which South American leaf blight (*Microcyclus ulei*) is present is hereby prohibited, unless in addition to the requirements of rule 3 above, at a place approved by the Competent Authority and situated outside the Region and outside the American tropics and any other country in which South American leaf blight (*Microcyclus ulei*) is present, such plant or plants have been grown for an adequate period at a plant quarantine station for *Hevea* and each consignment of such plant or plants is accompanied or covered by a certificate to the effect that the above requirements have been fulfilled and signed by the officer in charge of such quarantine station.

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5. The importation into Solomon Islands of any seed of any plant of the genus *Hevea* from the American tropics or from any other country in which South American leaf blight (*Microcyclus ulei*) is present is hereby prohibited, unless in addition to the requirements of rule 3 above, such seed, having been examined and again disinfected at a place approved by the Competent Authority and situated outside the Region and outside the American tropics and any other country in which South American leaf blight (*Microcyclus ulei*) is present, has been repacked with new packing materials in new containers, and unless each consignment of such seed is accompanied or covered by a certificate to the effect that the above requirements have been fulfilled and signed by the officer in charge of these operations.

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6. The importation into Solomon Islands of any plant or plants of the genus *Hevea* not capable of further growth or propagation (such as fresh or dried herbarium specimens) is hereby prohibited, unless in addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of rule 3 of these Rules, the Competent Authority is satisfied that such plant or plants are required for a legitimate special purpose and that such plant or plants have been sterilised in the country of origin by a method satisfactory to the said Competent Authority.

7. The importation into Solomon Islands of any plant or plants, other than the genus *Hevea*, capable of further growth or propagation and originating in the American tropics or in any other country in which South American leaf blight (*Microcyclus ulei*) is present is hereby prohibited, unless written permission has been granted for each consignment of such plant or plants by the Competent Authority and the importation is in accordance with such special conditions as may be imposed by the Competent Authority in granting such permission.

8. No plant or plants of the genus *Hevea* imported into Solomon Islands for further growth or propagation shall be released until the Competent Authority has ensured that such plant or plants are grown under control for such period as will ensure that such plant or plants are free from all pests and diseases.
