

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2020

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Value Added Tax Act [CAP 247] (“VAT Act”).

The amendments will make changes to the VAT Act that is necessary to ensure that the VAT Act is aligned with the Tax Administration Act No. 37 of 2018 (“TAA”), which is also currently being amended. Some of the amendments include aligning the definitions of “non-profit body”, “resident person” and “non-resident person” in the VAT Act to have the same meaning as in the TAA.

The amendments also removes provisions that deal with cash registers in subsections 54(1A) and (2) of the VAT Act, as it is covered in the TAA.

Minister of Finance and Economic Management



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An Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act [CAP 247].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Value Added Tax Act [CAP 247] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF VALUE ADDED TAX ACT [CAP 247]

1 Whole of Act

- (a) Delete all references to “resident of Vanuatu”, substitute “resident person”
- (b) Delete all references to “non-resident of Vanuatu”, substitute “non-resident person”

2 Subsection 2(1)

Insert in their correct alphabetical positions:

““non-resident person” has the same meaning as in the Tax Administration Act No. 37 of 2018;

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3 Subsection 2(1) (Definition of “non-profit body”)

Repeal the definition, substitute

““non-profit body” has the same meaning as in the Tax Administration Act No. 37 of 2018;”

4 Section 2A

Repeal the section.

5 Subsection 7(1)

Delete “non-resident” (first occurring), substitute “non-resident person”

6 Subsections 54(1A) and (2)

Repeal the subsections.

7 Schedule 3 - paragraph 1(e)

Delete “has been”, substitute “is”