

BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 90 of 2009

*ORDER made by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority with the approval of the Minister responsible for Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 35 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000-2003; and all other powers thereunto it enabling.*

*(Gazetted 11th July, 2009.)*

**CONSIDERING** the importance of the citrus industry to Belize;

**GIVEN** the fact that it has been confirmed that the nonculturable, phloem limited proteobacterium, *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* that causes the devastating citrus disease huanglongbing, or more commonly known as citrus greening is now present in Belize;

**RECOGNIZING** the fact that significant spread of this disease occurs due to the movement of plant material that is either infected with the bacterium or carrying the infected psyllid *Diaphorina citri*;

**IT IS RESOLVED** that immediate measures need to be implemented to prohibit the movement of planting material (citrus and other hosts of the disease or vector) (except fruits) until officers of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority advise the Minister on the distribution of the disease in the country;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the following Order is made:

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**NOTIFIABLE PLANT PEST (CITRUS GREENING)  
ORDER, 2009.**