

Declaration No 001/2023

by

Chief of Defence Force

For

Operational Activity pursuant to section 7(5) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

I, Kevin R. Short, Air Marshal, Chief of Defence Force, declare the following to be an operational activity under section 7(5) of the Health and Safety at Work Act, with the consequence that the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 does not apply to members of the Armed Forces carrying out the following activity in New Zealand:

Class of Service or Activity: Explosive Ordnance Disposal

This is limited to:

- (1) Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD);
- (2) Biological and Chemical Munitions Disposal (BCMD);
- (3) The disposal of Improvised devices containing, or suspected of containing, Chemical, Biological and Radiological substances (ICBR); and
- (4) Any similar explosive threat that by its nature exposes members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal to a heightened safety risk, unable to be mitigated because of the circumstances.

This declaration extends to any individual or collective training in New Zealand or elsewhere to achieve and maintain operational level of capability for the above specified activities undertaken by members of the Armed Forces.

This declaration terminates on 30 June 2026

Dated at Wellington this ^{30th} day of June 2023

Signed by



Kevin Ronald Short
Air Marshal
Chief of Defence Force