

CONDOMINIUM DES NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES
NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

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No. 20
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To provide for the taking of censuses.

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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. It shall be lawful for the Resident Commissioners from time to time to make joint rules—

Rules.

- (a) directing that a census be taken of the population and housing of the New Hebrides or any part or parts thereof;
- (b) prescribing the time in relation to which the particulars required by such census shall be stated;
- (c) prescribing the dates between which such census is to be taken;
- (d) providing for the division of the New Hebrides into districts and areas for the purpose of such census;
- (e) providing for the appointment or engagement of persons to assist in the taking of such census, whether as field supervisors, enumerators, or otherwise and for the assignment to them of their duties;
- (f) prescribing the persons by whom and in respect of whom the returns for the purpose of this Regulation are to be made;
- (g) requiring the person in charge of any institution, whether public or private, to make returns in respect of the inmates thereof;
- (h) prescribing the particulars to be stated on census returns—
 Provided that no person shall be compelled to state particulars relating to his religion if he objects thereto;
- (i) making provision for any other matters necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Regulation.

2. (1) The Condominium Statistician shall make arrangements and do all such things as are necessary for the taking of any census in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation and for that purpose shall arrange for the preparation and issue of the necessary forms and instructions and for the collection of the forms when completed.

Powers and
duties of
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Statistician.

(2) The Condominium Statistician shall in the exercise of his powers and the performance of his duties under this Regulation be subjected to the control of and comply with any lawful directions given by the Resident Commissioners.

3. It shall be lawful for a person who is employed in the taking of the census or who is required in pursuance of the provisions of this Regulation to fill in any return to ask of any other person such questions as may be necessary for obtaining any of the particulars required in pursuance of the provisions of this Regulation and such other person shall to the best of his ability give such information.

Obtaining of information.

4. Upon completion of the census the Condominium Statistician shall cause the census returns to be checked, edited and coded prior to their transmission to a computer processing centre.

Report.

5. (1) Any person who—

Penalties.

- (a) refuses or neglects to comply with or acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Regulation; or
- (b) being a person required by this Regulation to make, sign, or deliver any document, wilfully makes, signs, or delivers or wilfully causes to be made, signed or delivered, a false document; or
- (c) being a person required in pursuance of this Regulation to answer any question, refuses to answer or wilfully gives a false answer to such question; or
- (d) being a person required in pursuance of the provisions of this Regulation to perform any duties in connection with the taking of the census refuses, without reasonable cause, to carry out his duties,

shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred Australian dollars or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who—

- (a) being a person employed in taking a census publishes or communicates without lawful authority to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment any information acquired by him in the course of his employment; or
- (b) having possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Regulation, publishes or communicates that information to any other person,

shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred Australian dollars or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

6. (1) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, the Resident Commissioners may by joint decision declare any period to be a Census Test Period in relation to the whole or any part or parts of the New Hebrides.

Census test period.

(2) During any Census Test Period declared under the provisions of subsection (1) the Condominium Statistician may by his officers, agents and other persons duly appointed by him for the purpose collect on a voluntary basis any census information and such information shall not be used for any purpose other than for determining the degree of efficacy of the procedures and methods used for the collecting of that information.

(3) The provisions of subsection (2) of section 5, which relate to the secrecy of information collected on a census, shall apply to information collected under the foregoing provisions of this section as though such information were information collected on a census.

7. The Joint Census Regulation No. 7 of 1967 and the Joint Census Rules No. 3 of 1967 are hereby repealed. Repeal.

8. This Regulation may be cited as the Joint Census Regulation No. 20 of 1972 and shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the Condominium Gazette. Citation and commencement.

Dated at Vila this eighteenth day of August, 1972.

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