

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3


DETERMINATION UNDER SUBREGULATION 4(2)

I, **WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under the Australian Service Medal Regulations set out in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations"), and on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel, **hereby:**

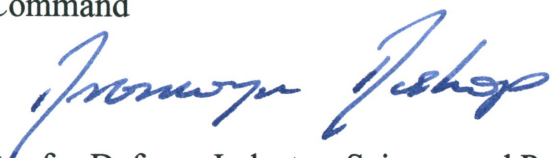
- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 18 August 1992 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare**, under Regulation 3 of the Regulations, the United Nations and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation activities in the Balkans region that commenced on 25 January 1997 to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of the Regulations; and
- (c) **determine**, under Subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'BALKANS' for that prescribed operation are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the prescribed operation while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;

- (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal with Clasp 'BALKANS';
- (iv) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii) or (c)(iii) may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described;
- (v) the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate in exercising his discretion to deem under subparagraph (c)(iv) shall take into account whether service in relation to the prescribed operation:
 - (A) was terminated owing to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service, of a member as described above;
 - (B) was terminated due to Government or Defence Force reasons; or
 - (C) was terminated due to foreign Government or foreign Defence Force reasons.

Dated 14th August 1998


Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command


Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel