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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****NO. 449****26 MAY 2017****AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT, 1983****(ACT No. 36 OF 1983)****CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO FALL ARMYWORM**

I, Senzeni Zokwana, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, acting under section 6 of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983), hereby prescribe the Control Measures set out in the Schedule.

**S. Zokwana****Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

1. In these Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates—

**“authority”** means any officer of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in the national, provincial or local sphere of government;

**“notifiable insect”** means the insect as designated in Annexure A;

**“phytosanitary measures”** means those measures, regulations or procedures as provided for under this regulation having the purpose to prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests or to limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests;

**“phytosanitary procedures”** means any official method for implementing phytosanitary measures including the performance of inspections, tests, surveillance or treatments in connection with regulated pests;

**“the Act”** means the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983).

### Compulsory notification

2. (1) Every user of land within the Republic shall immediately notify the executive officer and/or authority of any occurrence or suspected occurrence of fall armyworm.

(2) Any individual or organization or institution that has for the first time identified or recorded fall armyworm to be present in a pest free area shall immediately report it to the executive officer.

**Responsibilities of executive officer and /or authority**

3. (1) Upon national pest reporting, the executive officer shall immediately –
- (a) take necessary phytosanitary procedures or action to identify and confirm the presence of fall armyworm in an area;
  - (b) prescribe or specify phytosanitary measures to be complied with by the user of land and/or land owner.
- (2) The executive officer may at any time if he/she deems necessary revoke the measures taken to manage or control fall armyworm.
- (3) Where the user of land cannot meet the obligations on these measures, the executive officer and/or authority may-
- (a) implement appropriate measures to manage fall armyworm.

**Responsibility of user of land**

4. Any user of land must take all reasonable measures as prescribed or specified in the relevant guidelines or action plans to manage and control fall armyworm.

**Issuance of guideline or action plan**

5. The executive officer may, where he/she deems appropriate, issue action plans or guidelines, measures or operational procedures for the implementation of this regulation.

**ANNEXURE A**  
**NOTIFIABLE INSECT**

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i>	Fall armyworm