

ANNUAL LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY TEN BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DEPREDACTIONS OF PESTS IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO CONTINUE, IF NOT TO INCREASE.

(B) BECAUSE OF VARYING CLIMATIC, GEOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC FACTORS, EACH STATE MAY BE AFFECTED DIFFERENTLY BY PARTICULAR SPECIES OF PESTS; BUT ALL STATES SHARE THE INABILITY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FULLY AGAINST THOSE PESTS WHICH PRESENT SERIOUS DANGERS TO THEM.

(C) THE MIGRATORY CHARACTER OF PEST INFESTATIONS MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR STATES BOTH ADJACENT TO AND DISTANT FROM ONE ANOTHER TO COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER'S ACTIVITIES WHEN FACED WITH CONDITIONS OF INFESTATION AND REINFESTATION.

(D) WHILE EVERY STATE IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PESTS, AND EVERY STATE IS SUSCEPTIBLE OF INFESTATION BY MANY SPECIES OF PESTS NOT NOW CAUSING DAMAGE TO ITS CROP AND PLANT LIFE AND PRODUCTS, THE FACT THAT RELATIVELY FEW SPECIES OF PESTS PRESENT EQUAL DANGER TO OR ARE OF INTEREST TO ALL STATES MAKES THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AN INSURANCE FUND, FROM WHICH INDIVIDUAL STATES MAY OBTAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEST CONTROL PROGRAMS OF BENEFIT TO THEM IN OTHER STATES AND TO WHICH THEY MAY CONTRIBUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RELATIVE INTERESTS, THE MOST EQUITABLE MEANS OF FINANCING COOPERATIVE PEST ERADICATION AND CONTROL PROGRAMS.

#### 5-702. DEFINITIONS.

AS USED IN THIS COMPACT, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES A DIFFERENT CONSTRUCTION:

(A) "STATE" MEANS A STATE, TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

(B) "REQUESTING STATE" MEANS A STATE WHICH INVOKES THE PROCEDURES OF THE COMPACT TO SECURE THE UNDERTAKING OR INTENSIFICATION OF MEASURES TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE ONE OR MORE PESTS WITHIN ONE OR MORE OTHER STATES.

(C) "RESPONDING STATE" MEANS A STATE REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE OR INTENSIFY THE MEASURES REFERRED TO IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) "PEST" MEANS ANY INVERTEBRATE ANIMAL, PATHOGEN, PARASITIC PLANT OR SIMILAR OR ALLIED ORGANISM WHICH CAN CAUSE DISEASE OR DAMAGE IN ANY CROPS, TREES, SHRUBS, GRASSES OR OTHER PLANTS OF SUBSTANTIAL VALUE.

(E) "INSURANCE FUND" MEANS THE PEST CONTROL INSURANCE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT.

(F) "GOVERNING BOARD" MEANS THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THIS COMPACT REPRESENTING ALL OF THE PARTY STATES WHEN