

## THE PLANTS (QUARANTINE) ACT

ORDER  
(under section 3)

## THE PINK (HIBISCUS) MEALYBUG ORDER, 1996

(Made by the Minister on the 25th day of October, 1996)

L.N. 155/96

1. This Order may be cited as the Pink (Hibiscus) Mealybug Order, 1996.
2. The Pink (Hibiscus) Mealybug (*Maconellicoccus hirsutus*) hereinafter referred to as the Pink Mealybug, is hereby declared to be a notifiable plant pest.
3. Every owner, occupier or any other person having the charge or management of land who knows of or suspects the existence of the Pink Mealybug plant pest on such land—
  - (a) shall, in addition to giving notice, in writing, to the Chief Plant Quarantine Officer of that fact and of all such information as may be available to that owner, occupier or person as to the extent and nature of the pest, report such information to—
    - (i) the Parish Agricultural Manager of the office of the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) of the parish in which the land is situated; or
    - (ii) the Principal Research Director of the Bodles Agricultural Research Station in Old Harbour in the parish of St. Catherine; and
  - (b) shall not remove from the land any plant or plant material unless authorized in writing by the Chief Plant Quarantine Officer to do so.

4. Any officer appointed under section 5 of the Act may, in addition to the powers conferred upon him by that section or any authorized person may, in addition to the authority given to him to perform the duties of inspection—

- (a) direct the owner, occupier or any other person having the charge or management of any land to implement measures specified by the Chief Plant Quarantine Officer for the destruction and control of the Pink Mealybug and the production and protection of organisms that are natural enemies to that pest; and
- (b) for the purpose of controlling the spread of the Pink Mealybug, enter upon any land and with such assistance as may be necessary, destroy, remove, uproot, dispose of, prune or treat any plant on such land, whether such plant is infected or not.