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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**NO. R. 5908**

**28 February 2025**

**AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT, 1983  
(ACT NO. 36 OF 1983)**

**CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO POLYPHAGOUS SHOT HOLE BORER:  
AMENDMENT**

I, John Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture, acting under section 6 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983), has amended the Control Measures set out in the Schedule.



**MR J STEENHUISEN, MP  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE**

## SCHEDULE

In this Schedule “the Control Measures” means the control measures published in the Government Notice No. R. 725 of 13 August 2021.

### **Amendment of definitions of the Control Measures**

1. The definitions of the Control Measures are hereby amended by the insertion of the following definitions in their correct alphabetical order-

“**pest**” means any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal or pathogenic agent injurious to plants or plant products;

“**quarantine pest**” means any pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not yet widely distributed and being officially controlled;

“**regulated pest**” means a quarantine pest or a regulated non-quarantine pest;”

2. The following definitions are hereby substituted for the definitions of “infested plant” and “reproductive host plants” respectively-

“**infested plant**” means the presence in a plant and/ or wood of a living pest of the plant or plant product concerned;

“**reproductive host plant/s**” means the plant, part of a plant, and/or wood that the beetle infests and where it successfully establishes a breeding gallery in which the fungus grows, where eggs are laid, and larvae develop into mature adults, thus completing its life cycle.”

### **Amendment of control measure 2 of the Control Measures**

3. Control measure 2 is hereby amended by the addition of the following sub control measure:

"(3) The reporting procedures to be followed when a new pest or regulated pest of plants has been detected in South Africa are specified in appendix 1 of these Control Measures."

#### **Amendment of control measure 4 of the Control Measures**

4. The control measure 4 of the Control Measures is hereby substituted by-

- (a) the substitution for the heading of the control measure of the following heading:

**"Prohibition relating to the removal, keeping, planting or cultivation of infested plant/ wood"**

- (b) the substitution for sub-control measure (2) of the following sub-control measure:

**"(2) No user of land shall keep, plant or cultivate any Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer infested plant/wood listed in table 2 and 3 in any land within the Republic."**

#### **Substitution of control measure 5 of the Control Measures**

5. The following control measure is hereby substituted for control measure 5 of the Control Measures:

**"5. The executive officer and/or an authorised person shall issue an official order, which shall be complied with in terms of section 7 of the Act to any area infested with Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer."**

#### **Amendment of the control measure 6 of the Control Measures**

6. Control measure 6 of the Control Measures is hereby amended by:

- (a) the substitution for the heading of the control measure of the following heading:

**"Destruction of infested plants, part of a plant, plant products and other regulated articles"**

(b) the substitution for control measure 6 of the following control measure:

“6. If the executive officer and/or an authorised person suspect on a reasonable ground or has established that plants, part of a plant, plant products and other regulated articles have been kept or cultivated, removed, or conveyed contrary to the provisions of these Control Measures, he/she may-

(a) destroy such infested plants, part of a plant, plant products and other regulated articles listed under table 2;

(b) order that the user of land or owner of land shall destroy such infested plants, part of a plant, plant products and other regulated article in line with the phytosanitary guidelines.”

#### **Amendment of the control measure 10 of the Control Measures**

7. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph (b) of control measure 10(2) of the control measures:

“(b) after having been thus completed, paying the fees specified in table 6 of the Control Measures R. 110 of 27 January 1984, shall be submitted to the executive officer of the said Act; and”

#### **Substitution of table 2 of the Control Measures**

8. The following Table is hereby substituted for Table 2 of the Control Measures:

**TABLE 2**  
**Reproductive host plant**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan nut
<i>Macadamia integrifolia</i>	Macadamia nut

**Amendment of table 3 of the Control Measures**

9. Table 3 of the Control Measures is hereby amended by the inclusion of the following non-reproductive host plant-

**TABLE 3****Non-reproductive host plant**

<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple
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10. Table 3 of the Control Measures is hereby amended by the deletion of the following non-reproductive host plant -

<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan nut
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**Addition of Appendix to Control Measures**

11. The following Appendix is added to the Control Measures:

**APPENDIX 1:*****Procedures to be followed when a new pest/regulated pest of plants has been detected in South Africa***

- 1) Any user of land and/or landowner including any community members, municipal authorities, traditional authorities, farmers, universities and other affected role players in the Republic of South Africa must immediately notify the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform (DALRRD) of any suspected occurrence or detection of a new pest/ regulated pest/s in their area.
- 2) If the detected pest is not a regulated pest, the land user/owner shall be notified.
- 3) If the detected pest is a quarantine pest, the area concerned shall be declared a quarantine area by the executive officer of the said Act.
- 4) The land user/ owner of the affected land shall be served with an official order in terms of Section 7 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983).
- 5) The land user/ owner of the affected land shall be advised accordingly about the phytosanitary control measures or conditions to be complied with in terms of Section 6 of the said Act.
- 6) The prescribed measures may include specific management practices to control the pest and prohibition or restrictions of movement of host plants or plant products in and out of the area concerned as per the official order served.

**Contact details**

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