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CDF DIRECTIVE 05/17 – CONDUCT OF BILATERAL PERSONNEL ACTIVITY BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AND THE NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE

References:
A. Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand Concerning the Status of their Forces which entered into force on 27 May 2005 (SOFA)
B. Memorandum of Arrangement between the Australian Defence Force and the New Zealand Defence Force relating to the conduct of Bilateral Personnel Activity which came into effect on 20 February 2016
C. MILPERSMAN Part 6, Chapter 7 – Conduct of Bilateral Personnel Activity between the Australian Defence Force and the New Zealand Defence Force

Background

1. The Australian Defence Force (ADF) demonstrates its relationship with the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), in part, through the development and implementation of Bilateral Personnel Activity (BPA). BPA provides the respective defence forces with the opportunity to advance common interests and promote interoperability through cultural exchange and exposure to differing defence force procedures and equipment.

Directions to participating ADF personnel

2. The provisions within reference A and reference B apply to ADF personnel participating in a BPA with the NZDF.

3. ADF personnel, while carrying out a BPA, will comply with all lawful commands and directions from NZDF personnel that are serving in the same unit who hold a higher rank, and the requirements of the ADF position that they occupy.

4. ADF personnel will comply with lawful standing and routine orders and instructions, and all lawful applicable customs of the NZDF which apply to the position they occupy in New Zealand.
Associated references and policy

5. For information on the conduct of BPA, along with jurisdictional arrangements in relation to command, discipline, and criminal and civil jurisdiction, ADF personnel are to refer to references B and C.

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