

CONDOMINIUM DES NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

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To prevent the introduction into the New Hebrides of the Rhinoceros Beetle *Oryctes Rhinoceros*.

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

1. All vessels and aircraft arriving in the New Hebrides from the following countries shall be subject to the provisions of this Regulation: Ceylon, India, Formosa, Burma, Malaya, Thailand, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Indonesia, China, Hong Kong, Macao, Philippines, Netherlands New Guinea, Papua New Guinea, United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Guam, Western Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, and the Wallis Islands.

2. Vessels and aircraft arriving from any of the countries specified in Section 1 shall comply with the following conditions —

(i) *Vessels*

- (a) Vessels shall anchor as far as possible off-shore before inspection by a Phyto-Sanitary Inspector;
- (b) Vessels shall be inspected by an Inspector before berthing at any wharf and unloading;
- (c) The holds of vessels shall be fumigated on arrival and before unloading;
- (d) Unloading shall take place only by day;
- (e) Holds shall be kept shut after night-fall;
- (f) All passengers' baggage shall be inspected on disembarkation;
- (g) The importation of living plants or fragments of living plants to which earth or vegetable matter is attached or generally of any vegetable matter likely to carry the eggs or larvae of *Oryctes Rhinoceros* is absolutely prohibited unless such living plants, fragments of living plants or vegetable matter shall have been fumigated before loading on the vessel in the country of origin.

(ii) *Aircraft*

- (a) Aircraft shall be inspected by a Phyto-Sanitary Inspector before disembarkation of passengers or unloading;
- (b) Passengers' baggage shall be inspected on disembarkation;

- (c) The importation of living plants or fragments of living plants to which earth or vegetable matter is attached or generally or any vegetable matter likely to carry eggs or larvae of *Oryctes Rhinoceros* is absolutely prohibited unless such living plants, fragments of living plants or vegetable matter shall have been fumigated before loading on the aircraft in the country of origin.

3. Phyto-Sanitary Inspectors shall be appointed for the purpose of this Regulation by Joint Decision of the Resident Commissioners.

4. The Harbour-Master or Controller of Aerodromes, or in their absence the District Agent, shall inform a Phyto-Sanitary Inspector of the date, time, and mode of arrival, anchoring, or berthing of any vessel or of the date and time of arrival or any aircraft arriving from any country specified in Section 1.

5. The Phyto-Sanitary Inspector shall inform the appropriate officer specified in Section 4 and the Customs Officer of the measures they are required to take and of the instructions which it may be necessary to give to captains or passengers of vessels or aircraft arriving from any of the countries specified in Section 1 for the application of the provisions of Section 2.

6. Any person who is reported by an Inspector, Harbour-Master, Controller of Aerodromes, Customs Officer or District Agent to have contravened any of the provisions of this Regulation and is found guilty thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Stg 150 or its equivalent in New Hebrides francs at the current rate of exchange and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to either of these penalties.

7. This Joint Regulation may be cited as the Rhinoceros Beetle Joint Regulation and shall have effect from the date of signature.

Made at Vila this ninth day of October, 1961.

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