

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 93

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE PLANT PROTECTION ACT, 1975

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND MARINE  
RESOURCES UNDER SECTION 4A OF THE PLANT PROTECTION ACT

THE PLANT PROTECTION (CONTROL OF BLACK SIGATOKA  
DISEASE) (TOBAGO) ORDER, 2006

WHEREAS by The Plant Protection (Declaration of Notifiable Disease) L.N. No. 268  
Order, 2004, *Mycosphaerella fijiensis* (Black Sigatoka) disease was<sup>of 2004</sup>  
declared a notifiable disease:

And whereas it is necessary to take certain precautions to prevent  
the spread of that disease to Tobago:

Now, therefore, the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred on  
him by section 4A(b), (e) and (g) of the Act, hereby orders as follows:

Citation                    1. This Order may be cited as the Plant Protection  
(Control of Black Sigatoka Disease) Order, 2006.

Prohibitions  
and  
precautions                2. For the purpose of controlling the spread of the  
Black Sigatoka Disease to Tobago, the Minister  
hereby—

Schedule                    (a) prohibits, controls or restricts the  
transportation of any part of the *Musa* plant,  
with the exception of treated fruits and  
planting material, outside of the boundaries  
as defined in the Schedule (hereinafter called  
the “declared boundaries”); and

(b) directs that the following precautions be  
taken in cases where fruits and planting  
material are to be transported to Tobago:

(i) the leaves of bananas and plantain  
plants shall not be used as packing  
material;

(ii) leaves and leaf material shall not be  
transported outside the declared  
boundaries;

- (iii) all planting material of banana and plantain plants, which is being moved between Trinidad and Tobago, shall be free of leaves;
- (iv) all planting material, which is being moved between Trinidad and Tobago, shall be treated in the manner advised by the Plant Pathologist; and
- (v) fruits which are to be transported outside of the declared boundaries shall be dipped in a 0.5 sodium hypochlorite solution for three minutes.

Application of  
Order

3. (1) This Order applies only to plants of the banana and plantain family (*Musa* species) and includes the “moko” variety.

(2) This Order does not apply to ornamental types of the banana and plantain family.

#### SCHEDULE

That area of land in the Ward of Cedros in the County of St. Patrick in the island of Trinidad and bounded on the north by the Gulf of Paria, on the south by the Columbus Channel, on the east by Chatham Road and on the west by the Serpent’s Mouth (sea).

Made this 21st day of April, 2006.

J. NARINE  
*Minister of Agriculture, Land  
and Marine Resources*