

## Local producers in Vanuatu to get share of exports via tax

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A tax has been introduced in Vanuatu requiring exporters of local produce to pay two percent of its market value to the region where the produce comes from.

Under the local produce order all exporters of coconut or copra, coffee, potato, beef, kava, sandalwood, sea products, coconut crab, poultry or pork products, and timber will pay the tax.

Vanuatu's Director of Provincial Affairs, Cherol Ala, said the order would provide another revenue stream for provincial government councils

The Secretary General of Shefa Province Michel Kalworai said the order was a result of a call from the provinces for a better share of central government revenues.

Currently the central Government makes an annual grant of almost US\$300, 000 to each province.

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