

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

JOINT RULES

No. 9 of 1974

MADE by the Resident Commissioners under the provisions of section 4 of the Joint Statistics Regulation No. 9 of 1974.

Interpretation

1. In these Rules -
- "Committee" means the Statistics Committee established under section 4 of the Joint Statistics Regulation No. 9 of 1974 ;
- "Statistician" means the Condominium Statistician ;
- "Bureau" means the Condominium Bureau of Statistics.

Constitution and functions of Committee

2. (1) The Committee shall be constituted by three members namely a representative of the British Resident Commissioner, a representative of the French Resident Commissioner and the Statistician or his delegate.
- (2) The Committee shall have authority to invite other persons from government departments or private organisations to advise on subjects of interest to them.
- (3) The representatives of the Resident Commissioners shall act as co-Chairmen of the Committee at alternate meetings.
- (4) The Statistician or his delegate shall be the secretary of the Committee.
- (5) Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once in every quarter and in addition at the request of any member.
- (6) The functions of the Committee shall be to determine the statistics programme and statistical priorities ; to facilitate the implementation of that programme by taking steps to secure the provision of adequate finance and staff ; to deal with any questions arising in respect of requests by the Statistician to heads of departments of the Joint Administration to ensure that applications by United Nations organisations and similar bodies concerning official statistics on the New Hebrides are forwarded to the Statistician for completion ; and to decide whether prosecutions recommended by the Statistician under section 7 of the Joint Statistics Regulation No. 9 of 1974 should proceed.
- (7) The relationship between the Committee and the various departments of the respective national administrations shall be secured within the Committee by the representative of the Resident Commissioner concerned.

Procedures concerning National and Joint Administrations

3. The procedure to be followed in respect of requests by the Statistician for the provision of statistical information from the national administrations or from departments of the Joint Administration shall be as follows -

- (a) any request concerning either national administration is to be discussed initially by the Committee and if endorsed by the Committee may then be referred to the national administration concerned.
- (b) any request concerning a Joint Administration department may be referred direct to the head of the department concerned, provided that any difficulties concerning such requests, which cannot be settled by the Statistician and the head of the department concerned, shall be referred to the Committee by the Statistician.

New or modified collections by Joint Administration to be notified to Statistician

4. In order to enable the Statistician to carry out his duties and functions under sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Joint Statistics Regulation No. 9 of 1974, heads of Joint Administration Departments shall be required to notify the Statistician before undertaking any new, or modifying any existing, statistical collections or projects of their departments which yield statistical data.

Autonomy of Condominium Bureau of Statistics

5. For the purposes of subsection (2) of section 2 of the Joint Statistics Regulation No. 9 of 1974, establishing the Bureau as an autonomous section of the Condominium Treasury, the following rules shall apply -

- (a) for budget purposes the Bureau shall be shown as a separate part of the Condominium Treasury ;
- (b) the Statistician shall be responsible for providing estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Bureau ;
- (c) with the exception of those concerning the Statistician, staff reports concerning personnel of the Bureau shall be the responsibility of the Statistician. Reports concerning the Statistician shall be the responsibility of the Resident Commissioners ;
- (d) in respect of all other establishment matters relating to the Bureau, the Statistician is authorised to deal directly with the Condominium Establishment Officer, except that any such matters concerning either of the national administrations shall be negotiated through the appropriate Committee representative of such administration.

Citation and commencement

6. These Rules may be cited as the Joint Statistics Rules No. 9 of 1974 and shall come into operation on the date of their publication in the Condominium Gazette.

DATED at VILA this twenty fifth day of March, 1974.

The Resident Commissioner  
for the French Republic

Her Britannic Majesty's  
Resident Commissioner.