

OCCURENCE OF THE MITE *Tenuipalpus hevea* ON RUBBER  
(*Hevea* spp) IN THE STATE OF AMAZONAS<sup>1</sup>

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*Tenuipalpus hevea* commonly known as the flat mite of rubber, was observed in first time to attack rubber tree in the State of Amazonas Brazil. The observation was made in May and Octobre 1983, in the municipalities of Manaus, Itacoatiara and Urucará, in an área planted with the clones IAN 717, IAN 873 and Fx 3899. All the 3 clones were found to be attacked by the pest. The mites was present on the under surface of the leaflets, mainly along the veins were the pest sucks the sap of the plant. *T.hevea* is small in size and reddish in color. The infested leaflets showed a bronze colouration this being more intense on the surface where the mites was found.

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