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Pest Alert



FROSTY POD ROT

Disease of cocoa

Frosty Pod Rot is a disease caused by the fungus *Moniliophthora roreri*. It invades growing cocoa pods damaging them and the seeds produced.

Have you seen these symptoms on cocoa?

- Young pods show light yellow swellings and sometimes distortions. Seed mass may become soft and watery.
- Older pods show large dead tissue, dark brown spots with uneven borders. Premature ripening may occur and seeds become reddish brown.
- As the disease develops most of the dead outside tissue is covered by a thick white fungal growth.



If you suspect you have this disease – immediately call:

Cocoa Industry Board
923-6413

Plant Quarantine/
Produce Inspection (MICAF)
977-0637/6401

Rural Agricultural
Development Authority
(toll free) 1-888-ASK-RADA
(275-7232)

Research & Development
(MICAF)
745-2957
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