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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>VANUATU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Kava, kava products (HS code(s): 121190, 210690)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Kava Act 2002. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 11 <a href="https://biosecurity.gov.vu/images/Legislation/Acts/kava-act-2002.pdf">https://biosecurity.gov.vu/images/Legislation/Acts/kava-act-2002.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/VUT/23_13095_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/VUT/23_13095_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> An Act to regulate the cultivation, sale and export of kava and kava products.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <a href="#">Regional Standard for kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water</a> , CXS 336R-2020, adopted in 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <a href="#">REGIONAL STANDARD FOR KAVA PRODUCTS FOR USE AS A BEVERAGE WHEN MIXED WITH WATER (gov.vu)</a> (available in English)

<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 31 December 2002  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 September 2008  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2024  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:    Biosecurity Vanuatu  PMB 9086, Tagabe Road  Port Vila  Tel: +(678) 33 580  +(678) 23 519  +(678) 23 185  E-mail: <a href="mailto:biosecurity@vanuatu.gov.vu">biosecurity@vanuatu.gov.vu</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:    Biosecurity Vanuatu  PMB 9086, Tagabe Road  Port Vila  Tel: +(678) 33 580  +(678) 23 519  +(678) 23 185  E-mail: <a href="mailto:biosecurity@vanuatu.gov.vu">biosecurity@vanuatu.gov.vu</a></p>