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**1995**

**The Sierra Leone Military Forces Act (Amendment)**  
**Decree, 1995**

Short title.

**Being a Decree to amend the Sierra Leone Military Forces Act, 1961**

*[10th August, 1995. ]*

Date of  
commencement.

PURSUANT to paragraph 3 of the Proclamation entitled "The Administration of Sierra Leone (National Provisional Ruling Council) Proclamation, 1992" the National Provisional Ruling Council makes and issues the following Decree: —

Amendment  
of section 1 of  
Act No. 34 of  
1961.

1.

Section 1 of the Sierra Leone Military Forces Act, 1961 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:—

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ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the Armed Forces of the Republic of Sierra Leone Act, 1961 and shall come into operation on the date to be appointed by the National Provisional Ruling Council by notification in the *Gazette*."

Amendment  
of section 2 of  
Act No. 34 of  
1961.

2. (1) Section 2 of the principal Act is amended:—

(a) by the repeal and replacement of the expression "Sierra Leone Military Forces" and the definition thereof, with the following:—

"Armed Forces of the Republic of Sierra Leone" means the Army, Navy and Air Force raised by the Government of Sierra Leone;";

(b) by the repeal and replacement of the expression "the Force Commander" and the definition thereof, with the following:—

"Chief of Defence Staff" means the officer referred to in section 156 and appointed by the Chairman of the National Provisional Ruling Council under section 168 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991;".

(2) The principal Act shall be read and construed as if for every reference therein to —

(a) "Sierra Leone Military Forces" or "the Force", there were substituted the "Armed Forces of the Republic of Sierra Leone" or "the Armed Forces" as the case may be; and

(b) "the Force Commander", there were substituted the "Chief of Defence Staff".

(2) The appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Chairman of the National Provisional Ruling Council may, after consultation with the Forces Council, determine.

(3) The command of the Chief of Defence Staff referred to in subsection (1) shall include the operational control and the administration of the Armed Forces as a whole."

5. Sections 167 and 169 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 are suspended.

Suspension of sections 167 and 169 of Act No. 6 of 1991.

6. The principal Act shall be read with such modifications and adaptations as are necessary to give effect to this Decree.

Modifications and adaptations in Act No. 34 of 1961.

MADE and ISSUED this 24th day of July, 1995.

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*Chairman,*  
*National Provisional Ruling Council.*