

CONDOMINIUM DES NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES
NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

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No. 15 of
1967.

To provide for the importation of meat and meat products.

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MADE by the Resident Commissioners under the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 2 and Article 7 of the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914.

1. (1) In this Regulation a reference to the Condominium Veterinary Officer (hereinafter referred to as "the Veterinary Officer") shall be construed as including any officer of the Condominium Agricultural Department authorised to act in that behalf under the provisions of Section 2 of this Regulation.

Interpretation.

(2) In this Regulation a reference to the Condominium Controller of Customs (hereinafter referred to as "the Controller of Customs") shall be construed as including the Collector of Customs at Santo.

2. The Resident Commissioners may by Joint Decision authorise any member of the Condominium Agricultural Department to exercise the powers of the Veterinary Officer for the purpose of this Regulation.

Authorisation of members of Agricultural Department.

3. No person shall import into the New Hebrides without having obtained permission to do so in the manner prescribed in Section 4 of this Regulation—

Importation for which approval is required.

- (a) the fresh, frozen or refrigerated meat of cattle, sheep or goats unless it comes from one of the countries prescribed in part I of Schedule 1 to this Regulation;
- (b) fresh pork, ham, bacon, sausages and other pork products unless it comes from one of the countries prescribed in Part II of the said Schedule;
- (c) poultry, eggs and feathered game unless they come from one of the countries prescribed in Part III of the said Schedule;
- (d) rabbits, hares and four-footed game.

4. (1) Any person who wishes to import any of the products prescribed in the immediately preceding section of this Regulation from a country in respect of which permission to import is required shall submit to the Veterinary Officer three copies of an application in the form prescribed in Schedule 2 to this Regulation.

Application for permission to import.

(2) Upon receipt of such application the Veterinary Officer shall approve or refuse the said application and shall endorse his decision and in the case of a refusal his reasons therefor on each

copy, one of which he shall return to the applicant and one of which he shall send to the Controller of Customs.

5. An importer shall, where an application has been approved under the provisions of subsection (2) of the immediately preceding Section of this Regulation or where no such application is required, give notice in writing, as soon as the relevant information has come to his notice, to the Veterinary Officer of the name of the ship or particulars of the aircraft which is to transport the said products and the date of which they are due to be imported into the New Hebrides in sufficient time to enable him to inspect them on arrival for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are fit for human consumption, and whether the provisions of this Regulation have been complied with.

Notice of arrival of products.

6. (1) After the Veterinary Officer has inspected the products aforesaid he shall, if satisfied—

Products not to be removed without permission.

- (a) that they are fit for human consumption; and
- (b) that the provisions of this Regulation have been complied with; or
- (c) has waived the requirement for the production of a certificate under the provisions of Section 15 of this Regulation;

deliver a notification to the importer to that effect in the form prescribed in Schedule 3 to this Regulation.

(2) No person shall take possession of the said products until the notification delivered under the provisions of the immediately preceding subsection of this section has been endorsed by the Controller of Customs.

7. Each quarter of every carcass of imported meat shall have clearly distinguishable upon it the mark, of the inspection stamp recording the health inspection affixed at the slaughter-house of origin.

Inspection Stamp to be affixed.

Provided that in the case of cut meat on which no mark could be seen the said stamp shall be affixed to a label attached to each bulk package containing such meat by a lead sealed wire.

8. No person shall import for a period of not less than one year following the disappearance from the last place it was known—

Absolute prohibition on import.

- (a) fresh, frozen or refrigerated meat of cattle, sheep or goats from any country in which any of the disease prescribed in Part I of Schedule 4 of this Regulation were declared;
- (b) fresh, frozen, refrigerated pork or pork products from any country in respect of which the diseases prescribed in Part II of the said Schedule were declared;

(b) unless it is accompanied by a certificate issued by the veterinary or health authorities of the country of origin attesting—

(i) that the said meat contains no substance except that derived from animals which have been inspected and declared healthy before and after slaughter;

(ii) that the said meat contains no antiseptic matter and has been prepared and packed in conformity with the requirements of the laws relating to public health of the country of origin; and

(iii) that the said meat has been sterilised by heat.

12. No person shall import any meat or meat products unless accompanied by a certificate issued by the veterinary or health authorities attesting that the said products are derived exclusively from animals that have been inspected and found healthy before and after slaughter.

Import of
meat
products.

13. (1) No person shall import any green hides or any fresh or salted skins.

Import of
hides and
skins.

(2) No person shall import any dry and incompletely tanned hides or skins unless they are accompanied by a certificate issued by the veterinary or health authorities of the country of origin attesting that they come from an area which is free from the diseases prescribed in Part V of Schedule 4 of this Regulation.

14. No person shall import any wool, bristle or animal hair unless—

Import of
wool,
bristle, etc.

(a) it has been washed with an appropriate antiseptic in an establishment approved for the purpose by the authorities of the country of origin;

(b) it has been dyed; and

(c) is accompanied by a certificate issued by the veterinary or health authorities of the said country attesting that the washing prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Section has been carried out.

15. If no certificate can be presented upon the arrival in the New Hebrides of any products in respect of which a certificate is required under the provisions of Sections 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of this Regulation the Veterinary Officer may, after inspecting such products, authorise their import subject to the production of the said certificate within such reasonable period as he shall specify.

Veterinary
Officer may
authorise
without
certificate.

16. No person shall import meat flakes, bone meal, blood, animal fats or any other animal by-products intended for feeding animals or any foodstuffs which include such by-products intended for feeding animals unless they have been sterilised by heat.

Import of
animal
by-products.

17. No person shall import any fertiliser prepared with blood, meat, bones, fat, horns or hooves unless they have been sterilised by heat.

Import of animal fertilisers.

18. No person shall import any milk, butter, fresh cream, fresh cheese, yoghurt or any other dairy product unless it has been pasteurised.

Import of dairy products.

19. No person shall import any animal semen except through and with the permission of the Condominium Agricultural Department.

Import of semen.

20. (1) Any person who imports into the New Hebrides any products of animal origin in contravention of the provisions of this Regulation or has in his possession any such product so imported shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £250 or its equivalent in francs at the current rate of exchange or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment; without prejudice to the right of the Condominium Agricultural Department to seize and destroy such products.

Penalties.

(2) Any person who obstructs the Veterinary Officer or any Police Officer or any Customs Officer in or upon the occasion of the exercise of his duty under this Regulation shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 or its equivalent in francs at the current rate of exchange or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) If any person fails to produce a certificate within the period required by the Veterinary Officer under the provisions of Section 15 of this Regulation he shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £100 or its equivalent in francs at the current rate of exchange.

21. The Resident Commissioners may by Joint Rules subject to the importation of products of animal origin coming from certain countries to such conditions as they may think fit and may in general make Rules for the better carrying out of this Regulation.

Rules

2. The Joint Importation of Poultry Regulation No. 15 of 1966 is hereby repealed.

Repeals.

23. This Regulation may be cited as the Joint Control of the Import of Animal Products Regulation No. 15 of 1967 and shall

Citation.

come into operation on the date of its publication in the Condominium Gazette.

Dated at Vila this Seventh day of July, 1967.

J. J. DELABROUSSE

C. H. ALLAN

The Resident Commissioner for the French Republic.

Her Britannic Majesty's Resident Commissioner.

SCHEDULE 1

<i>Part I</i>	Australia Canada Fiji France	French Polynesia New Caledonia New Zealand United Kingdom United States of America
<i>Part II</i>	Australia Fiji France	New Caledonia New Zealand United Kingdom
<i>Part III</i>	Australia Denmark Fiji France	Holland New Caledonia New Zealand United Kingdom
<i>Part IV</i>	Australia Austria Belgium Canada Denmark Fiji France French Polynesia Holland	Italy Luxembourg New Caledonia New Zealand Norway Portugal Sweden United Kingdom United States of America West Germany

SCHEDULE 2

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

VETERINARY SECTION

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR AN IMPORT PERMIT

I, the undersigned.....

Occupation

Apply for permission to import by.....
(indicate the means of transport)

at.....
(indicate the port of arrival)

the following goods:

Nature of the products of animal origin	Number of packages	Weight	Country and place of origin	Full address of supplier

Condominium Veterinary Officer's decision

Date.....

Signature.....

SCHEDULE 3

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

VETERINARY INSPECTION

AUTHORISATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF GOODS

I, the undersigned.....

Office.....

Authorise.....

The removal of.....

The following goods:

Nature of Animal Products	Parcels	Weight	Country and place of origin	Arrived by (ship or 'plane)	Place of Arrival	Suppliers' Address

Date.....

Signature.....

SCHEDULE 4

- Part I* Foot and Mouth Disease
 Rinderpest
- Part II* Foot and Mouth Disease
 Rinderpest
 Swine Fever
- Part III* Newcastle Disease
- Part IV* (a) Rabbits—Myxomatosis
 (b) Hares—Tularenia
 (c) Wild pigs—Swine Fever, Foot and Mouth Disease and
 Rinderpest
 (d) Deer—Foot and Mouth Disease and Rinderpest
- Part V* Foot and Mouth Disease
 Anthrax
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