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**AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK (PLANT PROTECTION) RULE  
(LN 88 OF 1986)****AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK (QUARANTINE AREA) ORDER 2011**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by rule 6 of the Agricultural and Livestock (Plant Protection) Rule, I make this Order –

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Agriculture and Livestock (Quarantine) Order 2011, and comes into force on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires –

“cocoa pod borer” means the pest known as *conopomorpha cramerella* that destroys or affects cocoa plant;

“cocoa plant” includes cocoa seeds or cocoa pod, cocoa cuttings or any other part of cocoa plants;

“control measures” includes activities such as spraying of insecticides, pruning, removal of cocoa pods and other risk materials, removal or destruction of host plant species and restrictions on the movement of cocoa plant or other host plant materials in and out of quarantine areas;

“host plant” means rambutan, akwa, kola or nam-nam or any other plant capable of harbouring cocoa pod borer;

“quarantine area” means any area demarcated for the purposes of investigation, control and eradication of cocoa pod borer

Declaration of  
quarantine areas

3. The following areas are declared as quarantine areas –

- (a) Mono Island and Stirling Island as they are considered to be an area with cocoa borer infestation.
- (b) any other island in the Shortland Islands group [or in the Western Province], considered by the Director of Quarantine, areas at risk from infestation.

Removal of cocoa  
plant from quaran-  
tine area

4. No person shall –

- (a) take or remove or cause to be taken or removed any cocoa plant or host plant from the quarantine area;  
or
- (b) bring into or cause to be brought into the quarantine area any cocoa plant or host plant.

5. Any cocoa plant, host plants, or other plant material or item found to be moved from or to a quarantine area in contravention of this Order may –

- (a) be seized and detained by the inspector;
- (b) be destroyed by or under the supervision of the inspector without payment of any compensation.

Duty of person-in-  
charge of vessels

6. The person-in-charge of a vessel or boat travelling from any quarantine area shall not allow any cocoa plant or any other risk item than may be infested with cocoa pod borer to be transported through the vessel.

- (1) Any cocoa plant, host plant, plant or any other materials or item that may be infested with cocoa pod borer may –
  - (a) be seized and detained by the inspector; and
  - (b) be destroyed by or under the supervision of the inspector without mandatory payment of any compensation.

(2) If the inspector has reasonable suspicion that an area may be infested with cocoa borer, the inspector may take appropriate control measures which may include the destruction of any cocoa plant, host plant, plant or any other material or item even though the cocoa plant, plant or any other material or item is not infested.

(3) The Permanent Secretary or person authorised in writing by the Permanent Secretary may, in writing, agree appropriate compensation with the owner of the cocoa plant, plant or any other material or item to be destroyed under subparagraph (1) and (2).

7. A person who contravenes paragraph 4, 5, or 6 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 5,000 penalty units or to 6 months imprisonment. Offence and penalty

MADE AT HONIARA this fifteenth day of September, 2011.

HON. CONNELLY SANDAKABATU  
Minister for Agriculture and Livestock

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