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Procedures for inspection and issuance of *Bactrocera dorsalis* removal permit to enable land users to remove host plants of *Bactrocera dorsalis* from an area placed under quarantine due to the presence of *B. dorsalis* in the area in terms of the Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983) and the Control Measures R. 110

1. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

1.1 Area status: Present under official control

- 1.1.1 Notice of areas that are placed under quarantine due to the presence of *B. dorsalis* is published in the Government Gazette or is handed over as Official Orders to individual land users.
- 1.1.2 Land users/marketers and marketing agents must apply in writing for removal permits at least one calendar month before fruit harvesting or packing.
- 1.1.3 Applicants must complete an application form with the order number (PQ O) attached and forwarded to RemovalPermits@nda.gov.za for issuance of the removal permit.
- 1.1.4 **Inspection for issuance of inspection report with the purpose of applying for movement permit is R320.00 for 30 minutes or portion thereof including travelling as from 2026/04/01.**
- 1.1.5 **Issuing of a removal permit under the control measures R.110 in terms of the Agricultural Pest Act, 1983 (Act No.36 of 1983) is R250.00 per permit as from 2026/04/01.**
- 1.1.6 Permits will be valid according to the host type and the period it would be in production.
- 1.1.7 If the land user is applying for more than one host type that is in production at different intervals during the year, the application form must reach the permit office at least one calendar month before the first host crop is harvested within each calendar year.

1.2 Permit Application for the removal of host plants from areas where *B. dorsalis* has recently been detected and the area is still delimited and/or under eradication

- 1.2.1 Land users from areas where *B. dorsalis* has recently been detected and placed under quarantine, must apply in writing for permits to allow for the removal of host material immediately prior to removal
- 1.2.2 Host plant removal will be permitted prior to an inspection or be subjected to an inspection before removal depending on the pest occurrence, detection rate, host fruit, etc.
- 1.2.3 Notice of areas that are placed under quarantine due to the detection of *B. dorsalis* is handed over as Official Orders to individual land users.
- 1.2.4 Growers must complete an application form and the order number (PQ O) can be forwarded to RemovalPermits@nda.gov.za for the issuance of the removal permit.
- 1.2.5 Permits will be valid according to the host type and the period it would be in production.

2. INSPECTION

- 2.1 All production units in areas placed under quarantine will be inspected by DIS to ensure compliance with the conditions stipulated in the official orders given or in terms of the conditions issued in terms of the removal permits issued.
- 2.2 Inspection of land may be prior to permits issued or during the production season depending on the status of *B. dorsalis* in the area and depending on production period of a host.

2.3 Producers must maintain fruit flies per trap per month trap catch data of 12 or lower (FTD of 0.4).

- 2.4 All traps at production close to traps (within 1km) with a FTM value of more than 12 be investigated to establish reasons for the high fly catch numbers. Such growers must implement corrective actions.

2.5 Removal permits may be revoked or refused to be issued if a grower is not able to successfully implement corrective measures to maintain the flies per trap per month at 12 or lower.

- 2.6 Inspections will entail the following:

- 2.6.1 Documentation such as orders, previous permits etc.
 - 2.6.2 Traps set by producers and trap data
 - 2.6.3 Orchard sanitation and sanitation methods and records (fruit shredding, bagging etc)
 - 2.6.4 Male annihilation implemented plus records of chemical procurement
 - 2.6.5 Protein bait sprays implemented plus records of chemical procurement
 - 2.6.6 Fruit, plus fruit cutting either on farm or at pack house
 - 2.6.7 Compliance to removal control procedures such as truck covers
 - 2.6.8 Compliance to waste removal/ destruction procedures where applicable
 - 2.6.9 Once the production unit inspected and it complies, the inspector must send the report to RemovalPermits@nda.gov.za.
- 2.7 An official inspection report (PQ-I) and evaluation report for the PUC for *Bactrocera dorsalis* must be completed.
- 2.8 Host plants destined for the export market can be inspected by PPECB but must be indicated as such on the inspection report
- 2.9 Permits may not be issued in cases of non-compliance and must be withdrawn with immediate effect if post permitted inspections indicate non-compliance
- 2.10 Land users who are deliberately not complying with the conditions stipulated in official orders or in terms of permit conditions may be prosecuted.

3. EXAMPLES OF PERMIT PERIODS AND INSPECTIONS

- 3.1 Removal permits valid for 12 months can be issued for Citrus, Avocado and Tomatoes but not valid for longer than 12 months.
- 3.2 Removal permits for mangoes, guava and papaya may be issued for 9 months
- 3.3 Removal permits for litchi may be issued for 4 months
- 3.4 Land users with a variety of host plants may apply for a single permit in terms of 1.1.7, which will be valid for the period of the host plant which is the longest in production. However, each host plant must be inspected separately when it is in production.
- 3.5 Host plants which are in production for more than 6 months of the year must be inspected twice a year at each place of production, preferably in beginning or mid production but

also just before the end of production. E.g. Mangoes in November and again in April, Citrus/ Avocado in April and again in August

3.6 Host plants which are in production for less than 6 months must be inspected at least once a year such as Litchis, in late November, early December

3.7 Inspection visits/reports can be combined when land users are producing several crops, provided they are all in production. E.g. Litchis Mangoes- both in November-December, Mango Citrus both in March- April etc.

4. EXAMPLES OF AREAS REQUIRING REMOVAL PERMIT

A permit should be acquired for the removal of host material from:

4.1 An affected area to a PFA

4.2 A PFA through an affected area to a PFA

4.3 An affected area to an ALPP

4.4 An ALPP to a PFA

4.5 An affected area under eradication but not yet eradicated to an PFA or ALPP

4.6 Within an area under eradication to another destination point within the same area under eradication

5. ISSUANCE OF THE REMOVAL PERMIT

5.1 The producer (land user) or inspector must send all the documentation (Inspection report & *Bactrocera dorsalis* evaluation report) to RemovalPermits@nda.gov.za.