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*Plant Disease and Control Act 1953 (Chapter 220)*

## DECLARATION OF RAMU SUGAR ESTATE AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICTS IN MADANG AND MOROBE PROVINCE AS DISEASE AREA

I, Hon. Assik Tommy Tomscoll, MP, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock, by virtue of the powers conferred to me by Section 6 and Section 16 of the *Plant Disease and Control Act 1953 (Chapter 220)* and all other powers enabling me, hereby;

1. Declare Ramu Valley between Walium in Usino-Bundi District of Madang Province and Watarais in Markham District of Morobe Province as "Disease Area" due to an incursion of sugarcane smut (*sporisorium scitamineum*);
2. Prohibit the movement of plant materials of sugarcane and other host plant species (including pitpit and kunai) out of the "Disease Area",
3. Destroy all infected plants and fields of sugarcane and other host plant species in the "Disease Area",
4. Authorise the Chief Inspector of Plants to make any declarations within the 'Disease Area' as required under the *Plant and Disease Control Act 1953 (Chapter 220)* for the effective control and management of the disease.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2016.

T. TOMSCOLL,  
Minister for Agriculture and Livestock.