



THE IMMIGRATION (TRANSIT VISAS) REGULATIONS 1996

MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 20th day of May 1996

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 14E (2) and 150 of the Immigration Act 1987, 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 and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Transit Visas) Regulations 1996.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1996.

2. Expiry—These regulations shall expire with the close of the 30th day of June 1997 unless their application is extended beyond that date by a further regulation made under the Immigration Act 1987.

3. Persons required to obtain transit visas—(1) The persons specified in Part I of the Schedule to these regulations are the persons classified by these regulations as the persons who must apply for, and obtain, a transit visa before proceeding to New Zealand.

(2) Persons who belong to the class of persons specified in Part II of the Schedule to these regulations are exempted from the requirement to obtain a transit visa.

4. Revocations—The following regulations are hereby revoked:

- (a) The Immigration (Transit Visas) Regulations 1994 (S.R. 1994/106);
 (b) The Immigration (Transit Visas—Extension) Regulations 1995 (S.R. 1995/122).

 SCHEDULE

Reg. 3 (1)

PART I

PERSONS WHO MUST OBTAIN TRANSIT VISAS

Any person—

(a) Who is a citizen of—

- (i) Afghanistan; or
- (ii) Bangladesh; or
- (iii) Bulgaria; or
- (iv) People's Republic of China; or
- (v) Ethiopia; or
- (vi) Ghana; or
- (vii) India; or
- (viii) Iran; or
- (ix) Iraq; or
- (x) Libya; or
- (xi) Myanmar; or
- (xii) Nigeria; or
- (xiii) Pakistan; or
- (xiv) Somalia; or
- (xv) Sri Lanka; or
- (xvi) Syria; or
- (xvii) Turkey; or
- (xviii) Zaire; and

(b) Who either—

(i) Has travelled from—

- (A) Cook Islands; or
- (B) Fiji; or
- (C) New Caledonia; or
- (D) Solomon Islands; or
- (E) Tahiti; or
- (F) Tonga; or
- (G) Vanuatu; or
- (H) Western Samoa,—

(whether it be that person's original point of departure or an intermediate point of departure); or

(ii) Is travelling to one of the countries specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, after transiting through New Zealand (whether it be that person's intermediate or ultimate place of destination).

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Reg. 3 (2)

PART II

PERSONS EXEMPTED FROM REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN TRANSIT VISAS

Persons whose intermediate or ultimate destination after transiting through New Zealand is Australia and who hold a current visa issued by the Government of Australia to enter Australia.

MARIE SHROFF,
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 revoke and replace the Immigration (Transit Visas) Regulations 1994.

The intention behind the regulations is twofold:

- (i) They add Nigerian citizens to the list of persons who require transit visas in the circumstances specified in the regulations; and
- (ii) By revoking and replacing the 1994 regulations they obviate the need for a specific extension of those regulations, which by virtue of section 14E (2) (b) of the Immigration Act 1987 expire with the close of 30 June 1996.

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