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# THE TREATY OF PEACE (FINLAND) REGULATIONS 1947

### B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 27th day of November, 1947

**Present**:

# HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Treaties of Peace (Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Finland) Act, 1947, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

# REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Treaty of Peace (Finland) Regulations 1947.

2. The provisions of Article 29 of the Treaty of Peace with Finland, signed on behalf of New Zealand at Paris on the 10th day of February, 1947, the text of which Article is set out in the Schedule to these regulations, shall have full force and effect as law in New Zealand on and after the date on which the Treaty will come into operation with respect to New Zealand by the deposit of instruments of ratification thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty.

3. A Proclamation by the Governor-General setting out that such instruments of ratifications have been deposited as aforesaid on a day stated in the Proclamation shall be conclusive evidence of the fact and regularity and date of such coming into operation as aforesaid.

#### SCHEDULE

#### ARTICLE 29 OF THE TREATY OF PEACE WITH FINLAND

1. Finland waives all claims of any description against the Allied and Associated Powers on behalf of the Finnish Government or Finnish nationals arising directly out of the war or out of actions taken because of the existence of a state of war in Europe after September 1, 1939, whether or not the Allied or Associated Power was at war with Finland at the time, including the following :--

- (a) Claims for losses or damages sustained as a consequence of acts of forces or authorities of Allied or Associated Powers;
- (b) Claims arising from the presence, operations, or actions of forces or authorities of Allied or Associated Powers in Finnish territory;

- (c) Claims with respect to the decrees or orders of Prize Courts of Allied or Associated Powers, Finland agreeing to accept as valid and binding all decrees and orders of such Prize Courts on or after September 1, 1939, concerning Finnish ships or Finnish goods or the payment of costs;
- (d) Claims arising out of the exercise or purported exercise of belligerent rights.

2. The provision of this Article shall bar, completely and finally, all claims of the nature referred to herein, which will be henceforward extinguished, whoever may be the parties in interest.

3. Finland likewise waives all claims of the nature covered by paragraph 1 of this Article on behalf of the Finnish Government or Finnish nationals against any of the United Nations whose diplomatic relations with Finland were broken off during the war and which took action in co-operation with the Allied and Associated Powers.

4. The waiver of claims by Finland under paragraph 1 of this Article includes any claims arising out of actions taken by any of the Allied and Associated Powers with respect to Finnish ships between September 1, 1939, and the coming into force of the present Treaty, as well as any claims and debts arising out of the Convention on prisoners of war now in force.

> W. O. HARVEY, Clerk of the Executive Council.

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