REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

PLANT PROTECTION ACT [CAP 239]

Restriction of Movement of Agriculture Goods in Port Vila and Control of Movement of Vessels in Port Vila (Amendment) Order No. 164 of 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Plant Protection Act [CAP 239], I, the Honourable SAM KALPOILEP, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Forestry and Biosecurity, on the advice of the Director in consultation with the Principal Biosecurity Officer, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

The Restriction of Movement of Agriculture Goods in Port Vila and Control of Movement of Vessels in Port Vila Order No. 11 of 2021 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 19th **day of** September **, 2023.**

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FORESTRY, FISHERIES & BIOSECURITY

Honourable SAM KALPOILEP
Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE GOODS IN PORT VILA AND CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF VESSELS IN PORT VILA ORDER NO. 11 OF 2021

1 Order heading

(a) Delete "Agriculture Goods", substitute "Biosecurity Regulated Goods"

(b) Delete "in Port Vila" (wherever occurring), substitute "on Efate and its Offshore Islands"

2 Paragraph 1(e)

Delete ".",substitute "; and

(f) aggregates; and

(g) quarry; and

(h) coconut seedlings; and

(i) pot plants; and

(j) compost materials; and

(k) any other materials, in the opinion of a biosecurity officer, is deemed to host Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles."

3 Clause 1

Delete "Agriculture Goods" (wherever occurring), substitute "Biosecurity Regulated Goods"

4 References to "Port Vila"

Delete all references to "Port Vila", substitute "Efate and its Offshore Islands"

5 Clause 2

Repeal the clause, substitute

"**2 Control of movement of vessels**

(1) For the purpose of this clause, **international vessels** includes cargo vessels, yachts, cruise ships and tankers.

(2) The movement of vessels on the island of Efate and its Offshore Islands are as follows:

(a) vessels departing in the afternoon must depart no later than:

(i) 1600 hrs from 1 April to 30 September of each year; and

(ii) 1700 hrs from 1 October to 31 March of the following year; and

(b) vessels departing in the morning must depart no later than:

(i) 0600 hrs from 1 April to 30 September of each year; and

(ii) 0500 hrs from 1 October to 31 March of the following year."

(3) All vessels must turn off the external lights and reduce the amount of internal lights during the loading period and turn off all lights by 1800 hrs on the night before they depart from Efate and its Offshore Islands.

(4) All vessels must be washed or cleaned before departure.

(5) A Biosecurity Officer must inspect all vessels prior to loading and apply necessary biosecurity measures.

(6) All international vessels transiting from Port Vila to Luganville or any other port in Vanuatu must:

(a) turn off all lights on the night before departure; and

(b) close the ship hatch before 1800 hrs.

(7) To avoid doubt, vessels under subclause (5) also apply to international vessels."

6 Clause 3

Repeal the clause, substitute

"3 **Treatment - cost recovery**

For the purposes of section 21 of the Act, the fees for treating Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle:

(a) in the host materials is 200VT; and

(b) in the whole vessel is 20,000VT per certificate for a period of 3 months; and

(c) when washing of used machinery and vehicles is 1,000VT per hour."