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VANUATU COMMODITIES MARKETING BOARD ACT [CAP 133]

Vanuatu Commodities Marketing Board (Kava) Regulation Order No.10 of 2007

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 23 of the Vanuatu Commodities Marketing Board Act [CAP 133], I, the Honourable JAMES BULE Minister of Trade, Commerce, Industry and Tourism make the following Order.

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An Order to regulate the packaging and marketing of kava.

1 Interpretation

Board means the Vanuatu Commodities Marketing Board as established under section 4 of the Vanuatu Commodities Marketing Board Act [CAP 133];

reconditioning means re-washing, re-drying and repacking kava from a bag which has been found to be in such a condition specified in subclause 3(3).

2 Kava intended for export

All kava intended for export must be contained in good serviceable bags or if presented in bulk, in such form as approved by the Board

3 Bagging of kava for export

- (1) A bag containing kava for export must be securely sewn with twine of clean natural fibre in such a manner that there is no opening at the mouth through which kava can escape or be contaminated.
- (2) Each bag containing kava for export must not weigh more than 30 kilograms.
- (3) A bag found to be in a damaged condition or otherwise considered unserviceable by a Board inspector may be withheld and the kava contained in it is to be rejected and returned to the owner for reconditioning.
- (4) Each bag of kava for export must be permanently labelled with a clear and visible marking and inscription that can be read and understood as belonging to the seller and the kava bags are to remain the property of the seller.
- (5) Each bag of kava for export must be permanently labelled with a clear and visible marking and inscription that can be read and understood as containing the 10 varieties of kava, specified in the Schedule, as approved by the Quarantine exporting requirements.

4 Moisture, dust and fungal contents of kava

- (1) The Board may not purchase kava if:
- (a) the moisture content of the kava is less than 5%; or
 - (b) the dust, dirt and other extraneous matter attached to the kava weighs more than 10% by weight of the kava as determined by passage through a 3/8 inch mesh sieve; or
 - (c) the free fatty acid content of extracted oil, expressed as lauric acid, is more than 4 percent.
- (2) Any person offering to sell a kava consignment to the Board is responsible for the costs of reconditioning or disposal of any kava rejected by the Board that is found to contain fungus.

5 Quality and certification of kava

- (1) Subject to subclause 4(1), for the purposes of certifying kava for sale to the Board or for export, a Board inspector may award a certificate to certify the qualities and features of the kava in the following category:
- (a) Vanuatu stumps;
 - (b) Vanuatu Chips;
 - (c) Vanuatu Roots;
 - (d) Vanuatu Stems.
- (2) For the purposes of facilitating the certification process, an owner presenting his or her kava consignment for certification must separate kava according to the quality and variety of kava.
- (3) A Board inspector shall certify a kava consignment after randomly examining at least 5% of the consignment.

6 Cargo manifests

In addition to the requirements under subclause 3(4), all bagged kava received from a shipping vessel must be accompanied by a cargo manifest in a form approved by the Board.

7 Commencement

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

Made this 20th day of March 2007



JAMES BULE
Minister of Trade, Commerce, Industry and Tourism

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(subclause 3(5))

The 10 varieties of kava approved by the Quarantine export requirements

- 1 Vanuatu Borogu
- 2 Vanuatu Borogoru
- 3 Vanuatu Gorogoro
- 4 Vanuatu Tia
- 5 Vanuatu Melomelo
- 6 Vanuatu Ahouia
- 7 Vanuatu Palarasul
- 8 Vanuatu Kelai or Miaome
- 9 Vanuatu Silese
- 10 Vanuatu Ge Wiswisket