

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

THE PLANT PROTECTION (NOTIFIABLE PEST) ORDER, 2011

2011, No. 29

THE PLANT PROTECTION (NOTIFIABLE PEST) ORDER made in exercise of the powers contained in section 4 of the Plant Protection Act, Cap 329.

1. Short title

This Order may be cited as the Plant Protection (Notifiable Pest) Order, 2011.

2. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“*Achatina fulica*” means the quarantine pest which is commonly known as the Giant African Snail.

“Quarantine pest” means a pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled.


3. Notifiable pest

(1) *Achatina fulica* is hereby declared as a notifiable pest.

(2) Subject to Section 5(1) of the Plant Protection Act [Cap. 329], the occupier of any land on which *Achatina fulica* occurs, is obligated as soon as practicable to notify Plant Protection of this presence.

(3) Further, under Sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the Plant Protection Act [Cap. 329], an occupier who fails to give such notice would be guilty of an offence and should note that it shall not be a defence that the occupier was not aware of the presence of the pest unless it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Court that he or persons employed by him took all reasonable steps to discover the presence of the pest.

Made the 19th day of April, 2011.


Hon. Hilson Baptiste
Minister of Agriculture.



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