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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has made the following Determination regarding the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal.

## **HUMANITARIAN OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL**

### **DETERMINATION**

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty The Queen to the design of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal, and acting in pursuance of regulations 8 and 9 of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal, hereby determine as follows:

#### **Design**

1. The Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is a nickel-silver circular medal, 38 millimetres in diameter. The medal is surmounted by a connector piece in the shape of a trapezium and a suspender bar. The connector piece bears a raised gum nut motif on both the obverse and the reverse. The obverse of the medal has a central design which is symbolic of the Australian eucalyptus tree, spreading its branches out from the Australian land at the base of the medal, to the world. The world is symbolised by the circle, which encloses the tree. The inner circle is surrounded by an outer ring of gum nuts. The reverse repeats the inner circle surrounded by the outer ring of gum nuts. The edge of the inner circle is inscribed with the words 'FOR OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE' with a central space for the engraving of the recipient's name. The medal is finished in an antique frosted texture.

#### **Miniature**

2. The miniature of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is a half size replica of the medal suspended from miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

#### **Ribbon**

3. The ribbon for the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is 32 millimetres wide and has a central metallic gold stripe 2 millimetres wide flanked by eucalypt green stripes 15 millimetres wide.

#### **Ribbon Bar**

4. The ribbon bar of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal consists of a strip of full size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with no emblem.

#### **Clasp**

5. Each medal presented has a nickel-silver clasp 37 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres deep bearing the name of the operation for which it was awarded. Clasp sets consist of a bar for both the full size and miniature medals.

#### **Further Awards**

6. A further award or awards for subsequent service in another operation or operations is recognised by the presentation of an additional clasp or clasps. The clasp or clasps are attached to the ribbon of the medal above the original clasp.

**Wearing**

7. The Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is worn on the left breast on all occasions when full size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn at any time with service dress.

**Order of Wear**

8. The Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008



**GOVERNOR-GENERAL**