REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

PLANT PROTECTION ACT [CAP 239]

Restriction of Movement of Biosecurity Regulated Goods in Luganville and Control of Movement of Vessels in Luganville Order No. 94 of 2024

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

1 Restriction of Movement of Biosecurity Regulated Goods

The Biosecurity Regulated Goods that are suspected as the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle hosts and harbourage are to be prohibited from being freighted out from Luganville. These Biosecurity Regulated Goods are:

(a) Firewood; and

(b) Coconut husks; and

(c) Coconut trunks; and

(d) Palm fronds; and

(e) Manure (Pig and Poultry); and

(f) Aggregates; and

(g) Pot plants; and

(h) Compost materials; and

(i) any other materials, in the opinion of a Biosecurity Officer, is deemed to be a host or harbourage of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle.

2 Control of Movement of Vessels in Luganville

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

(2) The movement of vessels in Luganville are as follows:

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

(i) 1600 hrs from 1 April to 30 September 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 earlier 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 coverage of internal lights during the loading period and turn off all lights by 1800 hrs on the night before they depart from Luganville Ports.

(4) All vessels must be 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 Luganville to any other ports within Vanuatu other than on Efate 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.

3 Treatment – cost recovery

For the purposes of section 21 of the Act, the fees for treatment of Biosecurity Regulated Goods are:

(a) in host material 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.

4 Penalty

Any person who breaches this Order is liable to a spot fine of up to 500,000VT.

5 Commencement

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

Made at Port Vila this 08 **day of** July **, 2024.**

Honourable NAKO IANATOM NATUMAN
Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity