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LEGAL NOTICE NO. 89 OF 1984

THE COTTON ACT, 1967

(Act No. 26 of 1967)

THE COTTON (DESTRUCTION AND PLANTING DATES) REGULATIONS, 1984.

(Under sections 10 and 17)

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10 and 17 of the Cotton Act, 1967, the Minister for Agriculture and Co-operatives, after consultation with the Cotton Board, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cotton (Destruction and Planting Dates) Regulations, 1984.

Dates before which cotton plants to be destroyed.

2. The 31st August, 1984 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 used by growers for their cotton plants under regulation shall be as follows:-

- (a) the removal of the upper portion of the plant by severing it at a point not more than 10 cm above the surface of the ground and the burning of the portion so removed;
- (b) by means of an agricultural implement the cutting and burying the plant as to prevent its re-growth; and
- (c) by ploughing in or causing to be destroyed any portion of the cotton plant which remains above the surface of the ground before the 1st December, 1984.

Default in destruction.

4. (1) The owner of land on which is grown a cotton plant to be destroyed as required by regulation 3 shall ensure that the grower complies with these regulations,

(2) If a grower or an owner fails to comply with regulation 3, the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives or the Cotton Board may cause the cotton plants to be destroyed and recover from the owner the full expense of the destruction.

Planting of cotton.

5. No cotton shall be planted before the 15th October, 1984.

Penalties.

6. If a Grower or owner —

- (a) fails to destroy a cotton plant as required by regulation 3; and
- (b) plants cotton in contravention of regulation 5, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred Emalangenis or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, and the court may order the destruction of such plants within such time as it may determine.

Revocation of Legal Notice No. 35 of 1983.

7. The Cotton (Destruction and Planting Dates) Regulations, 1983 are hereby revoked.

A.V. KUNENE
Principal Secretary

MBABANE.
25th July, 1984.