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Government Notifications

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The Plant Protection Ordinance (Chapter 307)

Notice

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by regulation 12 of the regulations set out in the Schedule to the Plant Protection Ordinance, No. 10 of 1924, I prescribe that the leaf-disease of rubber trees (*Hevea brasiliensis*) caused by the fungus *Oidium heveae* Steïn, shall be treated in the manner set out hereunder,

- (1) All rubber trees growing in Ceylon shall be annually dusted with dusting sulphur.
- (2) Nothing in the provisions of paragraph (1) shall apply or be deemed to apply to—
 - (a) rubber trees growing in any plantation or garden which is less than 50 acres in extent, or
 - (b) rubber trees growing at an altitude of 1,000 ft. or more above mean-sea-level, or
 - (c) rubber trees which are less than six years of age.
 - (d) rubber trees growing in any estate, or part of an estate, where the average yield of rubber per acre does not exceed 500 lb. per annum.
- (3) The dusting in each area or field of the plantation shall commence before 50 per centum of the trees in that area or field have defoliated. The dusting shall thereafter be carried out at seven-day intervals until at least five applications have been made in the case of monoclonal rubber and at least eight applications in the case of seedling rubber.
- (4) The standard dosage of dusting sulphur to be used for dusting shall be 12 lb. for an acre for each application.
- (5) The sulphur to be used for dusting shall be free-flowing dusting sulphur powder which conforms to the following specifications:—
 - (a) at least 90 per centum of the powder must be capable of passing through a 300-mesh standard sieve;
 - (b) The powder must contain at least 85 per centum of pure sulphur by weight.
- (6) If the sulphur powder used for dusting does not conform to specification (a) or specification (b) of paragraph 5, the standard dosage shall be calculated as follows:—
 - (a) In the case of sulphur powder which does not conform to the specification (a) in paragraph 5, the standard dosage shall be—
$$90/Q \times 12 \text{ lb. for an acre for each application where } Q \text{ is the percentage of the powder which passes through a 300-mesh standard sieve.}$$
 - (b) In the case of sulphur powder which does not conform to specification (b) in paragraph 5, the standard dosage shall be—
$$85/R \times 12 \text{ lb. for an acre for each application where } R \text{ is the percentage of pure sulphur by weight in the powder.}$$
- (7) The sulphur dusting shall be carried out by a dusting appliance approved by me.
- (8) Other methods of controlling the disease caused by the fungus *Oidium heveae*, may be carried on with my written approval.

A. W. R. JOACHIM,
Director of Agriculture.

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