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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS AND LOCALLY BASED FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS (1)

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The general conditions specified in this notice apply to foreign fishing vessels and locally based foreign fishing vessels in accordance with section 13(2) of the Fisheries Act [Cap. 158].

1. Authorized fishing area

Subject to clauses 2, 3 and 4 a foreign fishing vessel and a locally based foreign fishing vessel may fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Vanuatu within the meaning of section 9 of the Maritime Zones Act [Cap. 138].

2. Closed Areas prohibited for fishing for a foreign fishing vessel and certain locally based foreign fishing vessels

(1) A foreign fishing vessel must not fish within a closed area in the Republic of Vanuatu.

(2) A locally based foreign fishing vessel that is chartered by a company that is not wholly owned by persons who are citizens of the Republic of Vanuatu must not fish within a closed area in the Republic of Vanuatu.

(3) A closed area for the purpose of subsections (1) and (2) means:

All areas of the sea within a line measured seaward from the archipelagic baselines, every point of which is 12 nautical miles from the nearest point of the appropriate archipelagic baseline.

3. Closed Areas prohibited for fishing for other locally based foreign fishing vessels

(1) A locally based foreign fishing vessel that is chartered by a company that is wholly owned by persons who are citizens of the Republic of Vanuatu must not fish within a closed area in the Republic of Vanuatu

(2) A closed area for the purpose of subsection (1) means:

All areas of the sea within a line measured seaward from the archipelagic baselines, every point of which is 9 nautical miles from the nearest point of the appropriate archipelagic baseline.

Note:

The archipelagic baselines are described in the Maritime Zones Act [CAP 138] as set out below.

An archipelagic baseline commencing at the outermost point of the low-water line on the reef off Hat Island co-ordinate 13°04'18" South 166°32'13.8" East, British Admiralty Chart No.1575 and, except where the contrary intention appears, following the Geodesic lines successively linking the outermost points on the low-water lines of the land areas specified below:

| Point | Land Area | South | East | British Admiralty Chart Number* |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | Vat Ganai Island | 13°15'10.8" | 167°38'10.5" | 1575 |
| 2 | Vetvai Point on Motlav Island | 13°38'46.8" | 167°42'25.5" | 1575 |
| 3 | Islet off Meralava Island | 14°26'22.9" | 168°04'10.2" | 1575 |
| 4 | Treerock Point on Pentecost Island | 15°55'38.4" | 168°16'32.5" | 1575 |
| 5 | Tongariki Island | 17°00'38.4" | 168°38'27" | 1576 |
| 6 | Maniuuro Point on Efate Island | 17°41'42" | 168°35'10" | 1576 |
| 7 | Goat Islet off Erromanga | 18°42'09.6" | 169°17'43.5" | 1576 |
| 8 | Reef off Futuna Island | 19°30' 42" | 170°13'44.3" | 1576 |
| 9 | Masi Point on Futuna Island | 19°32'37.7" | 170°13'34.7" | 1576 |
| 10 | Reef on Aneityum Island | 20°11'45.6" | 169°53'42" | 1576 |
| and thence along the low-water line to point (11) | | | | |
| 11 | Flat Rock off Aneityum Island | 20°15'30" | 169°50'42.9" | 1576 |
| 12 | Reef off Aneityum Island | 20°15'58.2" | 169°45'25.9" | 1576 |
| 13 | Imlao on Tanna Island | 19°34'51.6" | 169°16'42.6" | 1576 |
| and thence along the low-water line to point (14) | | | | |
| 14 | West Point Tanna Island | 19°27'09" | 169°12'39" | 1576 |
| 15 | Ountovin Point on Erromanga Island | 18°52'51" | 168°59'03.6" | 1576 |
| 16 | Tukutuku Point on Efate Island | 17°43'09.6" | 168°09'02.4" | 1576 |
| 17 | Tomman Island | 16°35'37.5" | 167°27'17.4" | 1575 |
| 18 | Reef off Santo | 15°39'24.6" | 166°45'58.8" | 1575 |
| 19 | Remarkable Point on Santo Island | 15°24'04.5" | 166°38'27" | 1575 |
| 20 | Reef off Santo Island | 14°51'06" | 166°32'00.6" | 1575 |
| 21 | on NW Coast of Santo | 14°44'51.6" | 166°32'42.6" | 1575 |
| 22 | Thomeuf Point on Hui Island | 13°10'21" | 166°31'58.5" | 1575 |
| 23 | On reef off Hui Island | 13°04'18" | 166°32'13.8" | 1575 |
| *The Edition of charts referred to in the fifth column are | | | | |
| 1575 7th September 1979 | | | | |
| 1576 24th November 1978 | | | | |

4. Other prohibited fishing areas

A foreign fishing vessel and a locally based foreign fishing vessel must not fish within a rectangular closed area defined by the Geodesic lines linking the four points described for each area in the following table:

| Area | Point | Latitude (S) | Longitude (E) |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 15° 59' 24.0" | 165° 59' 24.0" |
| | 2 | 15° 59' 24.0" | 166° 11' 24.0" |

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|--|---|---------------|----------------|
| | 3 | 15° 50' 24.0" | 166° 11' 24.0" |
| | 4 | 15° 50' 24.0" | 165° 59' 24.0" |