Market By-Law No. 6 of 2023

Malampa Provincial Government Council

The Malampa Provincial Government Council has established the **Market By-Law No. 6 of 2023** under the Decentralization Act [CAP 230]. The By-Law regulates the use of designated market places within Malampa Province and provides for the payment of market fees by persons selling local produce, imported products, handicrafts, goods and other items to the public.

Purpose of the By-Law

The By-Law aims to ensure that people selling their products and produce within Malampa Province use **Council-approved market places** and that these markets are properly managed and maintained.

Designated Market Places

The By-Law designates the following market places:

Malekula Island

- Lakatoro Market House
- Norsup Market
- Litzlitz Wharf Market
- Lamap Market House
- Varun Market House
- Okai Market House
- Lorlo Market House
- Melip Market
- Pinalum Market House
- Atchin Market House
- Vao Market House
- Brenwei Market House
- Unmet Market House
- Sangalai (Maskyline) Market House
- Lambumbu/Metenesek Market
- Burbar Market House
- Aulua Sason Market
- Malken Market House

Ambrym Island

- Craig Cove Market
- Nebul Market House
- Moru Market House

Paama Island

- Liro Market House
- Vaoleli Market House
- Lulep Market House
- Vutekai Market House

Market Fee

Every person selling produce or products to the public at a designated market place is required to pay a **market fee of VT 500 per table**.

The fee applies to both men and women using the designated market places for selling their produce.

Market Place Conditions

Designated market places should provide appropriate facilities and conditions, including:

- A proper market house;
- Access to **toilet and water facilities**;
- Proper **waste disposal facilities**;
- Tables for displaying produce and products; and
- Appropriate areas outside the market house for keeping **small livestock**.

Management of Market Places

The Malampa Provincial Government Council is responsible for appointing a representative from its workforce or another authorised person to oversee matters relating to the designated markets.

This includes responsibility for matters such as the **opening and closing hours** of market places.

Penalties

A person who sells produce or products at a location **other than a designated market place** commits an offence under the By-Law.

A person found in breach may be liable to a **fine of up to VT 20,000**.

Commencement

The **Market By-Law No. 6 of 2023** commences on the day it is published in the **Vanuatu Gazette**.

For further information on designated market places, market fees or market requirements, please contact the Malampa Provincial Government Council or the relevant Area Council.