1960 No. 1557

The Fire Blight Disease (Amendment) Order, 1960

Made - - - -	29*th August*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	31*st August*, 1960
Coming into Operation	1*st September*, 1960

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 2 of the Destructive Insects Act, 1877(**a**), as amended by section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1907(**b**) and section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1927(**c**) respectively, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Blight Disease (Amendment) Order, 1960. The Fire Blight Disease Order, 1958(**d**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order") and this Order may be cited together as the Fire Blight Disease Orders, 1958 and 1960.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of September, 1960.

Amendment of Principal Order

2.—(1) Article 5 of the principal Order shall be amended by inserting at the beginning thereof a new paragraph as follows:—

"(1) An authorised officer, upon production if so required of his authority, may enter upon any land or premises on which trees infected with fire blight disease or suspected by the authorised officer of being so infected are present and may treat, remove or destroy or cause to be treated, removed or destroyed any trees which appear to him to be so infected.

Any person acting under the instructions of an authorised officer exercising powers vested in him by this paragraph may enter upon any land or premises for the purpose of carrying out those instructions."

(2) The paragraphs of the said Article 5 numbered (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), shall be respectively renumbered (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6).

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-ninth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

A. J. D. Winnifrith,
Secretary.

(**a**) 40 & 41 Vict. c. 68. (**b**) 7 Edw. 7. c. 4. (**c**) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 32.
(**d**) S.I. 1958/1814 (1958 II, p. 1871).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Fire Blight Disease Order, 1958, by empowering an authorised officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to treat, remove or destroy trees infected with fire blight disease without first requiring the occupier of the land on which the trees are growing himself to take the necessary steps.