

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

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To amend the Animal Imports Regulation No. 16 of 1977.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows:-

**INTERPRETATION**

1. In this Act the Principal Regulation means the Animal Imports Regulation No. 16 of 1977.

**AMENDMENT**

2. The Principal Regulation is amended as follows:-

(a) In section 1 by:-

- (i) adding the following word and definition immediately after the definition of "milk products":-

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for agriculture;"

- (ii) substituting the following definition for the definition of "veterinary officer" -

"means a veterinarian employed in the service of the Government;"

- (iii) substituting the following definition for the definition of "veterinary inspector" -

"means a veterinary officer appointed as a veterinary inspector by the Minister.";

(b) In section 32 by substituting "Government Treasury" for "Condominium Treasurer";

(c) In section 39 subsection (2) by substituting "Minister" for "Joint Administration",

(d) By substituting the following section for section 67:-

**"PROHIBITION OF MOVEMENT OF AND MOVEMENT PERMITS FOR ANIMALS**

67. (1) The Minister may by Order -

- (a) prohibit the movement of any species, breed, type or class of animals for any given period of time.

- (b) specify such species, breed, type or class of animals the movement of which shall be subject to the prior possession of a movement permit;
  - (c) specify such conditions as shall apply to movement permits in general or in particular, and may prescribe fees for such permits and may create penalties for non-performance of such conditions.
- (2) In this Part, "movement" in relation to animals means movement of animals from place to place within Vanuatu, whether from one island to another or within the same island and "movement permit" shall be construed accordingly."
- (e) In section 68 by -
- (i) substituting the following introductory paragraph for the introductory paragraph thereto -  

"A person applying to the Livestock Service of the department of agriculture for a movement permit shall do so not less than 10 days before the intended date of movement of the animals, or within such greater time limit as the Minister may by order prescribe, specifying:-";
  - (ii) substituting a semicolon for the fullstop at the end of paragraph (d) and adding the following paragraph thereafter -  

"(e) such other particulars as the Minister may by order prescribe.";
- (f) By substituting "an application" for "that application" and "animals" for "livestock" in section 69;
- (g) By substituting "by Order made by the Minister" for "by the Chief Veterinary Officer" in section 70;
- (h) By substituting the following section for section 72 -

**"PERMIT TO BE RETAINED AND PRODUCED ON DEMAND**

72. At the time of movement of animals subject to a movement permit, the owner or person in charge of the animals, the person in charge of carrying the animals, and the person finally receiving the animals shall retain the movement permit or a copy thereof relating to the animals, and shall on demand produce it to a veterinary officer, veterinary inspector or stock inspector. The "person in charge of carrying the animals" means, in the case of a sea vessel, the master thereof; in the case of a motor vehicle the driver thereof; and in any other case, the person having for the time being immediate control over the actual movement of the animals.";

- (i) By substituting "Minister" for "Resident Commissioners or District Agents" in section 75,
- (j) By substituting the following paragraph for paragraph (a) in section 76 -
  - "(a) produce such animals individually or collectively to the Veterinary Inspector within a properly constructed stockyard with suitable handling facilities completely fenced off,";
- (k) By substituting the following sentence for the second sentence of section 80 -

"The death of an animal without obvious cause shall be reported immediately to any officer of the department of agriculture who shall inform the Principal Veterinary Officer thereof.";
- (l) By substituting the following section for section 83 -

"ORDERS  
83. The Minister may make Orders necessary for the better implementation of the Principal Regulation.";
- (m) By substituting throughout the Principal Regulation -
  - (i) "Vanuatu" for "New Hebrides";
  - (ii) "Government" or "Vanuatu", as the context requires, for "Condominium";
  - (iii) "Government" for "Joint Administration" and for "Condominium Administration";
  - (iv) "Minister" for "Resident Commissioners";
  - (v) "Principal Veterinary Officer" for "Chief Veterinary Officer";
  - (vi) "department of agriculture" for "Department of Rural Development";
  - (vii) "Director of the department of agriculture" for "Head of the Department of Rural Development";
  - (viii) "Order" for "Joint Decisions" and "Joint Rules"; and
  - (ix) "Vatu" for "FNH or the equivalent in Australian Dollars at the official rate of exchange" wherever it or such similar expression appears; and
- (n) By making such grammatical adaptations throughout the text of the Principal Regulation as are made necessary by the amendment provisions of paragraph (m) preceeding.

#### COMMENCEMENT

- 3. This Act shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.