

Provided that if it is proved to the satisfaction of the High Commissioner that the destruction of any plants or vegetable products was rendered advisable or necessary by the wilful contravention by the owner of such plants or products of the provisions of this Law, he may forbid the payment of such compensation.

7. For the purpose of preventing the introduction into this Island or the spreading therein of any plant disease, and for the purpose of making better provision for preventing the importation of goods deemed likely to convey the germs of any plant disease, and coming directly or originally from countries or places believed to be infected with any plant disease, the High Commissioner may from time to time order that the importation of any goods or articles be prohibited, or be permitted only on such conditions as shall be determined by any such order; and he may from time to time vary or rescind any such order.

Power of High Commissioner to prohibit importation of articles.

8. Any person who shall import or bring into this Island any goods or articles or shall do any act or thing in contravention of any order made under the last preceding section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, and all such goods or articles shall be forfeited together with the packages containing the same and everything packed therewith.

Penalties for contravention of order under preceding section.

9. Any contravention of any order made under section 3, or any obstruction to any officer or person appointed to execute any of the provisions of this Law, may be punished by fine, not exceeding, for the first offence, one pound, and for any subsequent offence, five pounds.

Penalties for contravention of orders and obstruction of officers,

10. The High Commissioner may order that the whole or any portion of any fine inflicted under this Law be paid to the person by whose means the conviction has been obtained.

Reward to informer:

11. This Law may be cited as the Diseases of Plants Prevention Law, 1893.

Short title.

16 OF 1897.

TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF THE WHEAT PEST KNOWN AS SIRIVIDHI.

WALTER J. SENDALL.]

[June 9, 1897.]

1. In this Law the term " Winter Cereals " means and includes wheat, barley, oats and rye.

Definition.