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An Act to amend the Ports Act [CAP 26] (the “Principal Act”).

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows:

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1

1. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition in the appropriate alphabetical position:

“port of entry” means any of the ports listed in subsection 2(1);

REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION OF NEW SECTIONS

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections are substituted:

“PORTS OF ENTRY

2. (1) The following ports are the ports of entry for Vanuatu:
 - (a) Port Vila;
 - (b) Luganville;
 - (c) Lenakel;
 - (d) Lolton;
 - (e) Sola;

- (f) Anelcauhat;
- (g) Litzlitz.
- (2) The master of a vessel entering Vanuatu from a foreign port must report first to the customs authorities at the vessel's port of entry.
- (3) A vessel leaving Vanuatu for a foreign port must be cleared from a port of entry by customs authorities.

ALL VESSELS HAVE RIGHT TO SERVICE PORTS OF ENTRY

- 2A. (1) All vessels, including vessels that are foreign owned or registered outside Vanuatu, have the right to service all ports of entry, including for the transport of goods and passengers.
- (2) However, a foreign owned vessel or a vessel registered outside Vanuatu must appoint and maintain a shipping agent in Port Vila who is registered in Vanuatu, and there must be in force in respect of the vessel the following:
 - (a) a licence (temporary or annual) under the Business Licence Act No. 19 of 1998;
 - (b) all relevant certificates of seaworthiness and certificates of compliance with international safety standards;
 - (c) adequate insurance to cover goods and passengers (including full personal property and indemnity coverage), salvage and wreck removal, and pollution liability.
- (3) Copies of the documents mentioned in subsection (2) must be available:
 - (a) on board a vessel; and
 - (b) at the office of the registered shipping agent in Port Vila.”.

COMMENCEMENT

3. This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the *Gazette*.