

4. In any area in which bud-rot is prevalent, no person shall tap any oil palm or coconut palm.

Penalty: a fine of twenty naira.

5. The tapping of oil palms by the process generally known as "cabbage tapping" is prohibited.

"Cabbage tapping" is the method by which wine (sap) is made to exude from the palm by cutting away the plant tissue immediately below the growing point or bud.

Penalty: a fine of twenty naira.

Agriculture Law

SWOLLEN SHOOT REGULATIONS

Short title.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Swollen Shoot Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"Chief Inspector" means Chief Inspector of Agriculture;

"owner" includes any person entitled to reap the fruits of a cocoa tree;

"representative" means any person detailed by the Chief Inspector, or any person duly authorized by him, to carry out the survey of cocoa trees and control swollen shoot disease for the purposes of these regulations.

"swollen shoot disease" means the virus disease of cocoa commonly known as swollen shoot, with all its recognized forms and variants.

Power to enter
cocoa farms
inspect and mark
cocoa trees

3. The Chief Inspector or his representative may enter and inspect any cocoa farm and may mark any cocoa tree for the purpose of controlling swollen shoot disease.

Power to destroy
affected trees.

4. The Chief Inspector or his representative may destroy or otherwise treat any cocoa tree or any other tree or plant, which in his opinion is infested with swollen shoot disease.

5. The Chief Inspector or his representative shall, by public announcement in the neighbourhood not less than twenty-one days before the date of such marking and treating, give notice of his intention to mark or treat cocoa trees with such information as to the time and place of the proposed operations as is reasonable for the purpose of affording the owners of the trees an opportunity to be present when their trees are marked or treated.

Notice of intention to mark and treat trees.

6. Where notice has been given under regulation 5 and the owner or his agent fails to attend, the Chief Inspector or his representative may exercise in his absence any of the powers conferred under these regulations.

Power may be exercised in absence of owner.

