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Kuyaziswa ukuba uMongameli uwamkele lo Mthetho ulandelayo, othi upapashwe ukuze ufumane ulwazi ngokubanzi:—

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To provide for phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of regulated pests in the Republic; to provide for the control of regulated pests; to provide for regulation of the movement of plants, plant products and other regulated articles into, within and out of the Republic; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

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Ukunika amacebo empilo yezityalo ngelokuthintela ukuvela, ukumilisewa nokusasazeka kwezinambuzane kwiRiphabli; ukunika ulawulo lwezinambuzane; ukunika ulawulo lokuhanjiska kwezityalo, iimveliso zezityalo kwakunye nezinye izinto ezilawulwayo ezinxulumeneyo, ngaphakathi nangaphandle kweRiphabli; kunye nokunika imiba enxulumene noko.

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CHAPTER 1

DEFINITIONS

Definitions and Interpretations

- 1.** (1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—
“area of low pest prevalence” means an area, whether all of a country, part of a country, or all or parts of several countries, as identified by the competent authorities, in which a specific pest occurs at low levels and which is subject to effective surveillance, control or eradication measures; 35
“assignee” means a person or juristic person to whom a power or duty has been assigned by the Minister under section 22(1); 40
“authorised person” means a person contemplated in section 8(1);
“authority” means, depending on the context—
(a) an authority granted by the Minister under section 5(2); and
(b) the Department responsible for agriculture, land reform and rural development;
(c) the provincial departments responsible for agriculture, land reform and rural development; and 45

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ISAHLUKO 1**IINGCACISO****Iingcaciso nokuTolikwa kwazo**

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1. (1) Kulo Mthetho, ngaphandle kokuba umongo uye wabonisa enye into—“**iindawo ezinezinambuzane ezimbawla**” zibhekisa kwiindawo, nokuba lilizwe lonke, inxalenyelizwe, okanye iindawo ezithile eziliqela zelizwe, nanjengoko ziza kube zityunjiwe ngabasemagunyeni, nalapho uhlobo oluthile Iwesinambuzane lughambuka khona ngamabakala asezantsi nekungamatile-tile asebenzisayo 40 okujonga, okulawula nokusiphula neengambu; “**umthunywa**” ubhekisa kumuntu okanye umuntu ogunyazisiweyo nonikwe amagunya namandla omsebenzi nguMphathiswa ngapha kwesolotya 22(1); “**umntu ogunyazisiweyo**” ubhekisa kulo mntu odakacwe kwisolotya 8(1); “**igunya**” libhekisa, lixhomekeka kumongo—
- (a) igunya elinikezwe nguMphathiswa ngaphantsi kwesolotya 5(2); kunye
 - (b) neSebe elinoxanduva lolimo, ukutshintshwa kwemihlaba kwakunye nophuhliiso lwamaphandle;
 - (c) amasebe amaphondo anoxanduva lolimo, ukutshintshwa kwemihlaba kwakunye nophuhliiso lwamaphandle; kwakunye

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(d) municipal entities responsible for agriculture, land reform and rural development;

“commodity” means a type of plant, plant product or other regulated article being moved for trade or other purpose;

“consignment” means a quantity of plants, plant products or other regulated articles being moved from or to the Republic and covered, when required, by a single phytosanitary certificate; 5

“consignment in transit” means a consignment that passes through a country without being imported and that may be subject to phytosanitary measures;

“control” means the suppression, containment or eradication of a pest population; 10

“control measure” means a control measure prescribed by the Minister under section 4;

“Convention” means the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), as deposited in 1951 with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome and as subsequently amended from time to time, and which was acceded to by the Republic 15 at its 29th Session in November 1997;

“conveyance” means any aircraft, vessel, train, motor car, van, truck, cart or other vehicle, plant or any other regulated article that can act as a pathway for pests;

“day” means any calendar day excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays within the Republic; 20

“Department” means the Department responsible for agriculture, land reform and rural development;

“emergency measure” means a phytosanitary measure established as a matter of urgency in a new or unexpected phytosanitary situation, and which may or may not be a provisional measure; 25

“eradication” means the application of phytosanitary measures to eliminate a pest from an area;

“establishment” means the perpetuation, for the foreseeable future, of a pest within an area after entry;

“executive officer” means an officer designated in terms of section 5(1); 30

“export” means to move, or the transboundary movement of, regulated articles from the Republic to any place outside the Republic;

“exporter” means any person who, whether as owner, consignor, agent or broker, is in possession of or in any way entitled to the custody or control of any regulated article to be exported from the Republic; 35

“import” means to move, or the transboundary movement of, regulated articles into the Republic;

“importer” means any person who, whether as owner, consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of or in any way entitled to the custody or control of any plant, plant product or regulated article to be imported into the Republic; 40

“infestation” means the presence in a commodity of a living pest of the plant or plant product concerned, and includes infection;

“inspection” means the official visual examination of plants, plant products or other regulated articles to determine if pests are present or to determine compliance with phytosanitary measures; 45

“integrity” means the composition of a consignment as described by its phytosanitary certificate or other officially acceptable document, maintained without loss, addition or substitution;

“introduction” means the entry of a pest which may result in its establishment;

“juristic person” means any organisation, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or other legal entity; 50

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for agriculture, land reform and rural development;

“National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa” means the organisation designated under section 9 to discharge the functions specified under section 11; 55

- (d) namaqumrhu kamasipala anoxanduva lolimo, ukutshintshwa kwemihlaba kwakunye nophuhliso lwamaphandle;
- “imveliso ekrwada”** ibhekisa kuhlobo lwsityalo, imveliso yesityalo okanye ezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo zihanjiswe ngelokuthengiswa okanye ngezinye injongo;
- “umthwalo”** ubhekisa kumgangatho wezityalo, iimveliso zezityalo okanye ezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo ezisuswa okanye ezingeniswa kwiRiphabliki zibhangqiwe, xa zifunwa, ngesatifiketi sempilo yezityalo esinye;
- “imithwalo ehanjiswayo”** ibhekisa kwegqithiswa elizweni ngaphandle kokungeniswa nekungafuneka ilandele imiqathango yempilo yezityalo;
- “ulawulo”** lubhekisa kucinezelo, kugcino okanye kusiphulo lwezinambuzane;
- “imiqathango yolawulo”** ibhekisa kwiqathango yolawulo eqingqwe nguMphathiswa ngaphantsi kwesolotya 4;
- “Ingqungquthela”** ibhekisa kwiNgqungquthela yeHlabathi yoKhuselo IweZityalo (IPPC), nanjengoko yaqlunqwa ngo-1951 kunye noMbutho weZolimo noKutya (FAO), eRome yaze kwananjalo yamane ihloniyelwa amaxesha ngamaxesh, yaze yavunyelwa kwiRiphabliki kwiSeshoni yayo yama-29 kweyeNkanga ngo-1997;
- “uhanjis”** lubhekisa kwinqwelo-moya, iqegu, uloliwe, imoto, iveni, iloli, inqwelo okanye ezinye iinqwelo, izityalo okanye naziphi na iimveliso ezilawulwayo ezingasebenza njendlela yokuhanjiswa kwezinambuzane;
- “usuku”** naluphi na usuku lwekhalaenda ngaphandle kweMigqibelo, iiCawe neeholide apha kwiRiphabliki;
- “Isebe”** libhekisa kwiSebe elinoxanduva lolimo, ukutshintshwa komhlaba kwakunye nophuhliso lwamaphandle;
- “izindululo zongxamiseko”** zibhekisa kwizisombululo zempilo yezityalo ezimilisewo njengongxamiseko kwimeko entsha okanye engalindelekanga yempilo yezityalo, nekungenzeka ayonxalenye yezindululo ezikhoyo;
- “ukusiphula”** kubhekisa ekwenziweni kwamatile-tile empilo yezityalo okuphelisa izinambuzane kwinginqi;
- “umiliselo”** lubhekisa kugcino, kulungiselelwa ingomso ezinambuzane kwinginqi emva kokungeniswa;
- “igosa eliphezulu”** libhekisa kwigosa elithunyiweyo ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 5(1);
- “ukuthunyelwa kwemveliso”** kubhekisa ekuhanjisweni, okanye kutsityiso lwemida lweemveliso ezilawulwayo zisuka kwiRiphabliki zisiya kuyo nayiphi na enye indawo engaphandle kweRiphabliki;
- “umthumeli wemveliso”** ubhekisa kuye nabantu na, nokuba ngumnnini, ngumthumeli, yi-arthente okanye ngumququzeleli, onamandla okanye ulawulo Iwaso nasiphi na isityalo, imveliso yesityalo okanye izityalo ezilawulwayo ukuze zingeniswe kwiRiphabliki;
- “imveliso esuka kwamanye amazwe”** ibhekisa ekuhanjisweni, okanye kutsityiso lwemida lweemveliso ezilawulwayo zingeniswa kwiRiphabliki;
- “umamkeli-mveliso”** ubhekisa kuye nabani na ongumnnini, ongumamkeli weemveliso, kwi-arthente okanye kumququzeleli, onamandla okanye ulawulo Iwaso nasiphi na isityalo, imveliso yesityalo okanye izityalo ezilawulwayo ukuze zingeniswe kwiRiphabliki;
- “ukuqhambuka”** kuthetha ubukho bezinambuzane eziphilayo ezikrwada kwisityalo okanye kwimveliso yesityalo ekujongwe kuyo, kwaye kuquka ulwasuleleko;
- “uhlolo”** lubhekisa kuvavanyo olusesikweni lokujonga izityalo, iimveliso zezityalo okanye ezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo ukuze kukwazeke ukubonwa ubukho bezinambuzane okanye kuthotyelwe imiqathango yezindululo zempilo yezityalo;
- “ukunyaniseka”** kubhekisa ekubotshweni kwemithwalo nanjengoko kucacisiwe kwisatifiketi sempilo yezityalo okanye kwamanye amaxwebhu amkelekileyo ngokusesikweni, ogcinekileyo ngaphandle kwelahleko, ukongezwa okanye ukutshintshwa;
- “ulwaziso”** lubhekisa kungeniso lwezinambuzane nolungabangela umiliselo Iwalo;
- “ibhunga lolawulo”** libhekisa kumbutho, ubudlelwane, ukhopoletyeni, ibhunga, intsebenziswano okanye amaqumrhu omthetho;
- “uMphathiswa”** nguMphathiswa wezolimo, ukutshintshwa komhlaba kunye nophuhliso lwamaphandle;
- “uMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe”** ubhekisa kumbutho omiliselwe ngaphantsi kwesolotya 9 ukuba wenze imisebenzi ekhetekileyo engaphantsi kwesolotya 11;
- “igosa”** libhekisa kwigosa okanye umsebenzi nanjengoko ecacisiwe kwisotyalo 1 loMthetho weeNkonzo zoLuntu, ka-1994 (isiBhengezo No. 103 sika-1994);

“ officer ” means an officer or employee as defined in section 1 of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994);	
“ order ” means an order given by the executive officer in terms of section 7;	
“ organ of state ” means—	
(a) any department of state or administration in the national, provincial or local sphere of government; or	5
(b) any other functionary or institution—	
(i) exercising a power or performing a duty in terms of the Constitution or a provincial constitution; or	
(ii) exercising a public power or performing a public duty in terms of any legislation, but does not include a court or judicial officer;	10
“ organism ” means any biotic entity capable of reproduction or replication in its naturally occurring state;	
“ pathway ” refers to any means that allows the entry or spread of a pest;	
“ permit ” means any authorisation, issued under this Act, to move plants, plant products or other regulated articles in accordance with phytosanitary measures prescribed by this Act, and includes “phytosanitary certificate” and “import permit”;	15
“ pest ” means any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal or pathogenic agent injurious to plants or plant products;	
“ pest-free area ” means an area in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained;	20
“ pest-free place of production ” means a place of production in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained;	25
“ pest-free production site ” means a defined portion of a place of production in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained for a defined period and that is managed as a separate unit in the same way as a pest-free place of production;	30
“ pest-risk analysis ” means the process of evaluating biological or other scientific and economic evidence to determine whether a pest should be regulated and the strength of any phytosanitary measures to be taken against it;	
“ phytosanitary action ” means an official operation, such as inspection, testing, surveillance or treatment, undertaken to implement phytosanitary measures;	35
“ phytosanitary certificate ” means an official document that attests to the phytosanitary status of any consignment affected by phytosanitary regulations, patterned after the model certificates of the IPPC;	
“ phytosanitary import requirements ” means specific phytosanitary measures established by an importing country concerning consignments moving into that country;	40
“ phytosanitary measures ” means those measures, regulations or procedures provided for by this Act having the purpose to prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests or to limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests;	
“ phytosanitary security ”, in relation to a consignment, means the maintenance of integrity and prevention of re-infestation after phytosanitary certification and prior to export;	45
“ plant ” means any living plant and parts of it, including seeds and germplasm;	
“ plant products ” means any unmanufactured material of plant origin, including grain, and those manufactured products which, by their nature or that of their processing, may create a risk for the introduction and spread of pests;	50
“ point of entry ” means an airport, seaport or land border point officially designated or prescribed for the importation of consignments, or entrance of passengers;	
“ point of exit ” means an airport, seaport or land border point or a point designated or prescribed for the exportation of consignments, or exit of passengers;	
“ prescribed ” means prescribed by any accompanying regulations or control measures;	55
“ provisional measure ” means a phytosanitary regulation or procedure established without full technical justification owing to a current lack of adequate information;	
“ quarantine ” means official confinement of regulated articles for observation and research or for further inspection, testing or treatment;	
“ quarantine area ” means an area determined by order under section 19(1) within which a quarantine pest is present and is being officially controlled;	60
“ quarantine facility ” means an official facility for holding plants or plant products in quarantine;	

“**umyalelo**” ubhekisa kumyalelo onikezwé ligosa eliphezulu ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 7;

“**izigaba zikarhulumente**” zibhekisa—

- (a) kulo naliphi na isebe likarhulumente okanye ulawulo lwasizwe, amaphondo okanye oorhulumente basemakhaya; okanye 5
- (b) nawo namaphi na amaquamrhu okanye amaziko—
 - (i) asebenzisa amandla okanye enza umsebenzi ngokwemimiselo yoMgaqo-siseko okanye umgaqo-siseko wephondo; okanye
 - (ii) asebenzisa igunya loluntu okanye enza imisebenzi yoluntu ngokwemimiselo yowiso-mthetho, kodwa oku akuyiquki inkundla 10 yegosa lomthetho;

“**okwendalo**” kubhekisa kwiqumrhu lwezinto eziphilayo ezinako ukuzala okanye ukuziphinda-phinda;

“**indlela**” ibhekisa kuyo nayiphi na indlela evumela ukungenisa okanye ukusasazeka kwezinambuzane;

“**imvume**” ibhekisa kuso nasiphi na isigunyaziso, esikhutshwe ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho, sukuhanjisa kwezityalo, iimveliso zezityalo okanye iimveliso ezilawulwayo ngokuhambelana nezindululo zempilo yezityalo nanjengoko kucacisiwe ngulo Mthetho, kwaye siquka “isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo” kwakunye “nemvume yokwamkela iimveliso zangaphandle”;

“**izinambuzane**” zibhekisa kwintlobo ethile yendalo, intlobo enomnombo omnye wezityalo, izilwanyana okanye izihambisi ntsholongwane kwizityalo okanye iimveliso zezityalo;

“**iindawo ezingenazo izinambuzane**” zibhekisa kwiindawo apho uhlubo oluthile lwasinambuzane lungafumanekiyo khona nanjengoko kuboniswa bubungqina 25 benzululwazi kwaye nalapho, ukuba kuyenzeka, le meko ijongwe ngokusesikweni;

“**iindawo ezingenayo imveliso yezinambuzane**” zibhekisa kwindawo yemveliso nalapho izinambuzane ezithile zingafumanekiyo nanjengoko kuboniswa bubungqina 30 benzululwazi, nalapho ukuba kuyenzeka, le meko ijongwe ngokusesikweni;

“**iindawo zemveliso ezingenazo izinambuzane**” zibhekisa kwindawana ecacisiweyo 35 yemveliso nalapho izinambuzane ezithile zingekhoyo nanjengoko kuboniswa bubungqina benzululwazi kwaye nalapho, ukuba kuyenzeka, le meko ijongwe ngokusesikweni ixesa elithile elidakaciweyo kwaye oko kuphethwe njengecandelo elahlukileyo ngendlela enye naleya yeendawo ezingenazo iimveliso zezinambuzane;

“**uphononongo lobungozi bezinambuzane**” lubhekisa kophononongo lwenzululwazi 35 nobungqina boqoqoshu obuqingqwa kukuba ingaba isinambuzane kumele silawulwe na kwakunye namandla azo naziphi na izindululo zempilo yezityalo ekumele isetyenziswe ukuqbisana noku;

“**inyathelo lempilo yezityalo**” libhekisa kumsebenzi osesikweni, ofana nophononongo, uvavanyo, ukujongwa okanye unyango, oluthatyathiwe ukwenza 40 izindululo zempilo yezityalo;

“**isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo**” sibhekisa kuxwebhu olusesikweni elinqinelana nebakala lempilo yezityalo yayo nayiphi na echatshazelwa yimiqathango yempilo yezityalo, ezichankcathe kumzila wezatifiketi ze-IPPC;

“**iimfuno zokuba ngumamkeli weemveliso ezsuka kwamanye amazwe zempilo yezityalo**” zibhekisa kwizindululo zempilo yezityalo ezimiliselwe lilizwe elamkela 45 iimveliso ezingeniswa kwelo lizwe;

“**izindululo zempilo yezityalo**” zibhekisa kwezo zindululo, loo miqathango okanye iinkqubo ezinikiweyo ngulo Mthetho zinenjongo yokuthintela ukwaziswa okanye ukusasazwa kwezinambuzane ezivalelwego elugcinweni okanye ukuphungula 50 igalelo lezoqoqoshu lwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo nezingavalelwanga elugcinweni;

“**ukhuseleko lwempilo yendalo**”, ngokumayelana nemithwalo, lubhekisa ekugcinweni lokunyaniseka nokugcinwa kokuqhambuka kwakhona emva kokuba isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo kunye ngaphambili kokuthunyelwa kwamanye amazwe;

“**isityalo**” sibhekisa kuso nasiphi na isityalo esiphilayo namalungu aso, aquka iimbewu kunye nomnombo;

“**iimveliso zesityalo**” zibhekisa kuyo nayiphi na imveliso engenziwanga ngesandla nentsusa yayo isisityalo, oku kuquka neenkonzo, kwakunye nezo mveliso ezenzwe ngezandla, nongafumanisa ukuba ngendalo yazo okanye ngenkqubo yazo yocolo, 60 zidala ingozi yokwaziswa nokusasazeka kwezinambuzane;

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

“re-export” means an imported consignment into the Republic from which it is then exported; 5

“regulated area” means an area into which, within which or from which plants, plant products and other regulated articles are subjected to phytosanitary measures or procedures in order to prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests or to limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests;

“regulated article” means any plant, plant product, storage place, packaging, conveyance, container, soil and any other organism, object or material capable of harbouring or spreading pests, deemed to require phytosanitary measures, particularly where international transportation is involved; 10

“regulated non-quarantine pest” means a non-quarantine pest whose presence in plants for planting affects the intended use of those plants with an economically unacceptable impact and which is therefore regulated within the Republic; 15

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

“regulation” means regulations made under section 30;

“spread” means the expansion of the geographical distribution of a pest within an area;

“surveillance” means an official process of surveying, monitoring or other procedures 20 in order to collect and record data on the occurrence or absence of pests;

“technically justified” means justified on the basis of conclusions reached by using an appropriate pest risk analysis or, where applicable, another comparable examination and evaluation of available scientific information;

“test” means an official examination, other than visual, to determine if pests are present 25 or to identify pests;

“this Act” means the Plant Health (Phytosanitary) Act;

“treatment” means an official procedure for the killing, inactivation or removal of pests, or for rendering pests infertile or for devitalisation;

“user of land” means an owner of land, and includes— 30

(a) a person who has a personal or real right in respect of land in his or her capacity of fiduciary, fidei-commissary, holder of a servitude, possessor, lessee or occupier, irrespective of whether he or she resides on it;

(b) a person who has the right to cut trees or wood on land or to remove trees, wood or other organic material from land;

(c) a person who has the right to remove sand, soil, clay, stone or gravel from land; and 35

- “**iindawo zokungena**” zibhekisa kwizikhululo zeenqwelo-moya, amachweba okanye imida esikiweyo okanye iindawo ezaziwayo ukuba zezokungena kweemithwalo, okanye iindawo zokungena abakhweli;
- “**iindawo zokuphuma**” zibhekisa kwizikhululo zeenqwelo-moya, amachweba okanye imida esikiweyo okanye iindawo ezaziwayo ukuba zezokukhuph imithwalo, okanye iindawo zokuphuma abakhweli; 5
- “**okuyalelwego**” kubhekisa kwiqathango ekhaphayo okanye izindululo zolawulo;
- “**imiqathango ebekiwego**” abhekisa kwimiqathango yempilo yezityalo okanye iinkqubo ezimiliselwego ngaphandle kobungcaphephe obupheleleyo obubhekisele kulwazi olukhoyo ngelo xesha; 10
- “**ukuvallewa**” kubhekisa kugcino labucala olusesikweni lweemveliso ezilawulwayo ukuze zijongwe kwaye ziphandwe okanye ziphononongwe, zivavanywe okanye zinyangwe ngakumbi;
- “**indawo yovalelo**” ibhekisa kwindawo eqingqwe ngaphantsi kwesolotya 19(1) nalapho lukhoyo khona uvalelo lwezinambuzane kwaye lulawulwa ngokusesikweni; 15
- “**iziko lovalelo**” libhekisa kwiziko elisesikweni lokugcina izityalo okanye iimveliso zezityalo eluvalelweni;
- “**izinambuzane ezivalelwego**” zibhekisa kwizinambuzane ekungenzeka zibaluleke ngokoqoqosho kwindawo enobungozi kwaye zibe zingekabikho kuloo ndawo okanye zikhona kodwa zingasasazekanga kakhulu kwaye zilawulwa ngokusesikweni; 20
- “**ukungeniswa nokuthunyelwa**” kuthetha ukungeniswa kwemithwalo kwiRiphabliki ize iphinde ithunyelwe kwamanye amazwe;
- “**indawo elawulwayo**” ibhekisa kwindawo apho izityalo, iimveliso zezityalo nezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo zixhomekeke kwimpilo yezityalo okanye kwiinkqubo ukuze kuthintelwe ukwaziswa okanye ukusasazeka kwezinambuzane eziseluvalelweni 25 okanye ukucutha igalelo lezinambuzane ezilawulwayo nezingavalelwanga;
- “**isityalo esilawulwayo**” sibhekisa kuso nasiphi na isityalo, imveliso yesityalo, indawo yogcino, upakisho, ukuhanjiswa, amagqongo okufaka, umhlaba nayo nayiphi na into yendalo ephilayo, izinto okanye izixhobo ezinako ukugcina okanye ukusasazi izinambuzane, ezibonwe njengezfuna ungenelelo lwempilo yendalo, ingakumbi xa 30 luchaphazeleka uhanjiso lwamazwe ngamazwe;
- “**izinambuzane ezilawulwayo nezingekho seluvalelwensi**” zibhekisa kwizinambuzane ezingekho seluvalelwensi nobukho bazo ezityaleni zenzelwe ukutyalu owona msebenzi wezo zityalo ezinegalelo loqoqosho elingamkelekanga kwaye neziye zilawulwe ke ngoko kwalapha ngaphakathi kwiRiphabliki; 35
- “**isinambuzane esilawulwayo**” sibhekisa kwisinambuzane esivalelwayo okanye kwisinambuzane esilawulwayo esingavalelwayo;
- “**ulawulo**” lubhekisa kwimiqathango eyenziwe ngaphantsi kwesolotyala 30;
- “**ukusasaza**” kubhekisa ekwandenit kwendawo ekusasazeka kuzo izinambuzane kwindawo ethile; 40
- “**ukujonga**” kubhekisa kwinkqubo esesikweni yokujonga, ukugada okanye ezinye iinkqubo ukuze kuqokelelw kuze kushicilelw iinkcukacha ekuqhambukeni nasekunqabeni kwezinambuzane;
- “**ukuthetheleka ngokweengcali**” kubhekisa kwiziphumo zophando olusekelezelwe kwizigqibo ekufikelelw kuzo ngokusetyenziswa kophicotho olululo lobungozi lwezinambuzane, aphi kunemfuneko khona, olunye uviwo lokuthelekisa nokuphonononga ukuba zikhona iinkcukacha zenzululwazi; 45
- “**uvavanyo**” lubhekisa kuvivo olusesikweni, ngaphandle kwelokujonga ngamehlo, elokuqingqa ukuba izinambuzane zikhona okanye elokuqaphela izinambuzane;
- “**lo Mthetho**” ubhekisa kuMthetho weMpilo yeZityalo; 50
- “**unyango**” lubhekisa kwinkqubo esesikweni yokubulala, yokudodobalisa okanye yokususa izinambuzane, okanye ukuqokra inzala yezinambuzane okanye ukuyicutha;
- “**umsebenzisi womhlaba**” ubhekisa kummini-mhlaba, kwaye oku kuquka—
- (a) umntu obolekiweyo okanye onelungelo lokwenene lomhlaba oselulawulweni lwakhe, ngelifa, ngobukhoboka, ngothinq, ngokuqasha okanye ngokuzihlalela, nokuba uyahlala okanye akahlali kuwo; 55
 - (b) umntu onelungelo logawula imithi okanye iinkuni kuloo mhlaba okanye ukususa, iinkuni okanye izinto ezizikhulelayo emhlabeni;
 - (c) umntu onelungelo lokususa isanti, umhlaba, udaka. ilitye okanye igrabile kuloo mhlaba; kwakunye 60

(d) a person who carries on prospecting or mining activities on land; and
“visual examination” means the physical examination of plants, plant products or other regulated articles using the unaided eye, lens, stereoscope or microscope to detect pests without testing or processing.

(2) Where a provision of this Act is in conflict with any other law on plant health, the provision of this Act prevails. 5

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

Responsibility for administration of Act

2. The primary responsibility for the administration of this Act lies with the Minister. 10

Powers of Minister

3. (1) The Minister may, out of funds appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, perform any act on or with respect to land that is necessary to—

- (a) carry out the provisions of a control measure or an order where the user of land concerned refuses or neglects to do so; 15
- (b) release on, or remove or eradicate from, land an organism imported in terms of section 13(5);
- (c) control regulated pests; and
- (d) further the objectives of this Act.

(2) The Minister may, on application, authorise a person or juristic person to perform at the expense of that person or juristic person and subject to the control and instruction of the Minister, the acts referred to in subsection (1)(a), and such a person or juristic person has no recourse against the State for expenses so incurred. 20

(3) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe control measures which must be complied with or carried out by a user of land in terms of section 4. 25

(4) The Minister may make regulations in terms of section 30.

Prescribing of control measures by Minister

4. (1) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe control measures which must be complied with or carried out by a user of land.

(2) Control measures may relate to—

- (a) the control of regulated pests;
- (b) the keeping, planting or cultivation of plants;
- (c) the keeping of regulated articles;
- (d) the removal of regulated articles from land within a specified area to—
 - (i) other land within the same area; or 35
 - (ii) other land within any other specified area;
- (e) the notification of the occurrence of regulated pests; or
- (f) any other matter which may be necessary or expedient to prescribe in order to further the objectives of this Act, and the generality of the power conferred by this paragraph may not be limited by the preceding paragraphs. 40

(3) Control measures must—

- (a) contain a prohibition or obligation with regard to any matter referred to in subsection (2);
- (b) provide that the executive officer may, upon application by a person, exempt that person from the prohibition or obligation by means of a permit; and 45
- (c) prescribe fees payable by a person applying for a permit referred to in paragraph (b).

(4) Different control measures may be prescribed in respect of different regulated pests, different areas or different circumstances or in such other respect as may be necessary. 50

(d) nomntu osebenza okanye owomba izimbiwa kuloo mhlaba; kwaye “**uviwo ngamehlo**” lubhekisa kuviwo ngesiqi lwezityalo, iimveliso zezityalo okanye izityalo ezilawulwayo kusetyenziswa iliso lendalo, ilensi okanye izinto zokuxilonga ukuze kubhaqwe izinambuzane ngaphandle kovavanyo okanye ukwensiwa kwenkubo yocolo.

(2) Apho izindululo zalo Mthetho ziphikisana nawo nawuphi na umthetho wempilo yezityalo, izindululo zalo Mthetho eziza kusebenza.

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ISAHLUKO 2

ULAWULO

Uxanduva lolawulo loMthetho

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2. Uxanduva lokuqala lokwensiwa kwalo Mthetho luxhomekeke kuMphathiswa.

Amandla oMphathiswa

3. (1) UMphathiswa unako, ngemali eyabelwe yiPalemente ngenxa yaloo njongo, ukwenza nasiphi na isenzo okanye esimayelana nomhlabo esinyanzelekileyo ukuze—

- (a) kwenzeke izindululo zolawulo okanye umyalelo apho umsebenzi womhlaba ekujoliswe kuwo esala okanye ekubethisa ngoyaba oku;
- (b) akhulule, okanye asuse okanye asiphule emhlabeni izinto zendalo ezsuka kwamanye amazwe ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 13(5);
- (c) alawule izinambuzane ezilawulwayo; kunye
- (d) neminye imisebenzi yalo Mthetho.

(2) UMphathiswa unako, ngesicelo, ukugunyazisa umntu okanye umbutho ukuba enze ngeendleko zakhe loo mntu okanye loo mbutho kwaye ngokuxhomekeke kulawulo kunye nomyalelo woMphathiswa, isenzo ekubhekiswa kuso kwisolotyana (1)(a), kwaye loo mntu okanye loo mbutho akanabango kuMbuso ngeendleko adibana nazo.

(3) UMphathiswa unako, ngesaziso kwiGazethi, ukuyalela izisombululo zolawulo ekumele zithotyelwe okanye zilandelwe ngumsebenzi womhlaba ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 4.

(4) UMphathiswa unako ukwenza imiqathango ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 30.

Ukuhlahl’ iindlela zolawulo nguMphathiswa

4. (1) UMphathiswa unako, ngesaziso kwiGazethi, ukuyalela izisombululo zolawulo ekumele zithotyelwe okanye zilandelwe ngumsebenzi womhlaba.

(2) IZisombululo zolawulo zingamayelana—

- (a) nolawulo lwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo;
- (b) nokugcinwa, ukutyalwa okanye ukuhlakulewa kwezityalo;
- (c) nokugcinwa kweemveliso zezityalo ezilawulwayo;
- (d) nokususwa kweemveliso zezityalo ezilawulwayo emhlabeni kwindawana ethile ekhethekileyo zisiwe—
 - (i) komnye umhlaba kwalapha kule ndawo inye; okanye
 - (ii) komnye umhlaba kwalapha kwindawo ethile;
- (e) nesaziso sokuqumbuka kwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo; okanye
- (f) nawo nawuphi na omnye umba onyanzelekileyo okanye otshis’ ibunzi ukuba kwensiwe umyalelo wokuhambisa umsebenzi walo Mthetho, kwakunye nobugabalala bamandla abekwe ngulo mhlathi awanakuthezwa amandla yimihlathi engaphambil.

(3) IZisombululo zolawulo kumele—

- (a) ziqlatthe izithintelo okanye imigqaliselo emayelana nawo nawuphi na umba ekubhekiswa kuwo kwisolotyana (2);
- (b) zibe nendawo etshoyo ukuba igosa eliphezulu linako, ngokufakwa kwesicelo ngumntu, ukususa kuloo mntu izithintelo okanye imigqaliselo ngokumnikaza imvume; kwaye
- (c) acime iindleko ekumele zihlawulwe ngumntu ofake isicelo semvume ekubhekiswa kuso kumhlathi (b).

(4) IZisombululo zolawulo ezahlukileyo zingenziwa ngokumayelana nezinambuzane ezilawulwayo ezahlukeneyo, iindawo ezahlukeneyo okanye iimeko ezingafaniyo okanye nezinye izinto ezingaba sisinyanzeliso.

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Designation of executive officer

5. (1) The Minister must designate the director in the department responsible for phytosanitary measures as the executive officer.

(2) The executive officer is the authority to whom the provision of phytosanitary measures is entrusted and must exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred or imposed upon the executive officer under this Act. 5

Powers of executive officer

6. (1)(a) The executive officer may delegate to any officer of the Department, or with the approval of the Minister to any juristic person, any power conferred upon him or her by or under this Act. 10

(b) Any decision made or order given by any such officer or any such juristic person must be regarded as having been made by the executive officer.

(c) Any decision or order of such an officer or any such juristic person may at any time be withdrawn or amended in writing by the executive officer.

(2) If the executive officer ascertains, or suspects on reasonable grounds, that regulated articles have been or will be imported into the Republic contrary to this Act, or have been or will be exported out of the country, or that regulated articles are infested, or have been moved or will be moved from a declared infested area to a non-infested area within the Republic, the executive officer may— 15

(a) order the person in charge of the conveyance by which the regulated articles have been or will be imported or conveyed, that such articles or part of them as he or she may determine—

- (i) not be off-loaded;
- (ii) not be conveyed any further; or

(iii) be off-loaded at any place determined by the executive officer; 25

(b) order the person in control of the regulated articles, or the person by whom or on whose behalf the regulated articles have been or will be imported or conveyed, or the person in possession or in charge of the regulated articles or part of such article, to remove from the Republic, destroy, treat, detain or deal with the regulated articles in the manner, at the place and within the period 30 determined by the executive officer;

(c) destroy or cause to destroy the regulated articles or part of them as he or she may determine after notifying, in writing, the person in control or in charge of the regulated articles, or by whom or on whose behalf the regulated articles have been imported: Provided that where the destruction of the regulated articles is urgently required or the giving of notice is impractical, notice need not be given; 35

(d) search any person, personal luggage or conveyance;

(e) where a person does not comply with the provisions in paragraph (a) or (b), destroy or cause to destroy the regulated articles; or 40

(f) order the owner or person in possession or in charge of the regulated articles, including any articles produced through, or acquired through, from or by means of the regulated articles, to deal with those articles as provided in paragraph (b) irrespective of the degree of descent or relationship concerned, or the connection between the regulated articles. 45

(3) The executive officer may institute an inquiry and request information and documentation from any person, to exercise his or her powers or perform his or her duties.

(4) The executive officer may inspect, sample, test or investigate regulated articles and conduct surveillances. 50

(5) The executive officer may audit delegates or assignees.

(6) The executive officer may issue or grant any order or relevant permit, including a phytosanitary certificate.

(7) When the executive officer issues or grants an order or relevant permit subject to technically justifiable conditions, he or she may at any time— 55

(a) amend the provisions or conditions concerned; or

(b) withdraw the order or relevant permit in writing.

Ukuthunyelwa kwegosa eliphezulu

5. (1) UMphathiswa kumele athumele umlawuli kwisebe elijongene nempilo yeziyalo njenqegosa eliphezulu.

(2) Igosa eliphezulu sisiphatha-mandla nalapho izindululo zempilo yeziyalo zithwaliswe yena kwaye kumele lisebenzise amandla alo okwenza imisebenzi eliyisikelwego okanye eliyinikiwego njenqegosa eliphezulu ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho. 5

Amandla egosa eliphezulu

6. (1)(a) Igosa eliphezulu linako ukuthumela naliphi na igosa leSebe, okanye ngemvume yoMphathiswa ukuya nakowuphi na umbutho olawulwayo, nawaphi na amandla ombhathiswe wona ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho. 10

(b) Nasiphi na isiggibo esenziwego okanye umyalelo onikiwego kwelo gosa okanye kuloo mbutho kumele uthathwe njengowensiwe ligosa eliphezulu.

(c) Naisphi na isiggibo okanye umyalelo wegosa elinjalo okanye umbutho onjalo unako nanini na ukurhoxiswa okanye ukhloniyelwa ngokubhalwe phantsi ligosa eliphezulu. 15

(2) Ukuba igosa eliphezulu lifumanisa, okanye likrokrela ngezizathu ezibambekayo, ukuba iimveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo zingenisiwe okanye ziseza kungeniswe kwiRiphabliki ngokuchasene nalo Mthetho, okanye ziye zathunyelwa okanye ziseza kuthunyelwa ngaphandle kweli lizwe, okanye ukuba iimveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo ziqhambuke, okanye zisusiwe okanye ziza kususwa kwindawo ebezibhengezwe 20 njengeziqhambuke kuyo zisiwe kwindawo ezingaqhambukanga kuyo kwalapha kwiRiphabliki, igosa eliphezulu linako—

(a) ukuyalela umntu ophethe isithuthi ebeziza kuhanjisa okanye eziza kuhanjisa ngaso iimveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo, ukuba ezo mveliso okanye inxalenye yazo ngokubona kwakhe, kumele— 25

(i) zingothulwa;

(ii) zingahanjisewa phambili; okanye

(iii) zothulwe nakweyiphi na indawo eyalelwse ligosa eliphezulu;

(b) ukuyalela umntu olawula ezi mveliso, okanye umntu omele ezo mveliso zilawulwayo eziza kungeniswa okanye zihanjiswe, okanye umntu ezikuye 30 okanye oziphetheyo ezi mveliso zilawulwayo okanye inxalenye yeemveliso, ukuba azisuse kwiRiphabliki, azitshabalalise, azinyange, azivalele okanye aqubisane neemveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo ngendlela, kwindawo kwaye ngexesa eliqingqwe ligosa eliphezulu;

(c) ukutshabalalisa okanye enze kutshabalale iimveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo 35 okanye inxalenye yazo nanjengoko eza kubona emva kokuqaphela, ngembalelwano, umntu onolawulo lweemveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo, okanye omele iimveliso zeziyalo ezsuka kwelinje ilizwe: Ukuba kuthe kwenzeka ukuba ukutshatalaliswa kweemveliso ezilawulwauo kufuneka ngephanyazo okanye ukunikwa kwesaziso akwenzeki, isaziso akumelanga 40 sikhutshwe;

(d) ukumpampatha nawuphi na umntu, umthwalo wakhe okanye inqwelo;

(e) apho umntu engafuni ukuthobela izindululo zomhlathi (a) okanye (b), ukutshabalalisa okanye enze kutshabalale iimveliso ezilawulwayo; okanye

(f) ayalele umnini okanye umntu ofunyenwe nazo okanye omele iimveliso ezilawulwayo, okanye ezifunyenwe ngaye, ukuba aqubisane nezo mveliso nanjengoko kuqulathiwe kumhlathi (b) nokuba ufaneleke kangakanani okanye ubudlelwane buthini na, okanye unxibelelwano phakathi kwezi mveliso zeziyalo zilawulwayo. 45

(3) Igosa eliphezulu linako ukuqlalisa uphando lize licele ulwazi kunye namaxwebhu 50 kuye nabani na, ukusebenzisa amagunya alo okwenza umsebenzi wakhe.

(4) Igosa eliphezulu linako ukuhlolola, lithelekise, livavanye okanye liphande iimveliso ezilawulwayo lize lenze ujongo.

(5) Igosa eliphezulu linako ukuphicotra abathunywa okanye izithunywa.

(6) Igosa eliphezulu linako ukukhupha okanye ukunika umyalelo okanye imvume 55 efanelekileyo, oko kuquka nesatifiketi sempilo yeziyalo.

(7) Apho igosa eliphezulu lithe lakhupha okanye lanikeza imvume ngokuxhomekeka kwimibandela ethethelekayo, unako nanini na—

(a) ukuhlomela izindululo okanye imibandela ekubhekiswa kuyo; okanye

(b) ukurhoxisa umyalelo okanye imvume ngembalelwano. 60

(8) In a case where the executive officer issues or grants an order or relevant permit, he or she may at any time, on application, determine points of entry or exit other than the points of entry or exit prescribed in terms of this Act.

(9) The executive officer or an official who has been—

- (a) delegated for this purpose under this Act; or
- (b) declared to be a peace officer under section 334(1)(a) of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 55 of 1977), may issue an admission of guilt fine not exceeding R2500, as prescribed, to anyone who contravenes the provisions of sections 4 and 7.

(10) For the purpose of this section, “detain” means keeping a consignment in official custody or confinement as a phytosanitary measure. 10

Orders with regard to land

7. (1) The executive officer may, by written order, which must be served in the prescribed manner, instruct a user of land to observe or carry out the provisions of a particular control measure on or with respect to any quarantine area or regulated area 15 determined in that order.

(2) Such an order may provide that anything required in terms of the order, must be done or omitted in the manner or within or during the period mentioned in it.

(3) The executive officer may, upon application by the user of land concerned and against payment of the prescribed fees, if any, withdraw or amend an order, and for that 20 purpose carry out the necessary inspection of the quarantine area or regulated area.

(4)(a) Despite a prohibition in an order referred to in subsection (1), the executive officer may, in writing, authorise a user of land to remove a regulated article from the quarantine area or regulated area concerned in order to treat, eradicate or destroy it or dispose of it. 25

(b) An application for an authorisation contemplated in paragraph (a) must be submitted in the prescribed manner to the executive officer.

Powers of entry, search, inspection and seizure with regard to land

8. (1) A person authorised by the Minister to perform an act under section 3(2) may on the authority of a warrant at any reasonable time enter upon or proceed over land to 30 perform that act on or in connection with that land or other land.

(2) The person contemplated in subsection (1) may—

- (a) after having notified the user of land concerned of his or her intention to do so, take with him or her when he or she enters upon or proceeds over that land such persons, vehicles, goods and material as he or she may require for the performance of the relevant act: Provided that notice need not be given if the user of the land concerned does not reside on that land and cannot readily be traced; and

- (b) require the user of land concerned or his or her manager, agent or employee on that land to render him or her such reasonable assistance as may be necessary 40 in the circumstances to enable him or her to perform the act concerned.

(3) The executive officer may at any reasonable time, after having obtained a warrant—

- (a) proceed over any land to reach the area where he or she wants to exercise his or her powers or perform his or her duties;

- (b) enter and search any land, building or conveyance if he or she suspects on reasonable grounds that there may be a regulated article on or in it or with a person, and for that purpose he or she may inspect anything on or in that land, building or conveyance on or with that person and remove it or a sample of it for further investigation;

- (c) require access to a book, document or electronic equipment at or on that land, building or conveyance which he or she suspects on reasonable grounds may relate to a regulated article, and make copies of or extracts from that book, document or electronic information;

(8) Kwimeko apho igosa eliphezulu likhupha umyalelo okanye imvume efanelekileyo, linako nanini na, ngesicelo, ukuqingqa iindawo zokungena okanye ezokuphuma ngaphandle kwezi zidakaciweyo kulo Mthetho.

(9) Igosa eliphezulu okanye igosa eliye—

- (a) Ianika lo msebenzi ngenjongo yalo Mthetho; okanye 5
- (b) elibhengezwe njengegosa loxolo ngaphantsi kwesolotyala 334(1)(a) loMthetho weeNkqubo zoLwaphulo mthetho, ka-1977 (uMthetho No. 55 ka-1977), linako ukukhupha umdliwo wokuvuma ityla ongadlulanga kuma-R2500, nanjengoko kudakaciwe, kuye nabani na othe wophula ezi zindululo zesolotya 4 kunye no-7.

(10) Ngenxa yeli solotya, “ukuvalela” kuthetha ukugcina igosa lomthwalo eluvalelweni okanye bucala njengomqaliselo wempilo yezityalo.

Imiyalelo ngokumayelana nomhlaba

7. (1) Igosa eliphezulu linako, ngomyalelo obhalwe phantsi, nekumele udluliselwe 15 ngendlela edakaciweyo, ukuylela umsebenzisi womhlaba ukuba aggale okanye alandele izindululo zemigqaliselo ethile yolawulo okanye ngemiqondiso yayo nayiphi na indawo yovalelo okanye indawo elawulwayo ekutyunjwe kulo myalelo.

(2) Umyalelo onjalo unganika ukuba nantoni na efunwa ngokwemimiselo yomyalelo, kumele yensiwe okanye isuswe ngendlela okanye ngexesa elikhankanywe kuwo.

(3) Igosa eliphezulu linako, ngexesa lesicelo somsebenzisi womhlaba ekubhekiswa 20 kuye kwaye ngokuchasene nentlawulo yomdliwo odakaciweyo, ukuba ikhona, ukurhoxisa okanye ukuhlomela umyalelo, kwaye ngenxa yezo zizathu liqhubekе nokwenza ugqogqo olunyanzelekileyo lendawo yokuzikhwebula okanye lendawo elawulwayo.

(4)(a) Ngaphandle kwesithintelo esikumyalelo ekubhekiswa kuso kwisolotyana (1), 25 igosa eliphezulu linako, ngokubhala phantsi, ukugunyazisa umsebenzi womhlaba ukuba asuse imveliso yezityalo kwindawo yokuzikhwebula okanye kwindawo elawulwayo ekubhekiswa kuyo kumyalelo ukule inyangwe, isiphulwe okanye itshatyalaliswe.

(b) Isicelo sogunyaziso esidakacwe kumhlathi (a) kumele sifakwe ngendlela edakaciweyo kwigosa eliphezulu.

Amandla okungena, okuphanda, ukuhlola nawokuhlwitha ngokumayelana nomhlaba

8. (1) Umntu ogunyaziswe nguMphathiswa ukwenza esi senzo esingaphantsi 35 kwesolotya 3(2) unako ngesigunyaziso nangalo naliphi na ixesha ukungena aze aqhubeke kuloo mhlaba ukwenza eso senzo okanye ngokumayelana naloo mhlaba okanye eminye imihlaba.

(2) Lo mntu udakacwe kwisolotyana (1) unako—

- (a) emva kokuba emazisile umsebenzisi womhlaba ngeenjongo zakhe zokwenza oko, ukuthatha xa eseles engenile kuloo mhlaba abantu, iinqwelo, iimveliso 40 kunye nezixhobo zokusebenza okanye kungafuneka enze isenzo esimila kunjalo: Oko kuxhomekka ekubenengabikho imfuneko yokukhutshwa kwesaziso kumsebenzisi womhlaba xa engahlali kuwo kwaye engenakulandeleka lula; kwaye

- (b) kufuneka umsebenzisi waloo mhlaba okanye umphathi, i-archente okanye umsebenzi kuloo mhlaba anikeze uncedo oluyimfuneko nanjengoko kuzonyanzeleka kule meko ukule akwazi ukwenza umsebenzi olindlelekileyo.

(3) Igosa eliphezulu linako nangalo naliphi na ixesha elifanelekileyo, emva kokufumana isigunyaziso sogqogqo—

- (a) ukungena nakowuphi na umhlaba apho afuna ukusebenzisa amagunya akhe kuwo okanye enze umsebenzi wakhe kuwo;

- (b) ukungena aze aggogqe nawuphi na umhlaba, isakhiwo okanye inqwelo ukuba unomrhano oluvakalayo lokuba kungakhona iimveliso zeziyalo ezilawulwayo okanye zisemntwini, kwaye ngezo zizathu angaggogqa nantoni na kuloo mhlaba, kuloo ndlu, kuloo nqwelo okanye kuloo mntu aze asuse okanye athathe isampuli ukule iyophandisiswa;

- (c) ukufuna imvume yencwadi, yoxwebhu okanye izixhobo zombane ezikuloo mhlaba, kweso sakhiwo okanye kuloo nqwelo nangarhana ukuba inxulumene neemveliso ezilawulwayo, aze enze iikopi okanye amacwecwe aloo ncwadi, elo xwebhu okanye olo lwazi lobuchwepheshe;

- (d) demand an explanation in connection with a relevant entry in such a book, document or electronic information or anything observed by him or her during his or her inspection, from a person who may have knowledge of the entry concerned or of something observed by him or her;
- (e) seize an article which may serve as evidence of the commission of an offence in terms of this Act, and for that purpose remove it or a sample of it or any other article from the land, building or conveyance in question, and affix an identification mark or seal to it;
- (f) enter and inspect any land to demarcate a quarantine area or regulated area and for that purpose effect or erect a marker, peg, label or other mark on or in connection with the land;
- (g) enter and search any land to determine if the user of the land concerned is complying with or carrying out, or has complied with or carried out, the provisions of a control measure or order;
- (h) enter any land, building, conveyance or premises to carry out any surveillance of pests; and
- (i) enter any land, building, conveyance or premises to carry out any other investigation in connection with any matter mentioned in this Act.
- (4) A warrant referred to in subsection (3) must be issued by a magistrate who has jurisdiction in the area where the land, building, conveyance or premises in question are situated, and must be issued only if it appears to the magistrate from the information on oath or affirmation that there are reasonable grounds for believing that an article mentioned in subsection (3)(b) and (e) is upon or in such land or premises and must specify which of the acts mentioned in subsection (3) may be performed by the person to whom it is issued.
- (5) A warrant issued in terms of this section must be executed by day unless the person who issues the warrant authorises the execution thereof by night at times which must be reasonable, and entry upon and search of any land, building, conveyance, premises, or specified area in such warrant, must be conducted with strict regard to decency and order, including—
- (a) the right of a person to respect and the protection of his or her dignity;
 - (b) the right of a person to freedom and security; and
 - (c) the right of a person to his or her personal privacy.
- (6) The executive officer, employee or juristic person executing a warrant in terms of this section must immediately before commencing with the execution—
- (a) identify himself or herself to the person in control of the land or premises if such a person is present, and hand to such a person a copy of the warrant, or if such a person is not present, affix such copy to a prominent place on the land, premises or conveyance; and
 - (b) supply such person at his or her request with particulars regarding his or her authority to execute such a warrant.
- (7) If, during the execution of a warrant or the conducting of a search in terms of this section, a person claims that an article found on or in the land, premises or conveyance in question contains confidential information and refuses the inspection, seizure or removal of such article, the person executing the warrant or conducting the search must, if he or she is of the opinion that the article contains information which is relevant to the investigation and that such information is necessary for the investigation or hearing, request a magistrate who has jurisdiction to seize or remove that article for safe custody until a court of law has made a ruling on the question whether or not the information in question is confidential.
- (8) A warrant issued in terms of this section may be issued on any day and remains in force until—
- (a) it is executed;
 - (b) it is cancelled by the person who issued it or, if such person is not available, by any person with similar authority;
 - (c) the expiry of one month from the day of its issue; or
 - (d) the purpose for which the warrant was issued no longer exists, whichever occurs first.

- (d) ukufuna inkcazelo ngokumayelana ngokungena kwencwadi, koxwebhu okanye ulwazi lobuchwepheshe olunjalo okanye nantoni na ayiqaphelayo ngexesha esenza ugqogqo, kumntu onokuba nolwazi lokungena kwezinto ekubhekiswa kuzo aziqapheleyo;
- (e) ukuthimba imveliso nengasebenza njengobungqina kwikomishoni yowlaphulo-mthetho ngokwemimiselo yalo Mthetho, kwaye ngenxa yeso sizathu ayisuse okanye isempuli yayo okanye nayiphi na imveliso kuloo mhlaba, kweso sakhiwo okanye kuloo nqwelo ekubhekiswa kuzo, aze agximfize uphawo okanye ayitywine; 5
- (f) ukungena aze agqogqe umhlabo osikelwe ukuba ubo yindawo yovalelo okanye indawo elawulwayo kwaye ngenxa yeso sizathu enze okanye amise uphawu, intsika, ibhakana okanye olunye uphawu olunxibelelene nomhlabo;
- (g) ukungena aze agqogqe umhlabo ukuze akwazi ukuqonda ukuba umsebenzisi waloo mhlaba uyayithobela okanye uziphathe ngendlela izindululo zemigqaliselo yolawulo; 15
- (h) ukungena nakowuphi na umhlabo, isakhiwo, inqwelo okanye amasango ukuze kujongisiswe izinambuzane; kwaye
- (i) unako ukungena kuwo nawuphi na umhlabo, isakhiwo, inqwelo okanye amasango ukuze aphande imiba enxulumene nalo mba ukulo Mthetho. 20
- (4) Igunya logqogqo ekubhekiswa kulo kwisolotyana (3) kumele likhutshwe ngumantyi onogonyamelo kuloo ndawo aphi loo mhlaba, eso sakhiwo, loo nqwelo okanye loo masango azinze khona, kwaye kumele sikhutshwe kuphela xa sithe savela kumantyi lisuka kulwazi olufungelwego okanye kwisiqinisekiso sokuba zikhona izizathu ezivakalayo zokuba imveliso edakacwa kwisolotyana (3)(b) kunye (e) kumhlabo othile okanye phakathi kwamasango athile kwaye kumele icacise ukuba 25 zeziphi izenzo ezikhankanywe kwisolotyana (3) eziza kwensiwa ngulo mntu lowo likhutshelwe yena.
- (5) Isigunyaziso sogqogqo esikhutshwe ngokwemimiselo yeli solotya kumele lwenziwe emini ngaphandle kokuba umntu okhupha isigunyaziso sogqogqo uyavuma ukuba kungaggogqwa nasebusuku nekumele kube nezizathu ezivakalayo, kwaye 30 ukungena nokugqogqa nakowuphi na umhlabo, isakhiwo, inqwelo okanye phakathi kwamasango, okanye indawo edakaciweyo kumele kwensiwe ngembeko nangocwangco, oko kuquka—
- (a) ilungelo lokuhlonitshwa nokukhuselwa kwestidima somntu;
 - (b) ilungelo lenkululeko nokhuseleko lomntu; kwakunye 35
 - (c) nelungelo lokuhlonitshwa kwezinto zakhe zangasese.
- (6) Igosa eliphezulu, umsebenzi okanye umbutho owenza umsebenzi wesigunyaziso sogqogqo ngokwemimiselo yeli solotya kumele ngokukhawuleza ngaphambil kokuqalisa lo msebenzi—
- (a) azazise kumntu onolawulo lomhlabo okanye wendawo xa ekhona umntu, aze 40 anike loo mntu ikopi yesigunyaziso, okanye ukuba aekho umntu, ancamathissele loo kopi kudonga olucacileyo kuloo mhlaba, kuloo ndawo okanye kuloo nqwelo; aze
 - (b) anike loo mntu xa ezcicela iinkcukacha ezimayelana nokukhutshwa kwesigunyaziso sogqogqo. 45
- (7) Ukuba, ngexesha kuziswa isigunyaziso okanye ngexesha kusensiwa ugqogqo ngokwemimiselo yeli solotya, umntu othi imveliso efumanekemhlaben, endaweni okanye kuloo nqwelo iqulathe iinkcukacha zakwamkhozi aze ale ukuba kwensiwe ugqogqo, kuthinjwe okanye kususwe loo mveliso, umntu owenza ugqogqo kumele, ukuba ubona ukuba iimveliso ziqualathe ulwazi olunenkukacha eziphathele nophando kwaye ulwazi olunjalo lubalulekile kuphando okanye kuvivo lwetyala, makacele umantyi onegeuny kuloo ngingqi ukuba athimbe okanye asuse loo mveliso ukuze ibe kwindawo ekhuselekileyo ide inkundla yomthetho yenze isigwebo ngokuba olu lwazi lolwakwamkhozi okanye hayi. 50
- (8) Isigunyaziso esikhutshwe ngokwemimiselo yeli solotya singakhutshwa nangayephi na imini kwaye sihlale sisebenza— 55
- (a) kude kwensiwe ugqogqo;
 - (b) side sipheliswe ngumntu obesikhuphile okanye, ukuba loo mntu aekho, nasiphi na isiphamandla esikhoyo;
 - (c) kude kufike umhla wokuphelelwa kwaso oyinyanga ukususela ukukhutshwa 60 kwaso; okanye
 - (d) kude iinjongo zokukhutshwa kwaso zibe azisekho, nokuba kufike eyiphi ke kuqala.

(9) When the executive officer exercises a power referred to in subsection (3) on or in connection with any land, premises or conveyance, he or she may require the user of land, owner or person in charge, or his or her manager, agent or employee, to render him or her such reasonable assistance as may be necessary.

(10) When the executive officer exercises a power referred to in subsection (3) on or in connection with any land, premises, building or conveyance, he or she may make use of any person or equipment to assist him or her in the exercise of his or her power.

(11) A person authorised under this section to enter upon, search or proceed over any land, building or conveyance must show to the user of the land, owner or person in charge, or his or her manager, agent or employee, proof of his or her identity.

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Establishment of National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa

9. (1) The National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa is hereby established in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Convention.

(2) The National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa must perform the functions provided for in this Act.

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Composition of National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa

10. The National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa consists of directorates responsible for phytosanitary policy and operation matters in the Department.

Functions of National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa

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11. The National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Provide a national plant protection contact point in terms of the Convention in the Republic;
- (b) issue phytosanitary certificates;
- (c) conduct pest risk analyses;
- (d) develop and publish phytosanitary measures;
- (e) propose, review and enforce phytosanitary measures;
- (f) inspect consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles;
- (g) notify trading partners regarding non-compliance with phytosanitary import requirements;
- (h) notify other countries about the Republic's phytosanitary measures, regulations, requirements and legislation;
- (i) conduct surveillance for regulated pests in the Republic;
- (j) conduct phytosanitary audits to ensure that pest management is in compliance with official phytosanitary measures and standards;
- (k) render plant health services that include phytosanitary diagnostic services and quarantine services;
- (l) distribute plant health information regarding regulated pests and any other phytosanitary matters that are of public interest;
- (m) conduct training and development of staff;
- (n) represent the Republic in bilateral, regional and other international phytosanitary forums;
- (o) negotiate and maintain export work programmes, bilateral protocols for importing and exporting plants and plant products and other regulated articles; as well as any other related phytosanitary measures; and
- (p) perform such other functions as may be required by the provisions of this Act and relevant international agreements.

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(9) Xa igosa eliphezulu lisebenzisa amagunya alo ekubhekiswa kuwo kwisolotyana
 (3) ngokumayelana nawo nawuphi na umhlabu, indawo okanye inqwelo, angacela
 umsebenzisi womhlabu, umnini womhlabu okanye umntu ophetheyo, okanye umphathi
 wakhe, i-arhente okanye umsebenzi, ukuba amnike uncedo oluyimfuneko nanjengoko
 kungayimfuneko oko.

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(10) Xa igosa eliphezulu lisebenzisa amagunya alo ekubhekiswa kuwo kwisolotyana
 (3) ngokumayelana nawo nawuphi na umhlabu, indawo okanye inqwelo, lingasebenzisa
 nawuphi na umntu okanye izixhobo zokusebenza ukumncedisa ekusebenziseni amandla
 akhe.

(11) Umntu ogunyazisiweyo ngaphantsi kweli solotya ukungena, agqogqe okanye
 ajonge umhlabu, isakhwi okanye inqwelo kumele abonise umsebenzisi womhlabu,
 umnini wabo okanye umntu ophetheyo, okanye umphathi wakhe, i-arhente okanye
 umsebenzi, ubungqina besazisi sakhe.

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Ukumiliselwa koMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe

9. (1) UMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe uye wamiliselwa 15
 ngokuhambelana nezindululo zeNgungquethela ye-IV yeMveliso yeZityalo.

(2) UMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe kumele wenze
 imisebenzi edakacwe kulo Mthetho.

Ukuyilwa koMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe

10. UMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe unamasetanya 20
 ajongene nepolisi nemiba yokusebenza kwempilo yezityalo eSebeni.

Imisebenzi yoMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe

11. UMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe uza kwenza le
 misebenzi ilandelayo:

(a) Uza kuza nonxibelewano Iwesizwe lokhuselo IweZityalo ngokwemimiselo 25
 yeNgungquethela kwiRiphabliki;

(b) ukhuphe izatifiketi zemilo yezityalo;

(c) ubhexeshe uphicotho lobungozi Iwezinambuzane;

(d) uqulunqe uze upapashe imiqqaliselo yempilo yezityalo;

(e) ueebise, ujongo uze unyanzelise imiqqaliselo yempilo yezityalo;

(f) ugqogqe imithwalo yezityalo, eyeemveliso zeZityalo kwakunye nezinye
 iimveliso zeZityalo ezilawulwayo;

(g) wazise oogxa borhwebelwano ngokumayelana nokungathotyelwa kwezinto
 ezifunwayo xa kungeniswa izinto zempilo yezityalo elizweni;

(h) wazise amanye amazwe ngemiqqaliselo yempilo yezityalo yeRiphabliki, 35
 imiqathango, okufunekayo nemithetho;

(i) ubhexeshe ujongo Iwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo kwiRiphabliki;

(j) ubhexeshe uphicotho lwempilo yezityalo ukuqinisekisa ukuba ulawulo
 Iwezinambuzane luthobelwa imiqqaliselo nemithetho esesikweni yempilo
 yezityalo;

(k) unike iinkonzo zempilo yezityalo eziquka iinkonzo zophononongo lwempilo
 yezilwanya kwakunye neenkonzo zokuzikhwebula;

(l) usasaze ulwazi ngempilo yezityalo ngokumayelana nezinambuzane
 ezilawulwayo kwakunye neminye imiba yempilo yezityalo ezikumdlwa
 woluntu;

(m) usindleke uqequesho nophuhliso lwabasebenzi;

(n) umele iRiphabliki kwiiforam zempilo yezityalo nelinye ilizwe, kummandla
 wamazwe kwakunye nakumanye amazwe ehlabathi;

(o) ubonisane uze ugcine iinkubo zothumelo, imigomo yorhwebelwano
 ngezityalo neemveliso zeZityalo phakathi kwamazwe kwakunye nezinye
 iimveliso ezilawulwayo; kwakunye nazo zonke ezinye izinto ezinxulumene
 nempilo yezityalo; uze

(p) wenze neminye imisebenzi engafunwa zizindululo zalo Mthetho kwakunye
 nezivumelwano zamanye amazwe ezinxulumeneyo.

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CHAPTER 3**IMPORTS****Regulation of imports**

- 12.** (1) In order to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of regulated pests, the executive officer may—
 (a) conduct pest-risk analyses and prescribe specific phytosanitary measures as conditions for the import of plants, plant products and other regulated articles;
 (b) exempt or prohibit the import of specified plants, plant products and other regulated articles;
 (c) implement emergency and provisional measures in relation to imports; and
 (d) take phytosanitary action in relation to imports.
 (2) Phytosanitary measures under subsection (1)(a) and the exemptions or prohibitions under subsection (1)(b) shall be based on existing international standards or be technically justified based on pest-risk analyses.
 (3) The executive officer may engage in preparatory negotiations with counterparts for phytosanitary bilateral and multilateral agreements.

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- 13.** (1) Subject to subsections (2), (5) and (6), a person may not, except on authority of an import permit that may on application be issued by the executive officer on such conditions as he or she may determine, import into the Republic regulated articles.
 (2) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, determine that specific regulated articles may be imported into the Republic without an import permit, subject to conditions set out in that notice.
 (3) A person importing regulated articles into the Republic on the authority of a permit or a notice in the *Gazette* as contemplated in subsection (2)—
 (a) must do so through a prescribed point of entry, except where an executive officer has determined an alternative point of entry;
 (b) must present the regulated articles and prescribed documents at the point of entry or any other place determined by the executive officer for inspection, tests or other activities;
 (c) must not remove the regulated articles from the point of entry or any other place before the executive officer has authorised such removal in writing;
 (d) must apply for inspection on a form obtainable from the executive officer; and
 (e) is liable for the payment of the prescribed fees.
 (4)(a) The executive officer may review, modify or revoke an import permit in the case where import conditions have been amended or modified or where the permit holder has contravened the conditions of the import permit;
 (b) If the executive officer reviews, modifies or revokes an import permit in terms of subsection (4)(a) he or she must advise the permit holder in writing of the review, modification or revocation and the reasons for the review, modification or revocation within 10 days of his or her decision.
 (5) The Minister may allow the importation of any organism of a kind not indigenous to the Republic, if the presence of it in the Republic is desirable to—
 (a) control the occurrence of pests in the Republic; or
 (b) further the objectives of this Act;
 (6) The Minister may consult widely with, and take into account the advice of members of the agricultural and scientific communities before taking action under subsection (5).

ISAHLUKO 3**IIMVELISO ZAMANYE AMAZWE****Ulawulo lweemveliso zamanye amazwe**

12. (1) Ukuze kuthintelwe ukwaziswa, ukumiliselwa nokusasazeka kwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo, igosa eliphezulu linako—

- (a) ukubhexesa uphicotho lobungozi bezinambuzane lize lidakace imigqaliselo engqalileyo itsho ibe yimimiselo yokungenisa kweemveliso ezsuka kwamanye amazwe yezityalo, yeemveliso zezityalo kwakunye nezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo;
 - (b) ukususa okanye ukwalela ukungenisa kwezityalo ezithile, iimveliso 10 zezityalo ezithile kwakuye nezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo;
 - (c) ukumiliselwa imigqaliselo yongxamiseko ngokumayelana neemveliso ezsuka kwamanye amazwe; lize
 - (d) lithathe amanyathelo empilo yezityalo ngokumayelana neemveliso zamanye amazwe.
- (2) Imigqaliselo yempilo yezityalo engaphantsi kwesolotya (1)(a) kwakunye nokususwa nokwalelwa okungaphantsi kwesolotyana (1)(b) kuza kusekezelwa kwimigomo esele ikhona okanye ithetheleleke ngokusekezelwe kuphicotho lophando lobungozi bezinambuzane.
- (3) Igosa eliphezulu lingabonisana ngelilungiselela iingxoxo noogxa balo 20 ngezivumelwano zentsebenziswano ngempilo yezityalo.

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Ukungenisa kweemveliso ezilawulwayo

13. (1) Ngokuxhomekeka kumasolotyana (2), (5) kunye (6), umntu akanako, ngaphandle kwesigunyaziso semvume yokungenisa izinto kweli nengafumaneka ngokufaka isicelo ukuba ikhutshwe ligosa eliphezulu ngemiqathango aza kuthi ayidakace, ukungenisa iimveliso zezityalo kwiRiphabliki.

(2) UMphathiswa unako, ngokwenza isaziso kwiGazethi, ukutsho ukuba iimveliso ezithile ezilawulwayo zingangenisa kwiRiphabliki ngaphandle kwemvume yokungenisa, ngokuxhomekeka kwiqathango edakacwe kweso saziso.

(3) Umntu othumela iimveliso ezilawulwayo kwiRiphabliki ngesigunyaziso 30 semvume okanye ngesaziso kwiGazethi nanjengoko kudakaciwe kwisolotyana (2)—

- (a) kumele akwenze oku ngeendawo zokungena kweli ezicacisiweyo, ngaphandle kokuba igosa eliphezulu liye lanikeza enye indawo yokungena;
- (b) kumele aveze amaxwebhu afanelekileyo eemveliso ezilawulwayo kuloo ndawo yokungena okanye nakweyiphi na indawo eya kuthi itsiwo ligosa 35 eliphezulu ngogqogqo, ngovavanyo okanye ngezinye izinto;
- (c) kumele angazisisi iimveliso ezilawulwayo kwindawo yokungena okanye kuyo nayiphi na enye indawo de igosa eliphezulu linike isigunyaziso sokususwa ngembalelwano;
- (d) kumele afake isicelo sogqogqo kwifom efumaneka kwigosa eliphezulu; 40 kwaye
- (e) kumele ahlawule iindleko eziza kube zidakaciwe.

(4)(a) Igosa eliphezulu lingajonga, lilungise okanye lisuse imvume yokungenisa kwimeko apho imiqathango yokungenisa kweemveliso ithe yahlonyelwa okanye yalungiswa okanye apho umntu ophethe imvume wophula imiqathango yemvume 45 yokungenisa iimveliso kweli;

(b) Ukuba igosa eliphezulu lijongile, laze lalungisa okanye lasusa imvume yokungenisa ngokwemimiselo yesolotyana (4)(a) kumele acbise ngembalelwano ngakubonileyo, ngezilungiso okanye ukuswa kwakunye nezizathu zakubonileyo, zokulungisa okanye zokususa zingaphelanga iintsku ezili-10 esenzile esi sigqibo.

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(5) UMphathiswa unako ukuvumela ukungenisa kwazo naziphi na izinto eziphilayo zendalo zohlobo oluqhelekileyo kwiRiphabliki, ukuba ubukho bayo kwiRiphabliki kuyanqweneleka—

- (a) ukuze bulawule ukuqhambuka kwezinambuzane kwiRiphabliki; okanye
- (b) ukongeza kwiimfuno zalo Mthetho;

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(6) UMphathiswa angabuzisa kangangoko, aze athathele ingqalelo iingcebiso zamalungu ezolimo nenzululwazi ngaphambili kokuba athathe inyathelo ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (5).

(7) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, determine regulated articles in respect of which a permit for importation into the Republic may not be issued.

CHAPTER 4

EXPORT, RE-EXPORT AND TRANSIT

Export of regulated articles

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14. (1) A person intending to export plants, plant products or other regulated articles from the Republic—

- (a) must comply with the phytosanitary import requirements of the importing country;
- (b) must apply to the executive officer for the prescribed phytosanitary certificate, 10 where applicable, in the prescribed manner;
- (c) must do so through a prescribed point of exit, except where the executive officer has determined an alternative point of exit;
- (d) is liable for the prescribed fees;
- (e) must present the consignment for inspection; and
- (f) must comply with the prescribed export phytosanitary protocols and related requirements.

(2) The executive officer shall, upon application by an exporter under subsection (1)(b), inspect the consignment without undue delay.

(3) Upon inspection under subsection (2) the executive officer shall—

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- (a) where the consignment meets the importing country's phytosanitary measures, issue a phytosanitary certificate and any other required declaration; or
- (b) deny certification where requirements under subsection (1) have not been met.

(4) After the issuance of a phytosanitary certificate, the exporter shall export the consignment in compliance with the conditions of the National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa concerning maintenance of the phytosanitary security of a consignment after certification.

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Re-export

15. (1) When a consignment is imported into the Republic for further export to another country, the exporter—

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- (a) must apply to the executive officer for a prescribed phytosanitary certificate for re-export;
- (b) must provide all required documentation to the relevant executive officer;
- (c) must avail the consignment for inspection; and
- (d) is liable for the prescribed fees.

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(2) The executive officer shall, upon application by an exporter under subsection (1)(a), inspect the consignment without undue delay.

(3) Upon inspection under subsection (2), the executive officer shall issue a re-export phytosanitary certificate where he or she has reasonable grounds to believe that the consignment—

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- (a) complies with the phytosanitary measures of the importing country; and
- (b) the accompanying documents comply with the phytosanitary import requirements of the importing country.

(4) Upon issuance of a re-export phytosanitary certificate, the exporter shall re-export the consignment in compliance with the conditions of the National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa concerning consignment integrity and phytosanitary security.

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(5) In cases where any of the requirements of subsection (3) are not met, the executive officer shall not issue a phytosanitary certificate in accordance with section 14(3).

(6) Any phytosanitary certificate issued under subsection (3) shall indicate the country of origin of the consignment.

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(7) UMphathiswa unako, ngokwenza isaziso kwiGazethi, ukutsho ukuba zeziphi iimveliso zezityalo ezilawulwayo ekungamelanga ziyanikwe imvume yokungeniswa kwiRiphabliki.

ISAHLUKO 4

IIMVELISO EZITHUNYELWA KWAMANYE AMAZWE, EZINGENISWAYO 5 ZIZE ZIPHINDE ZITHUNYELWE NOKUHANJISWA KWAZO

Ukuthunyelwa kweemveliso ezilawulwayo

14. (1) Umntu oneenjongo zokuthumela kwamanye amazwe izityalo, iimveliso zezityalo okanye ezinye iimveliso ezilawulwayo zisuka kwiRiphabliki—

- (a) kumele athobele iimfuno zempilo yezityalo zelo lizwe lamkelayo; 10
- (b) kumele afake isicelo kwigosa eliphezulu ukuze afumane isatifiketi esiyimfuneko sempilo yezityalo, xa kunemfuneko, nangendlela edakaciwego;
- (c) kumele akwenze oko ngeendawo zokuphuma ezidakaciwego, ngaphandle kokuba igosa eliphezulu liye lathi makusetyenziswe enye indawo yokuzikhupha; 15
- (d) nguye oza kubhatala iindleko ezidakaciwego;
- (e) kumele azise loo mithwalo ukuze ihlolwe; kwaye
- (f) kumele athobele imigomo emayelana neemfuno ezibekiwego zempilo yezityalo zokuthumela kwamanye amazwe.

(2) Igosa eliphezulu kumele, xa kufakwe isicelo ngumthumeli ngaphantsi 20 kwesolotyana (1)(b), ahlole imithwalo ngaphandle kokulibazisa.

(3) Ekuholeni ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (2) igosa eliphezulu kumele—

- (a) apho imithwalo ihambelana nemiqathango yempilo yezityalo ebikiwego yokungeniswa elizweni, likhuphe isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo kwakunye nazo naziphi na izinto ezibhengeziwego ezifunekayo; okanye 25
- (b) angavumi ukukhupha isatifiketi ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (1) xa ingahambelani nemiqathango.

(4) Emva kokukhutshwa kwesatifiketi sempilo yezityalo, umthumeli kumele athumele imithwalo ngokuthobela imibandela yoMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe ngokumayelana nokugcinia ukhuseleko lwempilo yezityalo 30 lwemithwalo emva kokukhutshwa kwesatifiketi.

Ukungeniswa kuze kuphinde kuthunyelwe

15. (1) Xa imithwalo ingeniswa kwiRiphabliki ukuze iphinde ithunyelwe kwelinje ilizwe, umthumeli—

- (a) kumele afake isicelo kwigosa eliphezulu ukuze limnike isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo ukuze akwazi ukuphinde athumele;
- (b) kumele akhuphe onke amaxwebhu afanelekileyo kwelo gosa eliphezulu;
- (c) kumele azise imithwalo ukuze izohlolwa; kwaye
- (d) unoxyduva lokuhlawula zonke iindleko ezibekiwego.

(2) Igosa eliphezulu kumele, xa kufakwe isicelo ngumthumeli ngaphantsi 40 kwesolotyana (1)(a), ahlole imithwalo ngaphandle kokulibazisa.

(3) Ekuholeni ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (2) igosa eliphezulu liza kukhupha isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo xa linezizathu ezivakalayo zokuba imithwalo—

- (a) iyahambelana nemigqaliselo yempilo yezityalo yokungeniswa kweli; kwaye
- (b) amaxwebhu akhaphayo ayahambelana neemfuno zempilo yezityalo yeli 45 yokungeniswa kwemithwalo.

(4) Ekukhutshweni kwesatifiketi sempilo yezityalo, umthumele kumele athumele imithwalo ngokuthobela imibandela yoMbutho woMzantsi Afrika woKhuselo IweZityalo zeSizwe ngokumayelana nesidima semithwalo kwakunye nokhuseleko lwempilo yezityalo. 50

(5) Kwiimeko apho naziphi na iimfuno zesolotyana (3) zingahambelani, igosa eliphezulu alizukusikhupha isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo ngokuhambelana nesolotya 14(3).

(6) Nasiphi na isatifiketi sempilo yezityalo esikhutshwe ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (3) siza kubonisa ilizwe esuka kulo imithwalo.

In-transit

16. (1) Transit of consignments carrying certain regulated articles through the Republic shall be permitted only upon written permission by the executive officer, which shall be granted after application by a person in control of transition process or transiting the consignment in the prescribed form and the payment of any prescribed fee. 5

(2) Phytosanitary measures shall not apply to a consignment in transit through the Republic, provided that the consignment—

- (a) has been packed in such a manner as not to permit any risk of the introduction and spread of regulated pests that might be present in the consignment;
- (b) where applicable, is accompanied by the phytosanitary certificate and 10 accompanying documents of the country of origin.

CHAPTER 5**PEST STATUS AND PHYTOSANITARY PROCEDURES****Declaration of regulated pests**

17. (1) The executive officer must declare a pest as a quarantine pest or regulated non-quarantine pest, based on a pest-risk analysis. 15

(2) The executive officer must publish the lists of regulated pests in a government notice.

Compulsory notification of presence of pests

18. (1) A user of land who knows or suspects the presence of regulated pests on the land concerned must— 20

- (a) immediately notify the executive officer or authority by the quickest practicable means;
- (b) provide the executive officer with such further information as the executive officer may reasonably require; and
- (c) take all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of the regulated pests. 25

(2) Any person who has for the first time identified or recorded the occurrence of a regulated pest to be present in the Republic must immediately report it to the executive officer or authority.

Declaration of quarantine areas

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19. (1) Where the executive officer determines or suspects that an area or premises is infested with any quarantine pest, he or she may declare in the prescribed manner that area a quarantine area.

(2) The executive officer shall regularly review the situation in respect of any quarantine area and as soon as either— 35

- (a) the relevant quarantine pest is considered as no longer present; or
- (b) it is no longer viable for the quarantine to be maintained in respect of part or all of the area,

it shall revoke the quarantine status of such area.

(3) The executive officer may declare a place to be a quarantine facility in which 40 regulated articles may, subject to this Act, be kept, examined, disinfested, treated, destroyed or otherwise disposed thereof.

Declaration of pest-free areas, places and sites of production

20. A pest-free area, place and site of production may be established and declared in the prescribed manner when the executive officer— 45

- (a) is satisfied through surveillance that a specific pest is not present in the area;
- (b) adopts phytosanitary measures to establish and maintain a pest-free area; and

Ukuhanjiswa

16. (1) Ukuhanjiswa kwemithwalo ephethe iimveliso zezityalo ezilawulwayo ezithile zidlula kwiRiphabliki kuza kuvunyelwa kuphela xa kakhona imvume ebhaliweyo esuka kwigosa eliphezulu, nekumele ikhutshwe emva kokufakwa kwesicelo ngumntu onolawulo lwenkqubo yokuhanjiswa okanye ohambisa imithwalo ngendlela edakaciweyo kwakunye nentlawulo yazo naziphi na iindleko ezibekiwego. 5

(2) Imigqaliselo yempilo yezityalo ayingeni ndawo kwimithwalo edlulayo kwiRiphabliki, kodwa oko kuxhomekeka ekubeni imithwalo—

(a) imithwalo ipakishwe ngendlela engazukubeka emngciphekweni ukwaziswa okanye ukusasazwa kwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo; 10

(b) xa kakhona imfuneko, ikhatswa sisatifiketi sempilo yezityalo kunye namaxwebhu elo lizwe isuka kulo.

ISAHLUKO 5

IBAKALA LEZINAMBUZANE KWAKUNYE NEENKUBO ZEMPILO YEZITYALO

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Ukubhengezwa kwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo

17. (1) Igosa eliphezulu kumele libhengeze isinambuzane okanye isinambuzane esilawulwayo esingavelelwanga, ngokususelwa kuphicotho lobungozi besinambuzane.

(2) Igosa eliphezulu kumele lipapashe uluhlu lwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo kwisaziso sikhulumente. 20

Ulwaziso olunyanzelekileyo lobukho bezinambuzane

18. (1) Umsebenzisi womhlaba obaziyo okanye obukrokrelayo ubukho bezinambuzane ezilawulwayo emhlabeni ekubheksa kuwo kumele—

(a) ngokukhawuleza azise igosa eliphezulu okanye abasemagunyeni ngokungxamiseka; 25

(b) anike igosa eliphezulu iinkcukacha ezithile ezinokufunwa ligosa eliphezulu; aze

(c) enze iinzame ezivakalayo zokuthintela ukusasazeka kwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo.

(2) Nabani na othe wangowokuqala ukuqaphela okanye ukushicilela ubukho bezinambuzane ezilawulwayo kwiRiphabliki kumele ngokukhawuleza akuxele oko kwigosa eliphezulu okanye kwabasemagunyeni. 30

Ukubhengezwa kweendawo zovalelo

19. (1) Apho igosa eliphezulu liqaphela okanye likrokrela ukuba indawo ezele zizinambuzane ezivalelwego iqhambukile, unako ukubhengeza oko ngendlela edakaciweyo ukuba loo ndawo yindawo yovalelo. 35

(2) Igosa eliphezulu liza kuthi gqolo ukujonga imeko ngokumayelana nendawo yovalelo kwaye xa kanye—

(a) loo ndawo yovalelo lwezinambuzane ibonwa njengengasekhoyo; okanye

(b) akusekho mfuneko yokuvalelwa kweendawo ezithile okanye yonke loo ndawo, 40

liza kusiphelisa isibhengezo sovalelo kuloo ndawo.

(3) Igosa eliphezulu lingabhengeza indawo yeziqhobo zovalelo nalapho iimveliso ezilawulwayo, ngokuxhomekeka kulo Mthetho, zingagcinwa, zivavanywe, zitshatalaliswe, zinyangwe, zibulawe okanye zipheliswe. 45

Ukubhengezwa kweendawo ezingenazo ezi zinambuzane, iindawo kwakunye namaziko emveliso

20. Indawo yemveliso enganazo izinambuzane ingamiliselwa ize ibhengezwe ngendlela edakaciweyo xa igosa eliphezulu—

(a) lisaneliseka lujongo lwezinambuzane ezithile ukuba azisekho kuloo ndawo; 50

(b) lisamkela imigqaliselo yempilo yezityalo ukumilisela nokugcina indawo enganazo izinambuzane;

- (c) institutes a surveillance programme to verify that the pest-free status is maintained.

Declaration of area of low pest prevalence

21. An area of low pest prevalence may be declared in the prescribed manner when the executive officer—

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- (a) is satisfied that a regulated pest occurs at low levels in an area;
- (b) adopts phytosanitary measures to establish and maintain an area of low pest prevalence; and
- (c) institutes a surveillance programme to verify that the pest levels remain low.

CHAPTER 6

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Assignment of powers

22. (1) If the Minister deems it fit, he or she may assign, in writing, any power conferred or assign any duty imposed on the Minister by this Act to a juristic person or organs of state, except the power—

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- (a) conferred upon him or her by section 13(1), (2), (5) and (6);
- (b) to prescribe control measures under section 4;
- (c) to decide an appeal under section 23;
- (d) to make regulations under section 30; and
- (e) to perform the functions of the executive officer under section 6.

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(2) When the Minister assigns a power or duty referred to in subsection (1), he or she may determine that the assignee concerned must exercise his or her powers and perform his or her duties subject to the instructions of the Minister.

(3)(a) A juristic person established under any law and to whom a power or duty has been assigned under subsection (1) is, despite the absence of any express provision to that effect in the law under which it was established, deemed competent to exercise the power or perform the duty.

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(b) Subject to the approval of the Minister, such juristic person may in writing authorise a person in its employment to exercise the power or to perform the duty concerned: Provided that a decision or order of the authorised person may at any time be withdrawn or amended by the Minister.

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Right to appeal

23. A person who feels aggrieved by any decision or action by the executive officer in terms of this Act may appeal in the prescribed manner to the Minister against such decision or action.

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Appeal Board, composition and membership

24. (1) The Minister may constitute a board known as the Appeal Board to investigate and consider any appeal referred to in terms of section 23.

(2) The Appeal Board must consist of not less than three members appointed by the Minister, of whom—

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- (a) one person must be appointed on account of his or her knowledge in the relevant fields of the law; and
- (b) two or more persons must have expert knowledge of the subject of the appeal.

(3) The person referred to in subsection (2)(a) must be designated as the chairperson.

(4) The remuneration of a member of the Appeal Board must be prescribed.

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(5) Any person appointed in terms of subsection (2) must recuse himself or herself as a member of the Appeal Board if he or she has any direct or indirect personal interest in the outcome of the appeal.

- (c) kwaye lingaseka inkubo yojongo ukuze kuqinisekiswe ukuba loo ndawo ihlala ingenazo izindambuzane.

Ukubhengeza kweendawo apha zimbalwa khona izinambuzane

21. Indawo apha lisezantsi ibakala lezinambuzane ingabhengeza ngendlela edakaciwego ukuba igosa eliphezulu—

- (a) liyaneliseka ukuba izinambuzane ezilawulwayo ziqhambuka kancinci kuloo ndawo;
- (b) lisamkela imigqaliselo yempilo yezityalo yokumilisela nokugcina indawo inoqhambuko olusezantsi lwezinambuzane; kwaye
- (c) lingaseka inkubo yojongo ukuze kuqinisekiswe ukuba amabakala 10 ezindambuzane ahlala esezantsi.

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ISAHLUKO 6

IZINDULULO EZITHE GABALALA

Umsebenzi wamandla

22. (1) Ukuba uMphathiswa ubona kufanelekile, angathomela, ngokubhala phantsi, 15 nawaphi na amandla akuye okanye anike nawuphi na umsebenzi onikwe uMphathiswa ngulo Mthetho kumbutho okanyekwizigaba zikarhulumente, ngaphandle kwamandla—

- (a) abekwe kuye lisolotya 13(1), (2), (5) kunye (6);
- (b) okudakaca imigqaliselo yolawulo ngaphantsi kwesolotya 4;
- (c) okugqiba ngokucima ngaphantsi kwesolotya 23; 20
- (d) okwenza imiqathango ngaphantsi kwesolotya 30; kwakunye
- (e) okwenza imisebenzi yegosa eliphezulu ngaphantsi kwesolotya 6.

(2) Xa uMphathiswa egqithisela amandla okanye imisebenzi ekubhekiswa kuyo kwisolotyana (1), unako ukuxelela elo gosa alinike amandla okuba lisebenzise amandla alo lize lenze imisebenzi yalo ngokuxhomekeka kwimiyaletlo yoMphathiswa. 25

(3)(a) Umbutho omiliselwe ngaphantsi kwavo nawuphi na umthetho namandla awo okanye umsebenzi wawo uye wanika ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (1) nokuba azikho naziphi na izindululo zaloo mthetho eziye zamiliselwa ngawo, ubonwa njengokwaziyo ukusebenzia amandla okanye ukwenza umsebenzi.

(b) Ngokuxhomekeka kwimvume yoMphathiswa, umbutho onjalo unako ngokubhala 30 phantsi ukugunyazisa umntu oqeshiwego kuwo ukusebenzia amandla okanye ukwenza umsebenzi ekubhekiswa kuwo: Kodwa isiggibo okanye umyalelo ogunyazisa loo mntu ungarhoxiswa okanye uhlonyelwe nanini na nguMphathiswa.

Ilungelo lokubhena

23. Umntu ongaphathwa kakuhle siso nasiphi na isiggibo okanye isenzo segosa 35 eliphezulu ngokwemimiselo yalo Mthetho unako ukubhena ngendlela edakacwe nguMphathiswa ngakwisigqibo okanye ngakwisenzo esinjalo.

IBhunga leZibheno, uqulunqo kwakunye nobulungu

24. (1) UMPHATHISWA unako ukuseka ibhunga elibizwa ngokuba liBhunga leZibheno 40 ukuze liphande lize liqwälasele nasiphi na isibheno ekubhekiswa kuso kwisolotya 23.

(2) Ibhunga leZibheno kumele libe namalungu angangekho ngaphantsi kwsithathu atyunjwe ngumphathiswa, nalapho—

- (a) umntu omnye kumele atyunjwe ngolwazi lwakhe kwicandelo lomthetho; kwaye

- (b) abantu ababini nangaphezulu kumele babe zingcali kwimiba yezibheno. 45

- (3) Umntu ekubhekiswa kuye kwisolotyana (2)(a) kumele abekwe njengosihlalo.

- (4) Umrholo welungu leBhunga leZibheno kumele udakacwe.

(5) Nabani na otyunjwe ngokwemimiselo yesolotyana (2) kumele arhoxe njengelungu leBhunga leZibheno ukuba unawo umda ongqalileyo okanye ongangqalanga ngqo kwiziphumo zesibheno. 50

Investigation and consideration by Appeal Board

- 25.** (1) The Minister may refer an appeal to the Appeal Board.
 (2) An appeal must be heard on the date, time and place determined by the chairperson.
 (3) The chairperson must inform the appellant and any other party that has an interest in the appeal in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing. 5
 (4) The chairperson may, for the purposes of the hearing of an appeal—
 (a) summon any person who may have material information concerning the subject of the hearing or who has in his or her possession or custody or under his or her control any document which has any bearing upon the subject of the hearing, to appear before the Appeal Board at a date, time and place specified in the summons, to be questioned or to produce that document, and the chairperson may retain for examination any document so produced; and 10
 (b) administer an oath to or accept an affirmation from any person called as a witness at the hearing.
 (5) A person who appeals in terms of section 23 and the executive officer may be represented.
 (6) If a member of the Appeal Board—
 (a) dies during the investigation of the appeal or so soon before the commencement of the investigation that the vacancy cannot be filled in time; 20
 (b) is unable to act and another person cannot be appointed in time; or
 (c) is, after the investigation has commenced, unable to continue therewith, the parties may agree that the investigation be continued by the remaining members of the Appeal Board.
 (7) Where the member of the Appeal Board who has died or has become incapacitated as envisaged in subsection (6) was or is the chairperson of the Appeal Board, the Minister must designate one of the remaining members of the Appeal Board to act as chairperson. 25

Consideration of appeal by Minister

- 26.** (1) Where the Minister has referred an appeal to the Appeal Board in terms of section 24(1), he or she may—
 (a) confirm or set aside the recommendations of the Appeal Board; and
 (b) order the executive officer to execute the decision in connection therewith.
 (2) Where the Minister considers an appeal, he or she may—
 (a) confirm, set aside or vary the decision of the executive officer; and 35
 (b) order the executive officer to execute the decision in connection therewith.
 (3) The decision of the Minister must be in writing and a copy thereof must be furnished to the executive officer, appellant and any other party that has an interest in the appeal.
 (4) If the Minister—
 (a) sets aside any decision or action by the executive officer, the prescribed fee paid by the appellant in respect of the appeal must be refunded to him or her; or
 (b) varies any decision or action by the executive officer, the Minister may direct that the whole or any part of such fee, be refunded to the appellant. 40
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Preservation of confidentiality

- 27.** Subject to the provisions of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000), no person may, except for the purposes of exercising his or her powers in terms of this Act, or for the purposes of legal proceedings under this Act, or when required to do so under a law, disclose to any other person information acquired by him or her in the exercise of those powers relating to the business or affairs of any person. 50

UpHando kwakunye nengqwalasela yeBhunga leziBheno

25. (1) UMphathiswa angabhekisa isibheno kwiBhunga leZibheno.

(2) Isibheno kumele simanyelwe ngomhla, ngexesha nakwindawo eza kutshio ngusihlalo.

(3) Usihlalo kumele amazise umbheni nabanye abachaphazelekayo kwisibheno 5 ngokubhala phantsi umhla, ixesha kwakunye nendawo esiza kumanyeelwa kuyo.

(4) Usihlalo unako, ngenxa yeenjongo zokumanyelwa kwsibheno—

(a) ukuyalela nabani na angaba nolwazi oluyimfuneko ngokumayelana nalo mba wokumanyelwa okanye onawo nawaphi na amaxwebhu angaluncedo kulo mba wokumanyelwa, ukuba avele kwiBhunga leZibheno ngomhla, ngexesha 10 nakwindawo ethile kuloo miyalelo, uza kubuzwa okanye kuza kumele aveze amaxwebhu, kwaye usihlalo angawagcina ukuze awahlole; aze

(b) ngaphantsi kwsifungo okanye amkele isiqinisekiso esisuka kuye nawuphi na umntu obizwa ngengqina ekumanyalweni kwsibheno.

(5) Umntu obhenayo ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 23 kunye negosa eliphezulu 15 bangabakhona.

(6) Ukuba ilungu leBhunga leZibheno—

(a) liyabhubha ngexesha kusenziwa upHando lwasibheno okanye kanye emva koqala kophando sibe eso sithuba singenakuvalwa kwangexesha;

(b) alinako ukusebenza abe omnye umntu angenakutyunja kwangexesha; 20 okanye

(c) emva kokuba luqualile olu phando, angakwazi ukuqhube ka nalo ke ngoko, amahlakani anako ukuvumelana ukuba upHando lungaqhutywa ngamalungu ashiyekileyo eBhunga leZibheno.

(7) Kwimeko aphi ilungu leBhunga leZibheno elibhubhileyo okanye elingasakwazi 25 ukusebenza nanjengoko kudakaciwe kwisolotya (6) belingusihlalo okanye lingusihlalo weBhunga leZibheno, uMphathiswa kumele atyumbe elinye lamalungu ashiyekileyo leBhunga leZibheno ukuba libe ngusihlalo.

Ukuqwaleselwa kwezbheno nguMphathiswa

26. (1) Xa uMphathiswa ebhekise isibheno kwiBhunga leZibheno ngokwemimiselo 30 yesolotya 24(1), unako—

(a) ukuqinisekisa okanye ukubekela bucala izindululo zeBhunga leZibheno; aze

(b) ayalele igosa eliphezulu ukuba lenze eso sigqibo ekugqityiwe kuso ngokumayelana noku.

(2) Xa uMphathiswa eqwalaselwa isibheno, unako—

(a) ukuqinisekisa, ukubekela bucala okanye ukuthelekisa isigqibo segosa eliphezulu; aze

(b) ayalele igosa eliphezulu ukuba lenze eso sigqibo ekugqityiwe kuso ngokumayelana noku.

(3) Isigqibo soMphathiswa kumele sibhalwe phantsi kwaye ikopi kumele inikwe 40 igosa eliphezulu, umbheni kwakunye naye nabani na ochaphazelekayo sesi sibheno.

(4) Ukuba uMphathiswa—

(a) ubekela bucala naso nasiphi na isigqibo okanye isenzo segosa eliphezulu, iindleko ezidakaciweyo ezihlawuliweyo ngumbheni ngokumayelana nesibheno kumele zibuyiselwe kuye; okanye

(b) akangqinelani naso nasiphi na isigqibo okanye isenzo segosa eliphezulu, uMphathiswa angayalela ukuba iindleko zonke okanye inxalenye yazo, ibuyiselwe kumbheni.

Ukugcina Kweendaba izezakwamkhozi

27. Ngokuxhomekka kwizindululo zoMthetho oPhakamisa uKufunyanwa koLwazi, 50 ka-2000 (uMthetho No. 2 ka-2000), akukho mntu unako, ngaphandle ngokweenjongo zokusebenzia amandla akhe ngokwemimiselo yalo Mthetho, okanye ngeenjongo zeenkqubo zomthetho ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho, okanye xa eceliwe ngaphantsi kwalo mthetho, ukuveza iinkcukacha zaye nawuphi na umntu azifumeneyo ngelokusebenzia loo mandla anxulumene neshishini okanye izinto zakhe nawuphi na umntu.

Offences and penalties

- 28.** (1) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she—
- (a) contravenes, refuses or fails to comply with a provision of section 13(1) or (3), including a condition imposed in connection with an import permit, or a condition in a notice referred to in section 13(2); 5
 - (b) is found in possession of regulated articles in respect of which there is a reasonable suspicion that they were moved from an infested area to a non-infested area as provided in the relevant regulation, imported without an import permit referred to in section 13(1), or contrary to a condition of a permit or a condition set out in a notice issued under section 13(2), and who 10 is not able to give a satisfactory account of such possession;
 - (c) contravenes, refuses or fails to comply with a provision of section 14, 15 or 16; 15
 - (d) refuses or neglects to notify the executive officer as required by section 18 or to give him or her the requested further information;
 - (e) refuses or neglects to comply with or carry out a provision of a control measure, order or authority, including a condition imposed in connection with it; 20
 - (f) obstructs or hinders an executive officer, an officer or a delegate or assignee in the exercise of his or her powers or the performance of his or her duties;
 - (g) effects an unauthorised entry or deletion on a document issued or required under this Act; 25
 - (h) refuses or neglects to supply information, produce a document or give an explanation to a person who is authorised in terms of this Act to ask for it, or who supplies information or gives an explanation knowing it to be false;
 - (i) refuses or neglects to render the assistance contemplated in section 8(2)(b);
 - (j) damages, destroys, removes, shifts, alters or otherwise tampers with a marker, peg, label or other mark effected or erected for the purpose of demarcating a quarantine area or regulated area; 30
 - (k) damages, destroys, removes, shifts, alters or otherwise tampers with surveillance equipment; or
 - (l) discloses information contrary to section 27. 30
- (2) A person found guilty of an offence mentioned in subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) on a first conviction of an offence in terms of subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c), to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years; 35
 - (b) on a first conviction of an offence in terms of subsection (1)(d), (e), (f) or (g), to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 18 months;
 - (c) on a second or subsequent conviction of an offence mentioned in subsection (2)(a), whether the same or some other offence mentioned in that subsection, in the case of a person, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, and in the case of a juristic person, to a fine as determined by court of law. 40
 - (d) on a second or subsequent conviction of an offence mentioned in subsection (2)(b), whether the same or some other offence mentioned in that subsection, to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years; and
 - (e) on conviction of an offence in terms of subsection (1)(h), (i), (j), (k) or (l), to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months. 45
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, a magistrate's court shall be competent to impose any fine or imprisonment provided for in this section.

Ulwaphulo-mthetho nezohlwayo

- 28.** (1) Umntu unetyala lolwaphulo-mthetho ukuba uye—
- (a) wophula, wala okanye wasilela ukuthobela izindululo zesolotya 13(1) okanye (3), oko kuquka nemibandela ebekiweyo ngokumayelana nemvume yokungenisa imithwalo kweli, okanye umbandela okwisaziso ekubhekiswa kuso kwisolotya 13(2); 5
 - (b) wafunyaniswa eneemveliso ezilawulwayo nokunezizathu ezbambekayo zokukholelwa ukuba zisuswe kwindawo ekuqhambuke kuyo zasiwa kwindawo ekungaqhambukanga kuyo nanjengoko kutshiwo kwimiqathango elawulayo, zihanjiswe ngaphandle kwemvume yokungenisa kwemithwalo 10 ekubhekiswa kuyo kwisolotya 13(1), okanye ke kwimibandela yemvume okanye imibandela edakacwe kwisaziso ngaphantsi kweli solotya 13(2), kwaye abe engakwazi ukunika ingxelo evakalayo ngokuba nezi zinto kuye;
 - (c) wophula, wala okanye wasilela ukuthobela izindululo zesolotya 14, 15 15 okanye 16;
 - (d) waya okanye akahuoya ukwazisa igosa eliphezulu nanjengeko kufuneka enze njalo ngokwesolotya 18 okanye ukumnika iinkcukacha azicelileyo;
 - (e) wala okanye wakubethisa ngoyaba ukuthobela okanye ukulandela imigqaliselo yolawulo, eyomyalelo okanye eyabasemagunyeni, oko kuquka nombandela obekwe ngokumayelana nayo; 20
 - (f) wathintela okanye walela igosa eliphezulu, igosa, umthunywa okanye umsebenzi ukuba asebenzise amandla akhe okanye enze umsebenzi wakhe;
 - (g) wangena engagunyaziswanga okanye wacima amaxwebhu akhutshiweyo okanye afunwa ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho;
 - (h) wala okanye akazisia iinkcukacha, akawaveza amaxwebhu okanye anike 25 ingcaciso kumntu ogunyaziswe ngokwemimiselo yalo Mthetho ukuba azicelo, okanye onika iinkcukacha okanye onika ingcaciso eyazi ukuba ibubuxoki;
 - (i) wala okanye akalunikeza uncedo oludakacwe kwisolotya 8(2)(b);
 - (j) wonakalisa, watshabalalisa, wasusa, wabhekelisa, watshintsha okanye 30 ngandlela ithile waphazamisana nesiphawuli, ibhakana, uphawu okanye nasiphi na isiphawuli esichaphazelekayo okanye esimisiweyo ngeenjongo zokusika indawo yokuvalelwa okanye indawo elawulwayo;
 - (k) wonakalisa, watshabalalisa, wasusa, wabhekelisa okanye ngandlela ithile waphazamisana nezixhobo zokujonga; okanye 35
 - (l) waveza iinkcukacha ngokuchasene nesolotya 27.
- (2) Umntu ofunyaniswe enetyala lolwaphulo-mthetho oludakacwe kwisolotyana (1) uza kuthwaliswa ityala—
- (a) lolwaphulo-mthetho lokuqala ngokwemimiselo yesolotyana (1)(a), (b) okanye (c), afumane umdliwo okanye avalelwé entolongweni iminyaka 40 engadlulanga kwemihlanu;
 - (b) lolwaphulo-mthetho lokuqala ngokwemimiselo yesolotyana (1)(d), (e), (f) okanye (g), adliwe okanye avalelwé entolongweni ixesha elingadlulanga kwiinyanga ezili-18;
 - (c) kwityeli lesibini nangaphazelu lokubanjwa ngolwaphulo-mthetho 45 olukhankanywe kwisolotyana (2)(a), nokuba yinto enye okanye lolunye ulwaphulo-mthetho olukhankanywe kwelosolotyana, uza kudliwa okanye asiwe entolongweni ixesha elingadluliyo kwiminyaka emithathu; kwaye
 - (d) kwityeli lesibini nangaphazelu lokubanjwa ngolwaphulo-mthetho 50 olukhankanywe kwisolotyana (2)(b), nokuba yinto enye okanye lolunye ulwaphulo-mthetho olukhankanywe kwelosolotyana, uza kudliwa okanye asiwe entolongweni ixesha elingadluliyo kwiminyaka emithathu; kwaye
 - (e) ekubanjweni kokuqala kulwaphulo-mthetho ngokwemimiselo yesolotyana 55 (1)(h), (i), (j), (k) okanye (l), uza kudliwa okanye asiwe entolongweni ixesha elingadlulanga kwiinyanga ezimbini.
- (3) Nokuba nantoni na echasene nawo nawuphi na umthetho oqulathiweyo, inkundla kamantyi iza kubanalo igunya lokunika umdliwo okanye imthumele entolongweni ngokwezindululo zeli solotya.

Liability of employer

29. (1) When a manager, representative, agent, employee or member of the family of a person (in this section referred to as the principal) does or omits to do any act, and it would be an offence in terms of this Act for the principal to perform or omit to do such act himself or herself, that principal shall be deemed himself or herself to have done or omitted to have done the act, unless he or she satisfies the court that—

- (a) he or she neither connived at nor permitted the act or omission by the manager, representative, agent, employee or member concerned;
- (b) he or she took all reasonable steps to prevent the act or omission; and
- (c) an act or omission, whether lawful or unlawful, of the nature charged, on no condition or under no circumstance came within the scope of the authority or employment of the manager, representative, agent, employee or member concerned.

(2) In the application of subsection (1)(b), the fact that such principal issued instructions whereby an act or omission of that nature is prohibited, does not in itself mean that he or she took all reasonable steps to prevent the act or omission.

(3) When a principal is by virtue of subsection (1) liable for an act or omission by a manager, representative, agent, employee or member of his or her family, that manager, representative, agent, employee or member shall also be liable thereof as if he or she is the principal concerned.

(4) Subsection (2) shall not release a manager, representative, agent, employee or member contemplated in that subsection from any other liability which he or she may have incurred apart from the liability which he or she shares with the principal concerned.

(5) In the application of this section in criminal proceedings, evidence that any article was at the time of the act or omission charged, in the possession or under the custody, supervision, control or care of any manager, representative, agent, employee or member of the family of the principal, shall be *prima facie* proof that the principal concerned is the owner of the article concerned.

Regulations

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30. (1) The Minister may make regulations regarding—

- (a) the manner in which application must be made for an import permit, other permit, authorisation, phytosanitary certificate or inspection;
- (b) the points of entry or exit through which regulated articles must be imported in terms of section 13 or exported in terms of section 14;
- (c) fees payable in terms of this Act;
- (d) the manner in which a notice, authorisation, order or other document mentioned in this Act may be served;
- (e) the manner in which and the period within which an appeal may be noted in terms of section 23, the officer by whom and the manner in which the refusal or conduct concerned must be investigated, the manner in which an appellant may submit information or evidence or make representations, whether personally or through a legal representative, and the preparation and submission of a report and recommendation to the Minister;
- (f) the manner in which regulated articles must be presented for inspection;
- (g) the listing of regulated pests;
- (h) the declaration of pest-free areas and areas of low pest prevalence;
- (i) the declaration of pest-free places of production;
- (j) the declaration of pest-free production sites;
- (k) the declaration of quarantine areas;
- (l) the listing of regulated articles;
- (m) the manner in which the executive officer must deal with regulated articles for export found to be infested;
- (n) any matter required or permitted to be prescribed under this Act; and

Uxanduva lomqeshi

29. (1) Xa umphathi, umthunywa, i-arthente, umsebenzi okanye ilungu losapho lomntu (kweli solota kubhekiswa kulo njengenqununu) wenza okanye angenzi nasiphi na isenzo, kwaye kuza kuba lulwaphulo-mthetho ngokwemimiselo yalo Mthetho ukuba inqununu yenze okanye ingenzi isenzo esinjalo ngokwayo, loo nqununu iza kuzibona njengosenzileyo okanye ongasenzenga isenzo, ngaphandle kokuba uye wayanelisa inkundla ukuba—

- (a) akhange aggugule okanye avumele umphathi, umthunywa, umsebenzi okanye ilungu ekuthethwa elo;
- (b) uthathe onke amanyathelo afanelekileyo ukuthintela ukungenziwa; kwaye 10
- (c) isenzo okanye ukungenziwa, nokuba kusemthethweni okanye akukho semthethweni, wohlolo olumangalelwego, kungekho mbandela okanye kungekho meko eze phakathi kwemida yabasemagunyeni okanye kwinqesho yomphathi, eyomthunywa, eye-arthente, eyomsebenzi okanye eyelungu ekubhekiswa kulo.

(2) Ekwensiweni kwesolotyana (1)(b), into yokuba loo nqununu ikhuphe umyalelo apho isenzo okanye ukungenziwa kwaloo nto bekungavumelekanga, ukuba yona ngokwayo ayithethi ukuba uthathe onke amanyathelo avakalayo ukuthintela ukwensiweni okanye ukungenziwa.

(3) Apho inqununu ngokwemeko zesolotyana (1) inoxanduva lesenzo okanye 20 ukungenziwa kwaso ngumphathi, umthunywa, i-arthente, umsebenzi okanye ilungu losapho lwakhe, umphathi, umthunywa, i-arthente, umsebenzi okanye ilungu nabo baza kuba noxanduva ngokufanayo nenqununu ekuthethwa ngayo.

(4) Isolotyana (2) alizukukhulula umphathi, umthunywa, i-arthente, umsebenzi okanye ilungu elidakacwe kweli solotyana kuxanduva ekungenzeka ukuba ulwenze 25 ngokungaphandle kolu abelana ngalo nenqununu ekubhekiswa kuyo.

(5) Ekwensiweni kweli solota kwiinqubo zolwaphulo-mthetho, ubungqina bokuba imveliso eyayikhona ngexesha lesenzo okanye lokungenziwa okubekiweyo, ibingaphantsi kolawulo okanye kwenkathalo yomphathi, yomthuntwa, ye-arthente, yomsebenzi okanye yelungu losapho lenqununu, buza kuba bubungqina bokuqala 30 bokuba inqununu ekubhekiswa kuyo ngumnini wemveliso ekubhekiswa kuyo.

Imiqathango

30. (1) UMphathiswa angenza imiqathango ngokumayelana—

- (a) nendlela isicelo ekumele senziwe ngayo sokufumana imvume yokungenisa kwemithwalo kweli, sezinye iimvume, izigunyaziso, isatifiketi sempilo 35 yeziyalo okanye uhlolo;
- (b) neendawo zokungena okanye zokuphuma nalapho iimveliso ezilawulwayo kumele zingeniswe khona ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 13 okanye zikhutshwe khona ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 14;
- (c) iindlela ekumele zihlawulwe ngokwemimiselo yalo Mthetho;
- (d) iindlela isaziso, isigunyaziso, umyalelo okanye amanye amaxwebhu akhankanyiweyo kulo Mthetho ekumele ahanjiswe ngayo;
- (e) iindlela apho kwanexesha isibheno ekumele siphawulwe ngayo ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 23, igosa kwanedlela yokwala okanye iidlela yokuziphatha ekubhekiswa kuyo kumele iphandwe, iidlela umbheni ekumele 45 ahambise ngayo iinkcukacha okanye ubungqina okanye enze izaziso, nokuba uzenza ngokwakhe okanye ngegqwetha, kwaye ulungiselelo lokufakwa kwengxelo kwakunye nezindululo zoMphathiswa;
- (f) iidlela ekumele iimveliso ezilawulwayo zisiswe ngayo kuhlolo;
- (g) udweliso lwezinambuzane ezilawulwayo;
- (h) ukubhengezwa kweendawo ezingenazinambuzane neendawo 50 ezinokuhambuka okuncinci kwazo;
- (i) ukubhengezwa kweendawo zemveliso ezingenazinambuzane;
- (j) ukubhengezwa kwamaziko emveliso angenazinambuzane;
- (k) ukubhengezwa kweendawo zovalelo;
- (l) udweliso lweemveliso ezilawulwayo;
- (m) uhlobo igosa eliphezulu ekumele liqubisane ngayo neemveliso ezilawulwayo eziya kwamanye amazwe ezifunyenwe zizele;
- (n) nawuphi na umba ofunekayo okanye uvunyelelwego kumele udakacwe 55 ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho;

- (o) any incidental matter of a procedural or administrative nature that may be necessary to prescribe in order to achieve the objects of this Act.
- (2) Different regulations may be made in terms of this section in respect of different areas in the Republic or in such other aspects as may be deemed necessary.
- (3) A regulation prescribing fees may be made only after consultation with the Minister of Finance. 5

Compensation

- 31.** (1) If a regulated article has been destroyed by virtue of an order contemplated in section 7(1)—
- (a) the Minister may, out of funds appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, 10 pay such compensation as he or she may consider reasonable;
- (b) an application for the payment of compensation under subsection (1)(a) may be considered only if—
- (i) it is submitted in writing to the executive officer concerned within 90 days after the date on which the regulated articles in question have been 15 destroyed; and
- (ii) it is done in a prescribed manner.
- (2) No compensation is payable to a person in respect of the rendering of assistance in terms of section 8(2)(b).

Assistance and cooperation

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- 32.** The executive officer—
- (a) must exercise his or her powers and perform his or her functions in accordance with the principles of cooperative government and intergovernmental relations with other national, provincial and local spheres of government and all other organs of state within each sphere, as provided for in Chapter 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, and the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2005 (Act No. 13 of 2005); and 25
- (b) may, for the purposes contemplated in paragraph (a), request the assistance and cooperation from other national, provincial and local authorities, including traditional councils, the research institutes, associations, 30 organisations and other relevant bodies.

Limitation of liability

- 33.** No person, including the State, is liable in respect of anything done in good faith and without negligence in the exercise of a power or the performance of a duty conferred or imposed upon him or her under this Act. 35

Provisions binding State

- 34.** (1) The provisions of this Act bind the State.
- (2) No fees payable under this Act are payable by the State.

Application of international agreements

- 35.** This Act gives effect to ratified international agreements affecting phytosanitary 40 matters to which South Africa is a Party, and which bind the Republic.

Transitional provisions

- 36.** (1) A permit issued in terms of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983), and which is in force at the date of commencement of this Act, is regarded to be a permit issued under this Act. 45

- (o) kwaye nawuphi na umba wesiganeko wenkqubo okanye wolawulo onganyanzeleka ukuba udakacwe ukuze kuphunyezwe injongo zalo Mthetho.
- (2) Imiqathango eyahlukileyo ingenziwa ngokwemimiselo yeli solotya ngokweendawo ezahlukileyo kwiphabliko okanye ezinye iinkalo ekunobonakala kunyanzelekile kuzo.
- (3) Imiqathango ngokuphathelene neendleko kumele yensiwe kuphela emva kokuthethana noMphathiswa weMali.

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Imbuyekezo

31. (1) Ukuba imveliso elawulwayo itshatyalaliswa ngenxa yomyalelo odakacwe kwisolotya 7(1)—

- (a) uMphathiswa unako, ngemali ayabelwe yiPalamente ngezo njongo kanye, ukuhlawula imbuyekezo ngokwendlela abona kufanelekile ngayo;
- (b) isicelo sentlawulo yembuyekezo ngaphantsi kwesolotyana (1)(a) singaqwaselwa kuphela xa—
- (i) sifakwe ngembalelwano eya kwigosa eliphezulu elichaphazelekayo zingaphelanga iintsku ezingama-90 emva komhla iimveliso ezilawulwayo ekuthethwa ngazo zitshatyalalisiwe; kwaye
- (ii) yensiwe ngendlela ethile edakaciweyo.

(2) Akukho mbuyekezo eza kuhlawulwa kumntu ebencedisa ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 8(2)(b).

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Uncediso nentsebenziswano

32. Igosa eliphezulu—

- (a) kumele lisebenzise amandla alo kwaye lenze umsebenzi walo ngokuhambelana nemigomo yorhulumente wentsebenziswa kunye nobudlelwane phakathi koorhulumente nesizwe, amaphondo noorhulumente basemakhaya kwakunye nazo zonke izigaba zikarhulumente, nanjengoko zinikiwe kwiSahluko 3 soMgaqo-siseko weRiphabliko yoMzantsi Afrika, ka-1996, uMthetho weSiseko Somsebenzi woBudlelwane Phakathi kooRhulumente, ka-2005 (uMthetho No. 13 ka-2005); kwaye
- (b) unako, ngeenjongo ezipakacwe kumhlathi (a), ukucela uncedo kwakunye nentsebenziswano kwesizwe, kumaphondo nakoohulumente basemakhaya, oko kuquka amabhunga eenkosi, amaziko ophando, amaqumrhu, imibutho kwakunye namanye amabhunga achaphazelekayo.

Imida yoxanduva

33. Akukho mntu, nkqu noMbuso, unoxanduva xa kusiziwa kuyo nantoni na yensiweyo ngomoya omhle kwaye ngaphandle kokungakhathali ekusetyenzisweni kwamandla okanye ekwenziweni komsebenzi obekiweyo kuloo mntu ngulo Mthetho.

Izindululo ezibophelela uMbuso

34. (1) Izindululo zalo Mthetho ziyawubopha uMbuso.

(2) Akukho zindleko ezingaphantsi kwalo Mthetho eziza kuhlawulwa nguMbuso.

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Isicelo sesivumelwano samazwe ngamazwe

35. Lo Mthetho unika igunya kwizivumelwano esityikitywe ngamazwe ngamazwe semiba yempilo yezityalo nalapho uMzantsi Afrika uyiNxalenye, nobophelela iRiphabliko.

Izindululo zonaniselwano

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36. (1) Imvume ekhutshwe ngokwemimiselo yoMthetho weZinambuzane zoLimo, ka-1983 (uMthetho No. 36 ka-1983), noza kunyanzeliswa ngomhla wokuqualisa kwalo Mthetho, ithathwa njengokuba yimvume ekhutshwe ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho.

(2) A notice issued under the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983, and still in force at the date of commencement of this Act, is regarded to be a notice issued under this Act.

(3) A written notice issued in terms of section 8(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983, or an Act repealed by that Act, which is in force at the date of commencement of this Act, is regarded to be an order issued under section 6 of this Act.

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(4) A regulation made under the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983, and still in force on the date of commencement of this Act, is regarded to be a regulation made under this Act.

Repeal of laws

37. Subject to section 36(1) and (2), the Act mentioned in the Schedule is hereby repealed to the extent set out in the third column thereof.

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Short title and commencement

38. (1) This Act is called the Plant Health (Phytosanitary) Act, 2024.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

(2) Isaziso esikhutshwe ngaphantsi koMthetho weZinambuzane zoLimo, ka-1983, nosanyanzeliswayo ngomhla wokuqalisa kwalo Mthetho, sithathwa njengesaziso esikhutshwe ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho.

(3) Isaziso esibhalwe phantsi ngokwemimiselo yesolotya 8(1) loMthetho weZinambuzane zoLimo, ka-1983 okanye uMthetho ocinywe nguloo Mthetho, onyanzeliswayo ngomhla wokuqalisa kwalo Mthetho, sithathwa ngokuba singumyalelo okhutshwe ngaphantsi kweli solotya 6 lalo Mthetho. 5

(4) Umqathango owenziwe ngaphantsi koMthetho weZinambuzane zoLimo, ka-1983, nosanyanzeliswayo ngomhla wokuqalisa kwalo Mthetho, uthathwa njengomqathango owenziwe ngaphantsi kwalo Mthetho. 10

Ukucinywa kwemithetho

37. Ngokuxhomekeke kwisolotya 36(1) kunye (2), uMthetho okhankanyiweyo kwiShedyuli uye wacinywa ngolu hlobo kudakacwe ngalo kwikholam yesithathu ke ngoko.

Isihloko esifutshane kunye nexesha lokuqalisa

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38. (1) Lo Mthetho ubizwa uMthetho weMpilo yeZityalo, ka-2024.

(2) Lo Mthetho uza kuqalisa ukusebenza ngomhla obekwe nguMongameli ngesibhengezo kwiGazethi.

SCHEDULE**ACT REPEALED BY SECTION 37**

Act No.	Short title of Act	Extent of Repeal
36 of 1983	Agricultural Pests Act, 1983	Section 3(1) to the extent that it relates to plants. Section 6 as a whole.

Umhetho wempilo yeziyalo, 2024

UMthetho onguNombolo 35 ka-2024

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SHEDYULI**UMTHETHO OCINYWE LISOLOTYA 37**

uMthetho No.	Isihloko esifutshane	Umgama wokuCinywa
36 ka-1983	UMthetho weZinambuzane zoLimo, ka-1983	Isolotya 3(1) ngokwendlela enxulumene neziyala. Isolotya 6 lilonke.

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