

Module 3.15 PESTS AND DISEASES		STATEMENT OF INTENT Plant diseases and insect pests are prevented and controlled
Measures		Notes
Legal requirement	<p><b>Farmers comply with the Agricultural Pests Act 36 of 1993</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers are required to notify the local department of agriculture if flying locusts arrive, or if breeding swarms of red-billed queleas are present</li> <li>• Farmers have complied with any control measures as instructed by the Minister of Agriculture</li> </ul>	<p><b>Agricultural Pests Act</b></p> <p>The Agricultural Pests Act 36 of 1993 provides for the combating and prevention of agricultural pests.</p> <p>In terms of Section 5 of the Act, a land user is obliged to notify their local department if flying locusts or voetgangers have appeared on their land, if flying locusts have deposited eggs thereof, or roosting or breeding red-billed quelea are present thereon.</p> <p>Moreover the land user is obliged to accurately describe whereupon the abovementioned pests occur and furnish all relevant information to their local department.</p>
Legal requirement		<p><b>Sugar Act</b></p> <p>The Sugar Act, 9 of 1978 brings into effect what is known as the Sugar Industry Agreement, 2000 (“the Sugar Agreement”). Every aspect of the way the industry is governed is regulated through the Sugar Agreement.</p> <p><b>Sugar Industry Agreement</b></p> <p>Farmers are to be mindful of chapter 3 of the Sugar Agreement and to note that compliance with the Pest, Disease and Variety Control Rules for the industry as well as local area specific Regulations must be followed.</p> <p>A farmer may be obliged to undertake remedial measures, or the harvesting or destruction of sugarcane in order to combat the spread of any pest or disease or if he plants an unapproved sugarcane variety. This may only occur in a “proclaimed area” which must be published in the Government Gazette.</p> <p>In terms of the Sugar Agreement, in the event that the South African Sugar Association (“SASA”) deems it expedient that remedial operations on, or the harvesting or destruction of any cane infested with any disease or pest be made compulsory, SASA may proclaim by notice in the Government Gazette any control area or part thereof, in which remedial operations shall be compulsory.</p>