

*Plant Protection (Banana Aerial Spraying Levy) Order***SAINT LUCIA**

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The Minister in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 15 and 36 of the Plant Protection Act 1988, No. 21, makes the following Order:

Short title

1. This Order may be cited as the Plant Protection (Banana Aerial Spraying Levy) Order, 1999.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

“banana” means bananas of the variety known as robusta, peurto rique, poyo, lacatan, giant cavendish, valery or such other varieties as may be prescribed by the Minister;

“levy” means the banana aerial spraying levy imposed under section 3;

“Minister” means Minister responsible for Agriculture;

“regulated pests” means a pest specified in the First Schedule.

Imposition of levy

3.—(1) A levy to be known as the “banana aerial spraying levy” is hereby imposed on all bananas exported outside of Saint Lucia at a rate prescribed in the Third Schedule.

(2) The levy shall be paid, by the companies licensed to trade in the export of bananas, to the Accountant-General at such time and in such a manner as the Minister directs.

(3) The rate of the levy prescribed in the Third Schedule shall be reviewable at the end of each year by a review group comprising of a representative of each body listed in the Second Schedule.

(4) The levy received by the Accountant-General under subsection (2), forms part of the Consolidated Fund and shall be used to —

(a) defray the cost of the provision by the Government of aerial spraying of bananas against regulated pests; and

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- (b) establish technical competence for the purpose of pest surveillance.

Amendment of Schedules

4. The Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, amend the First, Second and Third Schedules.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(sections 2 and 4)

Regulated Pests

1. Yellow Sigatoka — (*Mycosphaerella Musicola* or *Var Musicola*).

SECOND SCHEDULE

(sections 3 (3) and 4)

1. Plant Protection Board.
2. WIBDECO (Technical Services Unit).
3. Saint Lucia Banana Corporation.
4. Tropical Quality Fruit Company Limited.

THIRD SCHEDULE

(sections 3 (1), 3 (3) and 4)

RATE

3¢ per pound of bananas exported.

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Fisheries and the Environment.*