

CONDOMINIUM DES NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

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JOINT REGULATION 2 of 1919

A JOINT REGULATION

No. 2 of
1919.

to provide for the disposal of the estates of certain deceased natives.

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text.]

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1. Whereas by Articles XXXV, L, LIII, of the New Hebrides Convention of 20th October, 1906, it is provided that the estates of native labourers dying on board recruiting vessels or during the period of their employment shall together with an inventory thereof be transmitted by the master of the vessel or the employer of such labour to the competent authority.

Obligations
of masters
of vessels
and
employers
under
Convention.

2. Whereas it is expedient that similar provision should be made in respect of the estates of other natives as hereinafter described and for the disposal of such estates and of those of the natives referred to in section 1 hereof.

Application
of rule to
estates of
other natives.

3. The estate of any native who may die in service other than as an indentured labourer or when under detention as a prisoner or otherwise when absent from his tribe or place of origin shall together with an inventory thereof be delivered by the employer or the officer in charge of the prison or by the owner or occupier of the premises on which the native aforesaid may have died to the authorities of the power on whom such employer officer or person depends and by such authorities any moneys received on account of such estate shall be paid in to the Condominium Treasury to be held by the Resident Commissioners and disposed of in the manner hereinafter described.

Procedure.

4. After the expiration of a period of five years from the date of the death of any native as aforesaid the estate of such native or so much thereof as may remain in the hands of the Resident Commissioners after liquidation shall if then unclaimed or if the person or persons entitled thereto cannot be traced be transferred of and vested in the Condominium Government of the New Hebrides.

Unclaimed
estates to
lapse to
Condo-
minium
Govern-
ment.

5. After the expiration of the period of five years aforesaid no claim to an estate held under the provisions of this Regulation or to any part thereof shall be entertained by the Resident Commissioners or by any Court of Law and the same shall be deemed to have been transferred to and to have been vested in the Condominium Government of the New Hebrides for the use and benefit of such Government absolutely.

No claim
to be
entertained
after lapse
of five
years.

6. The liquidation of all estates falling in under this Regulation shall be undertaken by the national authority of the persons from whom such estates have been received.

Liquidation
of estates by
national
authority.

7. The New Hebrides (Estates of Native Labourers) Regulation No. 9 of 1914 is hereby repealed.

Joint Regulation of 1914 repealed.

8. This Regulation shall come into force from the date of publication and shall be known for all purposes as the "New Hebrides (Estates of Deceased Natives) Regulation No. 2 of 1919".

Date of coming into force—
Short title.

Published and exhibited in the Public Offices of the Resident Commissioners for Great Britain and the French Republic at Vila in the New Hebrides this 26th day of March in the year 1919.

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