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To provide for certain amendments to the Abattoirs Regulation No. 18 of 1977.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows:-

INTERPRETATION

1. The Principal Regulation means the Abattoirs Regulation No. 18 of 1977.

AMENDMENT

2. The Principal Regulation is amended as follows:-

(a) In section 1 by -

- (i) adding the following word and definition immediately after the definition of "Meat Inspector" -

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for agriculture;"

- (ii) substituting the following definition for the definition of "Veterinary Officer" -

"means a veterinarian employed in the service of the Government.";

(b) By adding the following section after section 5 -

"REGISTRATION AND LICENCING OF MEAT EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT

5A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Principal Regulation, no person shall maintain or operate a meat export processing establishment unless it is registered and licenced in accordance with regulations made by Order of the Minister. For the purposes of this section, "processing establishment" means any establishment in which any part of the carcas of any animal is used for the preparation or manufacture for sale of products including canned meat, small goods, sausage skins, tallow, bones, bone meal, meat meal, blood meal, hides, animals glands or any other product principally derived from any animal."

- (c) By substituting "a Senior Magistrate" for "the Co-Presidents of the Court of First Instance" in section 32(3);
- (d) By substituting "Vatu" for "FNI or its equivalent in Australian dollars at the official rate of exchange" where that or a similar expression appears in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of section 34.
- (e) By substituting throughout the Principal Regulation, except in section 38 -
 - (i) "Minister" for "Resident Commissioners";
 - (ii) "Director of the department of agriculture" for "Head of the Department of Rural Development";
 - (iii) "Order" for "Joint Decisions" and "Joint Rules"; and
 - (iv) "Principal Veterinary Officer" for "Chief Veterinary Officer";
- (f) By making such grammatical adaptations in the Principal Regulation as are made necessary by the amendment provisions of paragraph (c) preceding.

COMMENCEMENT

- 3. This Act shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.