

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS (INCORPORATION) ACT [CAP 140]

Charitable Associations (Microfinance) Regulation

Order No. 45 of 2006

In exercise of the power conferred on me by sections 1 and 16 of the Charitable Associations (Incorporation) Act [CAP 140], I, Honourable WILLIE JIMMY TAPANGARARUA, Minister of Finance and Economic Management, make the following Order.

To declare non-profit micro-finance schemes that targets poor and disadvantaged persons.

1 Declaration

The objects of any non-profit micro-finance scheme which targets the poor and the disadvantaged, is declared to be charitable.

2 Implementing a microfinance scheme

Any person who implements a non-profit micro-finance scheme is authorised to do any of the following:

- (a) extend small loans at fair and reasonable rates of interest and fees to cover the cost of operations;
- (b) receive savings or deposits from its clients and deposit the same in any bank or invest the funds by on lending to clients;

- (c) utilize any surplus over expenditure to solely cover operational costs (including salaries of officials and staff) and to build up the lending capital of the organisation, and ensure that the surplus must not be distributed to any official or staff to directly benefit themselves.

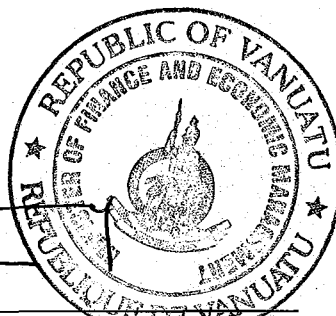
3 Repeal

The Charitable Associations (Microfinance) Regulation (Repeal) Order No. 10 of 2006 is repealed.

4 Commencement

This Order is taken to have commenced on 8 April 2006.

Made at Port Vila this 27th day of November 2006



Honourable WILLIE JIMMY TAPANGARARUA
Minister of Finance and Economic Management