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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsections 13D(1), (2) and (3) of the Citizenship Act [CAP 112], I, the Honourable CHARLOT SALWAI TABIMASMAS, Prime Minister, make the following Regulation.

1 Definitions

In this Regulation unless the Act otherwise requires:

Act means the Citizenship Act [CAP 112];

applicant means an applicant for citizenship under the Contribution Program;

child means a natural or lawfully adopted child of an applicant or of the spouse who has not attained 18 years;

children has the same meaning as set out in the Act;

Commission means the Citizenship Commission established under Part 2 of the Act;

Contribution Program means the Contribution Program established under section 13D of the Act;

resident dependant has the same meaning as set out in the Act.

2 Procedures for applications for citizenship under the Contribution Program

The following procedures apply in relation to an application for citizenship under the Contribution Program:

- (a) the Vanuatu Glory Limited (VGL) is to receive and provide to the Citizenship Office, all applications for citizenship under the Contribution Program;

- (b) the Citizenship Commission is to arrange for a meeting of the Screening Committee to screen the applications before the applications may be considered by the Commission;
- (c) the Screening Committee is to carry out due diligence checks on each applicant through the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU);
- (d) if the FIU confirms that the applicant has no criminal record, the Screening Committee will submit the applications to the Commission to consider and make a decision on the application;
- (e) the Secretary General of the Citizenship Office must inform the VGL of the decision of the Commission on each applicant within 2 weeks from the date on which the Commission made the decisions.


3 Prescribed fees

- (1) An applicant must pay a fee of USD 140,000 (a non –refundable contribution) which will cover the applicant his or her spouse and 2 children.
- (2) Additional fees applicable for additional children or resident dependants are as follow:
 - (a) USD 5,000 per child;
 - (b) USD 10,000 –if the resident dependant is between the age of 18 to 25 years;
 - (c) USD 20,000 –if the resident dependant is 50 years of age or over but less than 56 years;
 - (d) USD 15,000-if the resident dependant is 56 years of age or over but less than 61 years;
 - (e) USD 10,000-if the resident dependant is 61 years of age or over.”
- (3) The Director of the Department of Finance must ensure that all monies received under this clause, are paid into the Development Support Account of the Vanuatu Government.

4 Commencement

This Regulation commences immediately after the day on which the Vanuatu Economic Rehabilitation Program (VERP) ceases to operate.

Made at Port Vila this 19 day of December, 2016



Honourable CHARLOT SALWATABINAMAS
Prime Minister

