

Control of Plants Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the cultivation, import and export of plants and plant products, the protection of plants and plant products against pests and diseases, the control of the introduction of pests into Singapore, the use of pesticides, the measures pertaining to the development and improvement of the plant industry in Singapore and for purposes connected therewith, and to repeal the Agricultural Pests Act (Chapter 5 of the 1985 Revised Edition), the Controlled Plants Act (Chapter 59 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and the Export of Plants (Control) Act (Chapter 101 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Control of Plants Act 1993 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“agricultural officer” means any officer appointed as an agricultural officer by the Director under section 3;

“certified pesticide operator” means a person who is certified as a pesticide operator under section 13;

“conveyance” includes any aircraft, vessel, train, vehicle or any other artificial contrivance, whether mechanically-propelled or otherwise used or capable of being used as a means of transport on land, water or air;

“Director” means the Director of Primary Production and includes the Deputy Director of Primary Production and the Director, Agriculture Division of the Primary Production Department;

“diseased” means attacked by or infected with any pest;

“fresh fruits and vegetables” means unprocessed and raw fruits and vegetables which are intended for human consumption;

“import”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to bring or cause to be brought into Singapore by land, sea or air from any place which is outside Singapore but does not include the bringing into Singapore by land, sea or air (whether landed or transhipped in Singapore) for the sole purpose of being carried to any other country either by the same or another conveyance;

“label” includes any written, printed, pictorial or other descriptive matter;

“land” includes —

- (a) the surface of the earth and all substances forming the surface;
- (b) the earth below the surface and all substances therein;
- (c) all vegetation and other natural products whether or not requiring the periodical application of labour for their production and whether on