

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 34]

BIOSECURITY ACT 2008

**Declaration of Biosecurity Emergency Areas
for Fruit Fly Species
(*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*)**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 77 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, with the advice of the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji and in consultation with the National Disaster Management Council, I hereby declare the whole of Rotuma as a biosecurity emergency area for fruit fly species (*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*).

This Declaration is in force for a period of 6 months from the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Any movement of all stages of the fruit fly species (*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*) including eggs, larvae and pupa or of any material hosting the fruit fly species (*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*) out of the declared biosecurity emergency area is strictly prohibited. Host material includes all fruits found in Rotuma.

Pursuant to sections 79(3) and 94 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, any person who contravenes any direction made pursuant to this Declaration, commits an offence and is liable to the penalties prescribed under Schedule 5 of the Biosecurity Act 2008.

Dated this 26th day of April 2023.

S. L. RABUKA
Prime Minister and Minister for Public Enterprises