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THE CONSULAR IMMUNITIES REGULATIONS 1969

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 21st day of July 1969

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title—These regulations may be cited as the Consular Immunities Regulations 1969.

2. Immunities of persons in the service of certain Commonwealth Governments—Any person who is in the service of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and who, being stationed in Auckland or Christchurch for the purpose of his official duties, holds any office specified in the Schedule to these regulations, shall enjoy the like immunity from suit and legal process and the like inviolability of official premises and official archives as are accorded to foreign consular officers.

3. Immunities of official staff—Subject to section 17 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968, the members of the official staff of a person referred to in regulation 2 of these regulations shall enjoy the like immunity from suit and legal process and the like inviolability of official premises and official archives as are accorded to the members of the official staffs of foreign consular officers.

4. Application of regulations to island territories—These regulations shall be in force in Niue and the Tokelau Islands.

5. Regulations to be reserved enactment in Niue—These regulations are hereby declared to be a reserved enactment for the purposes of section 38 of the Niue Act 1966.

SCHEDULE

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| Persons in the Service of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Persons in the Service of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia |
| Counsellor in Charge First Secretary in Charge | Trade Commissioner Australian Customs Representative |

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations confer consular immunities on the persons in the service of the Government of the United Kingdom or of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia who are stationed in Auckland or Christchurch and hold any of the offices specified in the Schedule and, subject to section 17 of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968 (which relates to New Zealand citizens and residents), on the members of their official staff.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of External Affairs.