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NOTICE TO MASTERS

TO MASTERS OF OVERSEAS SHIPS
RESTRICTIONS WHILE IN VANUATU TERRITORIAL WATERS

1. To protect Vanuatu from the introduction of serious animal and plant diseases and pests you must comply with various restrictions while your ship is in Vanuatu territorial waters.
2. **RESPONSIBILITY.** The ships master is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are complied with.
3. **FRUIT, VEGETABLES, PLANT PRODUCTS AND FOOD** of any kind must not be landed in Vanuatu without the written authority of an agricultural Quarantine Officer. This includes ships stores and any food and plant products belonging to crew members. Should it be necessary to land ships stores temporarily, owing to refit, etc., the prior permission of the Department of Biosecurity Vanuatu must be obtained.
4. **POT PLANTS.** Must not be landed in Vanuatu under any circumstances. All plants on board must be healthy.
5. **MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS** of any description are not to come ashore from your ship for any purpose whatsoever. Ships meat must not be used by crew members for fishing, neither from the wharf nor from the ship
6. **EGGS AND EGG CRATES** must not be landed in any circumstances.
7. **SHIPS PETS.** If there are any ships pets (including fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and invertebrates such as snails or giant spiders etc.), they must be confined on the ship in any manner and place approved by an Agriculture Quarantine Officer. Pets must not be accessible to visitors, stevedores or other workers. Should a pet become sick please contact the department of Biosecurity Vanuatu office. After hours telephone numbers are shown below. If a ship pet dies while in Vanuatu waters, the carcass is to be given to the Agriculture Quarantine Officer for disposal. Any pets obtained in Vanuatu must be added to the list of pets on board. Animals taken on board by visitors or which wander on board will not be allowed ashore unless in the custody of an Agricultural Quarantine Officer. Yachts must not anchor alongside the wharf whilst carrying pets
8. The Animal Importation Act will be rigidly enforced. The regulation require that:
 - (a) Lists be provided of all meats including poultry, ham, bacon, sausages, salami, lard etc. Details require the types of meats and countries of origin and countries and ports loaded from.
 - (b) All live animals including shellfish, fish, reptile's birds and mammals, etc, be accurately entered and described on the Masters Certificate.
9. **SHIPS GARBAGE CONTAINERS** must be securely fitted with lids. All lids must be fastened at all times. All garbage must be in containers and not allowed to be dropped overboard. Ay garbage deposited ashore must be sealed in plastic bags before leaving the ship.
10. **CARS, MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES AND SPORTING EQUIPMENT** owned by the crew members which are not to be used in Vanuatu, must be cleaned to the satisfaction of an Agricultural Quarantine Officer before being allowed ashore.
11. **BIOSECURITY VANUATU SERVICE** contact is as follows:

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