

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 5816

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AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT, 1983  
(ACT NO. 36 OF 1983)**CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO POLYPHAGOUS SHOT HOLE BORER:  
AMENDMENT**

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



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

## SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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