

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 6575

5 September 2025

**PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1976
(ACT No. 53 OF 1976)****DECIDUOUS FRUIT PLANT CERTIFICATION SCHEME**

I, John Steenhuisen, Minister for Agriculture, acting under section 23 of the Plant Improvement Act, 1976 (Act No. 53 of 1976), after consultation with the Minister of Finance, hereby substitute the Schedule for the Deciduous Fruit Plant Certification Scheme published under Government Notice No. R. 1971 of 15 October 1993, as amended.



MR J STEENHUISEN, MP
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
DATE: 25-03-25

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule, “the Scheme” means the Deciduous Fruit Plant Certification Scheme published by Government Notice No. R. 1971 of 15 October 1993, as corrected by Government Notice No. R. 453 of 22 March 1996, and amended by Government Notice Nos. R. 564 of 18 April 1997, R. 1305 of 10 October 1997, R. 262 of 5 March 1999, R. 42 of 28 January 2011 and R. 226 of 19 March 2021.

Amendment of Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Scheme

2. Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Scheme is hereby amended by-

(a) the substitution for subparagraph 3.1.1.1 with the following subparagraph:

- 3.1.1.1 Plant material and plants shall test free of the following viral diseases:

Prune dwarf virus (PDV)
Prunus necrotic ringspot virus (PNRSV)
Apple stem grooving virus (ASGV)
Apple mosaic virus (ApMV)
Apple stem pitting virus (ASPV)
Apple chlorotic leafspot (ACLSV)

- (b) the substitution for subparagraph 3.1.1.2 with the following subparagraph:

- 3.1.1.2 Plant material and plants shall be visually free of the following pathogens:

Platycarpa scaly bark (SB)
Pseudomonas syringae pv. *syringae* (Bacterial canker)
Pseudomonas syringae pv. *morsprunorum* (Bacterial canker)
Xanthomonas campestris pv. *pruni* (Bacterial spot)
Agrobacterium tumefaciens (Crown gall)
Agrobacterium rhizogenes (Crown gall)
Chondrostereum purpureum (Silver leaf)
Diaporthe spp., *Diplodia seriata*, *Cytospora* spp., *Eutypa lata*, (Cankers)
Schizophyllum commune, *Trametes versicolor* (Wood decay)
Armillaria, *Cylindrocarpon*, *Dactylonectria* (Root and crown rot organisms)
Phytophthora
Pythium
Rhizoctonia
Rosellinia
Verticillium
Apple flat limb
Apple leaf pucker
Apple rubbery wood
Pear necrotic spot
Pear vein yellows