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**Arrangement of Sections**

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Assent: 14/01/2008  
Commencement: 11/02/2008

## CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 20 OF 2007

An Act to amend the Customs Act [CAP 257].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows:

### **1 Amendment**

The Customs Act [CAP 257] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

### **2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **AMENDMENTS OF THE CUSTOMS ACT [CAP 257]**

**1 Subsection 18(1)**

Delete “after”, substitute “before the”

**2 Paragraph 31(1)(b)**

After “lodged” insert “at least 48 hours before the arrival into Vanuatu of the aircraft or ship carrying the imported goods,”

**3 After subsection 31(9)**

Insert

“(9A) A person who fails to lodge the declaration as required under paragraph (1)(b) is guilty of an offence and is punishable on conviction to a fine not exceeding:

- (a) in the case of an individual -VT100,000 or a term of imprisonment of not more than one year, or both; or
- (b) in the case of a body corporate -VT500, 000.”

**4 After paragraph 102(1) (e)**

Insert

“(eaa) subsection 31 (9A); or”