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**PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

THE COTTON ACT, 1967

(No. 26 of 1967)

THE COTTON (COTTON DESTRUCTION AND PLANTING DATES)

REGULATIONS 1977.

(Under Sections 10 and 17)

(Commencement: 31st August 1977)

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the abovementioned Act, the Honourable the Minister for Agriculture, after consultation with the Cotton Board, is pleased to make the following Regulations:

*Citation.*

1. These regulations may be cited as the cotton (Cotton Destruction and Planting Dates) Regulations 1977.

*Dates before which cotton plants to be destroyed.*

2. The 31st day of August 1977 is the date for the whole of Swaziland before which all cotton plants shall be destroyed.

*Method of destruction.*

3. The method of destruction to be followed by the growers for their cotton plants in terms of regulation 2 are :—

- (a) The removal of the upper portion of the plant severing it at a point at least two inches below the surface of the ground and the burning of the portion so removed, or,
- (b) by means of an agricultural implement, so lacerating and burning the plant as to prevent its re-growth.

*Default in Destruction.*

4. (1) The Owner of the land on which is grown a cotton plant to be destroyed as required by regulations 2 and 3 shall ensure that the grower complies with those regulations.

(2) If a grower or an owner fails to comply with regulations 2 and 3, the Permanent Secretary or the Board may cause the cotton plant to be destroyed and recover from the owner the expense of the destruction.

*Date before which cotton not to be planted.*

5. The 15th October, 1977 is the date for the whole of Swaziland before which no cotton shall be planted.

*Penalties.*

6. If a grower or owner :—

(a) fails, as required by regulations 2 and 3, to destroy a cotton plant; or,

(b) plant cotton in contravention of regulation 5.

He shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred Emalangeni; or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months.

A. R. V. KHOZA

*Permanent Secretary.*

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11th. July, 1977.