

**NEW ZEALAND (IN RESPECT OF NEW ZEALAND'S
ISLAND TERRITORIES), UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (IN
RESPECT OF FIJI, WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH
COMMISSION and TONGA) and WESTERN SAMOA**

**Agreement (with appendix) for the continued operation of
a South Pacific Health Service. Signed at Wellington
on 18 August 1964, at Apia on 14 September 1964, at
Suva on 7 October 1964, at Nuku'alofa on 23 October
1964, and at Honiara on 7 November 1964**

Official text: English.

Registered by New Zealand on 4 November 1965.

**NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE (POUR LES TERRITOIRES
INSULAIRES DE LA NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE),
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD (POUR LES ÎLES FIDJI,
LE HAUT COMMISSARIAT DU PACIFIQUE OUEST
et TONGA) et SAMOA-OCCIDENTAL**

**Accord (avec appendice) relatif au maintien en activité d'un
Service de santé du Pacifique sud. Signé à Wellington le
18 août 1964, à Apia le 14 septembre 1964, à Suva le
7 octobre 1964, à Nuku'alofa le 23 octobre 1964, et
à Honiara le 7 novembre 1964**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par la Nouvelle-Zélande le 4 novembre 1965.

No. 7965. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND (IN RESPECT OF NEW ZEALAND'S ISLAND TERRITORIES), THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (IN RESPECT OF FIJI, WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION AND TONGA) AND WESTERN SAMOA FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A SOUTH PACIFIC HEALTH SERVICE. SIGNED AT WELLINGTON ON 18 AUGUST 1964, AT APIA ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1964, AT SUVA ON 7 OCTOBER 1964, AT NUKU'ALOFA ON 23 OCTOBER 1964, AND AT HONIARA ON 7 NOVEMBER 1964

WHEREAS on 10 January 1958² an Agreement for the continued operation of a South Pacific Health Service was entered into by the Government of Fiji, the Western Pacific High Commission, acting for and on behalf of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony and the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, the Government of New Zealand acting in respect of New Zealand's Island Territories, the Government of Tonga and the Government of Western Samoa

AND WHEREAS the said Agreement, in accordance with action taken pursuant to Article 14 thereof, is due to terminate on 31 December 1964

AND WHEREAS the said Governments are desirous of replacing the said Agreement by a new Agreement incorporating certain modifications including those rendered appropriate by the fact that on 1 January 1962 Western Samoa became an independent sovereign state and accordingly ceased on that date to be a territory for the international relations of which the Government of New Zealand is responsible

AND WHEREAS it is now desired to make provision for the continued operation of the South Pacific Health Service in accordance with the provisions contained in the present Agreement

AND WHEREAS the Government of Fiji, the Western Pacific High Commission and the Government of Tonga are authorised to conclude the present Agreement by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

¹ Came into force on 7 November 1964, the date on which all the Participating Administrations had signed the Agreement, in accordance with article 14 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 287, p. 104.

NOW THEREFORE the Government of Fiji, the Western Pacific High Commission, the Government of New Zealand, the Government of Tonga, and the Government of Western Samoa (hereinafter referred to as "the Participating Administrations") agree as follows :

1. The South Pacific Health Service shall extend and apply to the Territories named in the Appendix hereto, and may, by agreement between the Participating Administrations, be extended and applied to other Pacific Island Territories.

2. The South Pacific Board of Health, established pursuant to the said Agreement of 10 January 1958 and previous Agreements (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") shall continue to supervise and control the South Pacific Health Service.

3. The Board shall consist of :

- (a) The Inspector-General, South Pacific Health Service, appointed under Article 8 of the present Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Inspector-General") who shall be Chairman of the Board ;
- (b) The Director of Medical Services, Fiji or (whenever the same person holds office as Inspector-General and as Director of Medical Services, Fiji) a person nominated by the Governor of Fiji ;
- (c) The Director-General of the Department of Health, New Zealand, or his representative ;
- (d) The Director, Division of Nursing of the Department of Health, New Zealand, or her representative ;
- (e) A person nominated by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific ;
- (f) A person nominated by the Premier of Tonga ;
- (g) A person nominated by the Prime Minister of Western Samoa.

4. (1) Meetings of the Board shall be held at those times and places which the Board or the Chairman may from time to time determine ; provided that a meeting (hereinafter referred to as "the Annual Meeting") shall be held at least once during each year as near as possible to the month of June ; and provided also that at least each alternate meeting shall be held in Suva.

(2) At any meeting of the Board, four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, provided that one of those members shall be the person appointed under sub-paragraph (e) or sub-paragraph (f) or sub-paragraph (g) of Article 3.

(3) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote and, in case of equality of votes, shall also have a casting vote ; and the decision of the majority of members present shall be the decision of the Board.

(4) The Board may invite observers to attend any of its meetings.

5. The headquarters of the Board shall be located in Suva.

6. The Board shall have the power to establish and maintain office premises and shall employ the clerical and other office staff which it may from time to time deem necessary.

7. The functions of the Board shall be :

- (a) to advise the Participating Administrations on all health matters within their Territories ;
- (b) to collect information in regard to the incidence of disease within the Territories of the Participating Administrations, and to ensure the transmission of relevant information to the Participating Administrations ;
- (c) to revise from time to time the standard code for quarantine reporting which has been drawn up by the Board for the guidance of the Participating Administrations ;
- (d) to assist the Participating Administrations in maintaining adequate medical, nursing and sanitary staff ;
- (e) to nominate a person or persons to act on behalf of the Board in selecting candidates for appointment to the South Pacific Health Service ;
- (f) to encourage, coordinate and, if necessary, initiate medical research within the Territories of the Participating Administrations ;
- (g) to advise the Participating Administrations in all matters relating to the training of Assistant Medical Officers, Nurses, Assistant Health Inspectors, Technicians and auxiliary health personnel ;
- (h) to make recommendations to the Participating Administrations as regards the conditions of service, including the salary scales, of all grades of medical and health personnel ;
- (i) to consider the estimates of expenditure presented to it by the Inspector-General, and to establish its annual budget ;
- (j) generally to carry out those enquiries and to do all those things or acts which in the opinion of the Board are necessary for the purpose of assisting the Participating Administrations in the more effective control of disease and in the promotion of health within their Territories.

8. (1) The Inspector-General shall be a medical practitioner appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in consultation with the Government of New Zealand.

(2) For the purpose of his personal service, pay and discipline, he shall be subject to the authority of the Governor of Fiji who is the representative of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(3) The Inspector-General shall be the chief executive officer of the Board.