

S.I. 17 of 2007

PLANT PROTECTION ACT

(Cap 171A)

**Plant Protection (*Aleurotrochelus atratus*) Regulations,
2007**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Plant Protection Act, the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Transport hereby makes the following Regulations—

1. This Regulations may be cited as the Plant Protection (*Aleurotrochelus atratus*) Regulations, 2007. Citation

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation

“Authorised Officer” means a person authorised by the Chief Agricultural Officer or by the officer in charge of the Timber Control Unit, Forestry Division of the Ministry of Environment.

3. (1) No person shall transport any coconut or other palms or parts of such palms from one island to another island without the written permission of an Authorised Officer.

Prohibition on
transport of
certain plants

(2) An Authorised Officer or a police officer may seize and detain any palm or part thereof that is being or has been transported in contravention of subregulation (1).

Power of
entry

4. (1) An Authorised Officer may, where the Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that any palm tree on any land is affected by the pest *Aleurotrochelus atratus*, enter upon the land and take such measures as may be necessary for

preventing the spread of the pest and may for that purpose exercise the powers conferred on the Chief Agricultural Officer under section 10 of the Act.

(2) An Authorised Officer shall, if so requested by any person affected, produce the authority to act under these Regulations.

5. Any person who contravenes regulation 3(1) or obstructs an Authorised Officer in the discharge of his functions under regulation 4 is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of SR25,000 and to imprisonment for a period of three years.

MADE this 20th day of July, 2007.

JOEL MORGAN
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL
RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT
