

Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions-Sierra Leone) Regulations (Amendment) 1998 No. 123

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 1998 No. 123

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Charter of the United Nations Act 1945

Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions-Sierra Leone) Regulations (Amendment)

Section 6 of the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for, and in relation to, giving effect to decisions that:

(a) the Security Council has made under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and

(b) Article 25 of the Charter requires Australia to carry out;

in so far as those decisions require Australia to apply measures not involving the use of armed force.

On 16 March 1998 the United Nations Security Council decided in Resolution 1156, in light of the restoration of the democratically elected government in Sierra Leone, to terminate its sanctions against the sale or supply of petroleum and petroleum products to Sierra Leone. These sanctions were previously imposed by Resolution 1132 (1997) and implemented domestically through the Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions-Sierra Leone) Regulations.

The purpose of the amendments to the Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions-Sierra Leone) Regulations is to effect the termination of the sanctions against the sale or supply of petroleum and petroleum products to Sierra Leone. Sanctions relating to arms and related materiel remain in place.

The Amending Regulations:

* limit the object of the Regulations to preventing the sale or supply of arms and related materiel to Sierra Leone; and

* remove the prohibition on the sale or supply of petroleum and petroleum products to Sierra Leone.

The Amending Regulations commence on gazettal.