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Laws
4 of 1913.
5 of 1921.
2 of 1929.
Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Coconut Disease Law.

2. In this Law—

“disease” means the disease in coconut palms known as “bud-rot”;
“Inspector” means an Inspector appointed under section 6.

Inter-pretation.

3. Any person having in his possession or under his charge a coconut palm affected with disease shall cut down the diseased tree and cause all the leaves and the bud to be entirely consumed with fire.

Owner of diseased tree to burn same. Law 5 of 1921.

4. Any person having good cause to believe that coconut palms growing on land contiguous to lands in his occupation are affected by disease may by notice in writing upon the person in charge of such trees call upon him to destroy forthwith such trees with fire.

Owner of contiguous land may proceed.

5. (1) If the person so called upon refuses or neglects to destroy forthwith such trees with fire the person giving the said notice may report such refusal or neglect to an Inspector who shall thereupon inspect the trees suspected to be diseased and shall in writing inform the person in charge of the said trees whether such trees are in the Inspector’s opinion diseased or not.

If owner shall neglect Inspector called.

(2) If the person in charge of the suspected trees is not satisfied with the decision of the Inspector he may appeal through the Administrator to the Government Medical Officer of the district whose decision shall be final as to the presence or absence of disease.

6. The Administrator may appoint one or more Inspectors who may at any time between the hours of eight in the morning and five in the afternoon enter any field or place for the purposes of this Law.

Inspectors.

Duties of Inspectors.

7. (1) An Inspector, whether report has been made to him under section 5 or not, on being satisfied after inspection as to the existence of disease in any coconut palms, shall serve the person in charge of any trees so affected with a notice in writing requiring him forthwith to destroy such trees with fire.

Law 5 of 1921.

Process when owner neglects.

Law 2 of 1929.

(2) If the owner or person in charge of any tree so affected shall within three days or within such further time as the Inspector may allow of the service of the notice refuse or neglect to destroy forthwith such trees with fire, the Inspector or any person authorized by him in writing may enter on the field or place in which the affected trees are situate and destroy the said trees, and the cost of any such destruction shall at the suit of the Inspector be recoverable as a civil debt before any two Justices.

Process stayed on appeal to Government Medical Officer.

(3) In the event of an appeal to the Government Medical Officer under section 5 an Inspector shall not take any action under this section until the Government Medical Officer has notified such Inspector his decision that disease exists.