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An Act to authorize the Minister to control and prohibit the importation of certain goods into Vanuatu and to provide for matters in relation thereto.

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

INTERPRETATION

1. In this Act -

"goods" means any merchandise including animals, birds and fish, any minerals and other substances and generally articles of any description;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for industry.

MINISTER MAY PROHIBIT IMPORTS

2. For the purpose of protecting and stimulating local industry, the Minister may by order prohibit the importation into Vanuatu of goods of any description specified in the order, either absolutely or for such periods and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in the order.

EXEMPTION

3. (1) There shall be exempt from any order made under section 2 all goods which shall have been consigned for shipment to Vanuatu before the date of the coming into operation of that order.

(2) In any proceedings under this Act the burden of proving that any goods are exempt from an order shall be upon the person claiming the exemption.

OFFENCES

4. Any person who contravenes the provisions of any order made under this Act shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: fine of 100,000 Vatu or imprisonment for six months or both.

FORFEITURE

5. Where a person is convicted of an offence under this Act the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order that any goods in relation to which the offence was committed be forfeited.

REPEAL AND SAVING

6. (1) Joint Regulations No. 21 of 1977 and No. 12 of 1979 are hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any orders in force made under the repealed Regulations shall continue in force as if made under this Act.

COMMENCEMENT

7. This Act shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the Gazette.