

CHAPTER 90.**COTTON PLANTING (REGULATION).**

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cotton Planting (Regulation) Ordinance.

Short title.

2. In this Ordinance—

Interpretation.

“close planting season” means the period in each year declared to be a close planting season either for the Colony or any area thereof under the provisions of section 3;

“cotton district” where a close planting season has been prescribed for the Colony under section 3, means the Colony, and where a close planting season has been so prescribed for any area of the Colony, means such area;

“Inspector” means a person appointed Inspector under the Cotton Protection Ordinance.

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3. The Administrator in Council may, from time to time, by proclamation published in the *Gazette* and by public notice declare any period of each year to be a close planting season within the meaning of this Ordinance, either for the whole Colony or for such area or areas thereof as may be specified in such proclamation, and the Administrator in Council may by such proclamation prescribe different close planting seasons for different areas. Any Proclamation so issued and published may be revoked, amended, or varied by Proclamation similarly issued and published.

Administrator in Council may prescribe close planting season.

4. Any person who sows or plants or causes to be sown or planted any cotton on any land in a cotton district during the close planting season shall be guilty of an offence.

Planting of cotton prohibited during the close planting season.

Powers of
Inspector.

5. An Inspector may without notice and with or without assistants—

(1) at all reasonable times enter upon any land for the purpose of ascertaining whether any cotton is planted on any such land in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance;

(2) destroy any cotton plant, or cotton seed planted on any such land in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance, and the estimated value of the work done by any such Inspector and any of his assistants, and any expenditure incurred for doing such work shall be a civil debt recoverable summarily from the occupier of the land.

Obstruction.

6. Any person who shall in any manner obstruct or impede any person in the execution of any of the powers conferred by this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence.

Burden of
proof.

7. Where any question arises in any proceedings in any court of law whether a person be the occupier of any land, the onus of proving that such person is not the occupier of such land shall be upon the defendant.

Penalty.

8. Any person who is guilty of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding four hundred and eighty dollars.