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LEGAL NOTICE NO. 157 OF 2010

THE COTTON ACT, 1967
(Act No. 26 of 1967)

THE COTTON BOARD (DESTRUCTION AND PLANTING DATES) REGULATIONS, 2010 (Under Section 10 And 17)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 and 17 of the Cotton Act, 1967 the Minister for Agriculture after consulting the Cotton Board, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cotton (Destruction and Planting Dates) Regulations, 2010.

Destruction Dates for Cotton Plants

2. The 31st August, 2010 is the date for the whole of Swaziland before which all plants shall be destroyed.

Method of Destruction

3. The method of destruction to be used by growers for their cotton plants under these Regulations shall be as follows:-
 - (a) the removal of the upper portion of the plant by severing it at a point not more than 10cm above the surface of the ground and the burning of the portion so removed;
 - (b) by means of an agricultural implement, so lacerating the plant as to prevent its regrowth;
 - (c) by ploughing in or causing to be destroyed any portion of the cotton plant from the previous season which remains above the surface of the ground before the 1st December, 2010.

Default in destruction

4. (1) Owner of land of which is grown a cotton plant to be destroyed as required by regulation 3 shall ensure that the grower complies with these Regulations.

(2) If a grower or owner fails to comply with Regulations 3 the Principal Secretary or the Cotton Board shall cause the cotton plants to be destroyed and recover from the grower the full expense of the destruction.

Planting of Cotton

5. No cotton shall be planted before the 15th October, 2010.

Penalties

6. A grower or owner who:-
 - (a) fails to destroy a cotton plant as required by Regulations 3; or

- (b) plants cotton in contravention of Regulation 5 shall be guilty of offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred Emalangeni or imprisonment for a period not exceeding Three months and the Court may order the destruction of such plants within such time as it may determine.

Revocation of legal Notice No. 164 of 2005

7. The Cotton (Destruction and Planting Dates) Regulations, 2005 are hereby revoked.

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