

# IMMIGRATION (TRANSIT VISAS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 1997

MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 3rd day of November 1997

### Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 14E and 150 of the Immigration Act 1987, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

## REGULATIONS

- 1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Transit Visas) Amendment Regulations 1997, and are part of the Immigration (Transit Visas) Regulations 1997\* ("the principal regulations").
  - (2) These regulations come into force on 7 November 1997.
- **2. Schedule amended**—Part 1 of the Schedule of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the item relating to Pakistan, the following item:

"(xva) Sierra Leone; or".

MARIE SHROFF, Clerk of the Executive Council.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, which come into force on 7 November 1997, add Sierra Leone to the countries whose citizens require, in the circumstances specified by the principal regulations, transit visas before they can proceed to New Zealand as transit passengers.

The requirement for transit visas is necessary to enable the Government of New Zealand to give effect to the resolution of the Security Council of 8 October 1997, which requires all States to prevent the entry into or transit through their territories of members of the military junta and adult members of the families of junta members designated by a committee established by the Security Council under the resolution.

The requirement for a transit visa applies if a citizen of a country specified by the regulations travels to or from the Cook Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Vanuatu, or Western Samoa.

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