

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

JOINT REGULATION

No. 23 of 1975

TO RESTRICT the opening of commercial premises in Vila and Santo on election days.

MADE by the Resident Commissioners under the provisions of Articles 2:2 and 7 of the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914.

Application

1. This Regulation shall apply within the limits of the municipalities of Vila and Santo.

Premises to be closed for one half of election day

2. (1) It shall be unlawful for any shop, office or commercial or industrial undertaking to remain open for public business for more than one half of the working day on any day fixed for polling in any local body or central government elections.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the expression "one half of the day" means the period up to midday or the period from midday to 7.00 p.m.

Offences

3. (1) Any person contravening the provisions of section 2 shall be guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding 60,000 FNH or the equivalent thereof in Australian dollars at the official rate of exchange.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), every director, partner or owner of any undertaking opened for public business in contravention of section 2 shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence unless he shows to the satisfaction of the Court that he did not wilfully or negligently authorise or permit such opening of the premises.

Citation
and
commencement

4. This Regulation may be cited as the Joint Elections (Closing of Premises) Regulation No. 23 of 1975 and shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the Condominium Gazette.

MADE at Vila this thirteenth day of August, 1975.

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