
**Working Party on the
Accession of Vanuatu**

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ACCESSION OF VANUATU

Communication from Vanuatu

Legislation

Addendum

The following communications (attached) have been received from Government of the Republic of Vanuatu concerning the establishment of TBT and SPS enquiry points.¹

**Groupe de travail de
l'accession de Vanuatu**

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Le gouvernement de la République de Vanuatu a fait parvenir au Secrétariat les communications ci-après concernant l'établissement des points d'information OTC et SPS.¹

**Grupo de Trabajo sobre la
Adhesión de Vanuatu**

ADHESIÓN DE VANUATU

Comunicación de Vanuatu

Leyslación

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Se han recibido del Gobierno de la República de Vanuatu las comunicaciones que se adjuntan, relativas al establecimiento de servicios de información sobre OTC y MSF.¹

¹In English only./En anglais seulement./En inglés solamente.



Vanuatu Quarantine & Inspection Service **Service de Quarantaine et Inspection du Vanuatu**

WTO ACCESSION VANUATU

SPS AGREEMENT

Enquiry point

The SPS enquiry point has been established as of 26/2/01

The enquiry point is the Director of the Vanuatu Quarantine and Inspection Service, Mr Benuel Tarilongi, Vanuatu Quarantine and Inspection Service, Private Mail Bag 095, Port Vila, Vanuatu. Telephone (678) 23519/24128/23130, Fax (678) 23185, Email vqisvila@vanuatu.com.vu

Membership of International Standard Setting Bodies

Vanuatu has been a member of OIE since 1983, Codex Alimentarius since 1995 and has applied for membership of IPPC in 1999. Vanuatu is a member of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation.

Vanuatu has a policy of conforming to the standards set by the standard setting bodies whenever possible.

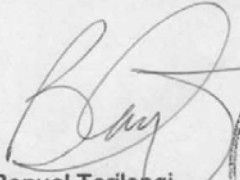
Assessment of Risk and Determination of the Appropriate Level of Protection


Because of Vanuatu's very favourable pest and disease status for both animals and plants and because Vanuatu has very limited resources to combat an incursion of a serious animal or plant disease then the appropriate level of protection should be set at negligible.

Equivalence and Transparency

Vanuatu agrees to the provisions in *Article 4* and *Article 7* on equivalence and transparency.

Vanuatu agrees to all articles in the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Annexes appended.


Benuel Tarilongi
Vanuatu SPS Enquiry Point



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WTO ACCESSION : REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

TBT AGREEMENT

ENQUIRY POINT

As part of the accession process stipulated under Article XII of the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, and as part of its obligations in the Agreement on the Technical Barriers to Trade, Vanuatu hereby established its TBT Enquiry Point.

The Enquiry Point on the TBT Agreement is Mr. Roy Mickey JOY, Director of the Department of Trade, Industry and Investment and equally Chair-person of the Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority (VIPA) in the Vanuatu Ministry of Trade and Economic Co-operation.

Mr. Joy also assumes the position of Vanuatu's - WTO Focal Point and coordinates all WTO activities in the Republic of Vanuatu in relation to the accession of Vanuatu to the multi-lateral trading system, the World Trade Organization and commands an exceptional understanding and knowledge of the trading system.

It is our intention that given the familiarity and the command of the Enquiry Point into the TBT Agreement on one hand and given the efficient level of understanding of the TBT Agreement and the general administration available in the Department of Trade, Industry and Investment including its broad mandate to provide sound and expert Trade Policy advice to the Ministry and similarly the Government of Vanuatu on the other, I have total confidence that the Enquiry Point of all TBT Agreement as well as other related matters requiring Vanuatu's attention either in the facilitation of information required under the said Agreement or in coordinating between Vanuatu and other foreign sources requiring information covered under the TBT Agreement can be satisfactorily attended to by the Enquiry Point of course in the most professional manner demonstrating the MFN Treatment and National Treatment when it comes to dealing with such pertinent and important issues.

We are conscious that the TBT Agreement inter-alia aims to deal and cover the following parameters :-

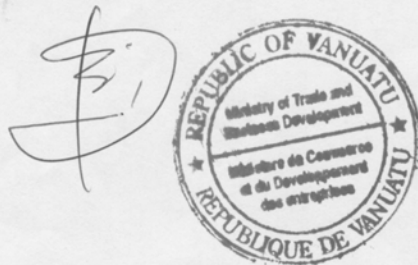
- promote increased use of international standards, and

- facilitating acceptance of foreign technical regulations as equivalent, and encouraging mutual recognition of conformity assessment procedures.

Vanuatu is committed to implementing the selected provisions of the Agreement upon accession to the multi-lateral trading system of course subject to negotiations and consultation with WTO members who may have an interests in the TBT Agreement.

Vanuatu will only implement the TBT Agreement and it's related Articles and Annexes on major commercial areas of strategic trade and economic interests to it's sovereignty.

Vanuatu agrees to all Articles stipulated in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Annexes appended.



Mr. Georges MANIURI
Director General of Trade and Economic Co-operation
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Done at Port Vila on this 19th day of September, 2001.