

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR

THE BUTCHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 7 OF 1986

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To provide for certain amendments to the Butcheries Regulation No. 19 of 1977.

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

INTERPRETATION

1. The Principal Regulation means the Butcheries Regulation No. 19 of 1977.

AMENDMENT

2. The Principal Regulation is amended as follows:-

- (a) By adding the following word and definition immediately after the definition of "meat Inspector" in section 1 -

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for agriculture.";

- (b) By adding the following section after section 2 -

"SECTION 5A OF THE ABATTOIRS REGULATION

2A. The provisions of section 5A of the Abattoirs Regulation No. 18 of 1977 (as amended) shall apply to the Principal Regulation, and the reference in that section to "Principal Regulation" shall be construed as reference to the Butcheries Regulation No. 19 of 1977.";

- (c) By deleting the words "which is intended to be sold to the public" in subsection (2) of section 5;

- (d) In section 6 by -

(i) Substituting "meat carcass or part carcass" for "meat" where the expression first appears in the section;

- (ii) Renumbering the section as subsection (1) and adding the following subsection -

"(2) No person shall transport cut or prepared meat to or from a butchery, cold store, cannery or other place used for the preparation or sale of meat otherwise than in a clean and hygienic container so that -

- (a) all meat is packed inside of such containers the inside surfaces of which are of smooth, non-absorbent, non-corrodible materials to facilitate cleaning;

- (b) adequate refrigeration is provided to maintain the meat as chilled meat or frozen meat as defined;
- (c) all such containers shall bear the stamp of a meat inspector or veterinary officer as prescribed in section 28 of the Abattoirs Regulation No. 18 of 1977 as amended."
- (e) By substituting "a Senior Magistrate" for "the Co-Presidents of the Court of First Instance" in subsection (3) of section 9 and subsection (2) of section 10;
- (f) By substituting "Vatu" for "FNH or its equivalent in Australian dollars at the official rate of exchange" in subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 11;
- (g) By substituting "Minister may make Orders" for "Resident Commissioners may make joint rules" in section 13; and
- (h) By substituting, throughout the Principal Regulation -
 - (i) "Minister" for "Resident Commissioners"; and
 - (ii) "Principal Veterinary Officer" for "Chief Veterinary Officer".

COMMENCEMENT

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