



Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

**Determination of hazardous service and non-warlike service
(OPERATION DAMASK)**

I, Bruce Scott, Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, on behalf of the Minister for Defence, and pursuant to the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* ('the Act'), hereby:

- a. amend, under subsection 120(7), the determination of hazardous service of 23 February 1996 that was made by the Minister for Defence, by inserting in paragraph b. of that instrument immediately following the phrase "after 1 April 1996", the phrase "and before 18 March 1999"; and
- b. determine, under subsection 5C(1), that service rendered as a member of the Australian Defence Force element of the Multi-national Maritime Interception Force in the Area of Operation specified below during any period on or after 18 March 1999 is non-warlike service for the purposes of the Act.
 - The area of operation is the sea area comprising the Arabian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the northern Arabian Sea bounded by 61 degrees 50 minutes east longitude and 20 degrees north latitude, together with the ports contiguous to that sea area and the airfields and military facilities adjacent to those ports.

Dated this 30th day of April 1999

BRUCE SCOTT
Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence