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21 of 1931. **An Ordinance to make provision for the destruction of locusts.**

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Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Locusts (Destruction) Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate.

Power to declare locust areas to which rules shall apply.

2. Whenever the Governor is satisfied that the agricultural and/or arboricultural crops of any part of the Colony or Protectorate are in danger of damage by locusts, he may, by Order, declare that in such area or areas as he shall specify a state of danger to agricultural and/or arboricultural crops by locusts exists, and for so long as any such Order shall remain in force all rules made under this Ordinance, save such as may be expressly excepted by any such Order, shall apply to such area or areas.

Power to make rules.

3. The Governor in Council may make rules for all or any of the following purposes—

(a) empowering public officers thereto authorised by the Director of Agriculture to require owners, occupiers and persons having the charge or management of land to take such measures for combating and/or destroying locusts upon such land as may be specified by such officers, and in default of such measures being taken, to enter upon such land with such assistants as they may require, and to do such work and take such action thereon as may be necessary for the purpose, and to recover on behalf of the Government from the person or persons in default all expenses thereby incurred;

(b) requiring persons observing locusts or locust eggs to report the fact to such person as shall be specified;

(c) requiring owners or occupiers of land, or persons having the charge or management thereof, to destroy all locusts or locust eggs which may be discovered upon such land or any uncultivated land in the vicinity, and to take such other measures for combating the pest as may be feasible;

(d) prohibiting the wilful obstruction of or interference with measures for combating and/or destroying locusts;

(e) prescribing penalties for the contravention of any such rules or of any directions, notices or requests made or issued thereunder, such penalties not to exceed a fine of fifty pounds, or in default of payment, imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months;

(f) except in so far as they may be varied or revoked, or revoked and replaced by other rules made by the Governor in Council under this Ordinance, the rules in the schedule shall be in force and shall be deemed to have been made under this section. *

* The Schedule of rules is printed in the Volume containing the subsidiary legislation made under this Ordinance.