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REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

NATIONAL DISASTER ACT [CAP 267]

**Declaration of State of Emergency
Order No. 13 of 2015**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 13 of the National Disaster Act [CAP 267], I, His Excellency BALDWIN LONSDALE, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, acting on the advice of the Council of Ministers, declare a STATE OF EMERGENCY over SHEFA Province.

This Declaration is taken to have commenced on the 14th of March 2015 and ends on the 28th of March 2015.

MADE this 18th day of March 2015


The official seal of the President of the Republic of Vanuatu, featuring a circular border with the text "VANUATU GOVERNMENT" at the top and "OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT" at the bottom. Inside the circle, it reads "PRESIDENT Republic of Vanuatu" with two stars on either side.

His Excellency BALDWIN LONSDALE
President of the Republic of Vanuatu



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

NATIONAL DISASTER ACT [CAP 267]

Declaration of State of Emergency
Order No. 14 of 2015

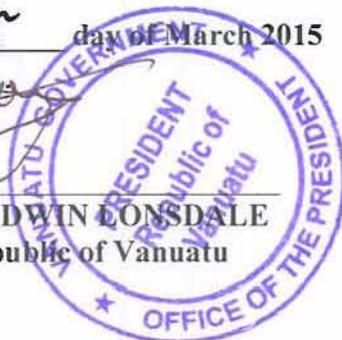
In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 13 of the National Disaster Act [CAP 267], I, His Excellency BALDWIN LONSDALE, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, acting on the advice of the Council of Ministers, declare a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** in the following Provinces:

- (a) TORBA; and
- (b) SANMA; and
- (c) PENAMA; and
- (d) MALAMPA; and
- (e) TAFEA.

This Declaration commences on the day on which it is made and ends on the 28th of March 2015.

MADE this 18th day of March 2015


His Excellency BALDWIN LONSDALE
President of the Republic of Vanuatu





REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

NATIONAL DISASTER ACT [CAP 267]

Instrument of Direction to Government Agencies Order No. 15 of 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 16(1) of the National Disaster Act [CAP 267], I, the Honourable JAMES BULE, Minister of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, on the advice of the National Disaster Committee, make the following Order.

1 Directions

The following directions are given to the following government agencies and the relevant senior government officials from certain government agencies:

- (a) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade (through the Director General) must facilitate and ensure that immediate clearance is given for all foreign government aircrafts and foreign government ships that enter Vanuatu for matters related to cyclone Pam;
- (b) the Vanuatu Immigration Services (through the Director) and the Labour Department (through the Commissioner) must facilitate and ensure that interim visas or special category visas and labour work permits are issued in a speedy and efficient manner, to persons, upon the approval of the Chairperson of the National Disaster Committee, who enter Vanuatu to assist the Vanuatu Government on matters related to the Vanuatu Government's response to the effects of cyclone Pam;
- (c) the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue (through the Director) must prepare general VAT and Customs Duty conditions for suppliers of building and construction materials that will apply for a period of one month from 14th of March 2015, to ensure that persons whose homes have been damaged or destroyed by cyclone Pam may rebuild their homes;

- (d) all Ministries through their respective Director Generals must take the lead in facilitating the relevant Ministry clusters relating to the disaster to ensure immediate response to the disaster by their respective Ministry and are to be subject to the direction of the Chairperson of the National Disaster Committee. This direction must be carried out at the National Disaster Management Office;
- (e) the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Trade, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management and the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu must release the following officials to work as ODIs at the National Disaster and Management Office:
- (i) James Hughes-Prime Minister's Office;
 - (ii) Gaute Eielson-Ministry of Trade;
 - (iii) Katharina Hanifnia-Ministry of Finance and Economic Management;
 - (iv) Victoria James-Reserve Bank of Vanuatu;
- (f) the Acting Commissioner of the Vanuatu Police Force must not, in exercising his powers under subsections 18(2) and (4) of the National Disaster Act, restrict the movement of people throughout Port Vila or stop the normal operation of businesses in Port Vila unless in his opinion, that is required for the safety and security of a particular area or location or its residents and property.
- (g) the Chairperson of the National Disaster Committee and Central Agencies must identify a sole supplier for rations.

2 Commencement

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

Made at Port Vila this 19th day of March, 2015.



Honourable JAMES BULE
Minister of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards





REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

NATIONAL DISASTER ACT [CAP 267]

Instrument of Direction to Government Agencies Order No. 16 of 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 16(1) of the National Disaster Act [CAP 267], I, the Honourable JAMES BULE, Minister of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, on the advice of the National Disaster Committee, make the following Order.

1 Directions

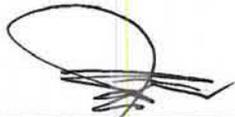
The following directions are given to the following government agencies:

- (a) the Vanuatu National Provident Fund (through its Board) is to make provision (which may include conditions) for members of the Fund to withdraw 20% of their contributions from their Retirement Accounts with the Fund, for the purposes of rebuilding their homes and lives after being affected by cyclone Pam;
- (b) the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue is to defer the payment of roadworthiness certificates and annual road taxes to the 30th of June 2015;
- (d) the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue, the Port Vila, Luganville and Lenakel Municipal Councils and all Provincial Councils are to defer the payment of business licences, permits and property taxes to the 30th of June 2015;
- (e) the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue (through the Director) must prepare general VAT and Customs Duty conditions for suppliers of planting materials including seeds and gardening tools, that will apply for a period of one month from 14th of March 2015, to assist persons whose gardens have been damaged or destroyed by cyclone Pam.

2 Commencement

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

Made at Port Vila this 20th day of March, 2015.



Honourable JAMES BULE

Minister of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards

