

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

ANIMAL IMPORTATION AND QUARANTINE ACT [CAP 201]

Penalty Notice Regulation Order No. 6 of 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 20A(6) of the Animal Importation and Quarantine Act [CAP 201], I, the Honourable DAVID TOSUL, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, make the following Order.

1 Interpretation

Act means the Animal Importation and Quarantine Act [CAP 201].

2 Penalty notice

For the purposes of subsection 20A(6) of the Act, the prescribed amount in respect of an offence committed under a provision of the Act is set out in the Penalty Notice Table as provided in the Schedule.

3 Period to pay penalty

If a person served does not wish to have the matter determined by a Court, he or she must pay, within 14 days after receiving or being served with the Penalty Notice, to a person the amount of penalty prescribed under this Regulation and stated in the notice.

4 Commencement

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

Made at Port Vila this 9th day of February, 2015

Honourable DAVID TOSUL Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity

SCHEDULE

PENALTY NOTICE TABLE

1 Prescribed amount

The prescribed amount in respect of an offence committed under a provision of the Act is set out in Column 3 and 4 of the Table.

Penalty Notice Table - Animals, Animal Products and Biological Products			
Column 1 Items	Column 2 Provisions of the Animal Importation & Quarantine Act [CAP 201]	Column 3 Prescribed amount for the offence committed by a person(VT)	Column 4 Prescribed amount for the offence committed by a company(VT)
1	20(a) - imports any animals or products which present a risk or potential risk in a manner not in accordance with the requirements of the Act	35,000	70,000
2	20(b) - knowingly receives any unauthorized importation	35,000	70,000
3	20(c) - without reasonable excuse fails to comply with a reasonable direction or request from a veterinary officer or a biosecurity officer	35,000	70,000
4	20(d) - withholds relevant information or when required to give any information or make any declaration under this Act knowingly gives false information or makes a false declaration	10,000	20,000
5	20(e) - threatens, assaults, obstructs or hinders a veterinary officer or biosecurity officer in the exercise of his or her functions under this Act	50,000	50,000
6	20(f) - removes any seized animal or product from the control of a veterinary officer or biosecurity officer	100,000	100,000
7	20(g) - otherwise contravenes or fails to comply with any other provision of this Act or any Regulation made thereunder	35,000	35,000