

Consular or Passport Control Officer. One of the conditions of the permit will stipulate that it is necessary to obtain a visa.

3. It is anticipated that the applicants for admission to New Zealand who will be affected by the provisions of this circular will fall under one of the three following groups :—

Group I: Intending immigrants whose applications are made (whether or not in the form prescribed under the New Zealand Regulations) direct to the Consular or Passport Control Officer.

Group II: Intending immigrants who send their applications in the regulation form direct to New Zealand, the Dominion Government having no information whether the required visa will be granted.

Group III: Intending immigrants who make direct inquiry of the Government of New Zealand as to the course necessary for them to pursue in order to obtain admission to that country, or who make application for such admission otherwise than in the prescribed form—*e.g.*, through their friends or relatives in New Zealand.

Group I.

4. Provided the Consular or Passport Control Officer to whom the application is made is prepared to grant a visa, all applications falling under this group should be referred for decision to the Chief Customs Officer, Wellington, New Zealand. The willingness to grant the visa will be taken to indicate that the Consular or Passport Control Officer is reasonably satisfied that the intending immigrant is not in sympathy with the present regime in Soviet Russia.

5. Applications so referred will not necessarily be favourably considered, but will be dealt with in the light of general circumstances existing in New Zealand from time to time, or of any special circumstances known in connection with any particular applicant.

6. If the applicant has not made his application in the form prescribed by the New Zealand Immigration Regulations he will, as a general rule, be required to do so, and for this purpose a form of application will be sent to him.

7. When a decision is arrived at the Consular or Passport Control Officer concerned will be notified. No visa should be granted before the receipt of an authorization to do so.

8. Where the Consular or Passport Control Officer is not satisfied as to the views of the intending immigrant the application need not be referred to New Zealand, but a visa should be refused forthwith and particulars of the case reported to the Chief Customs Officer at Wellington and to this Department.

Group II.

9. Should an application falling under this group be supported by evidence which satisfies the New Zealand Government that a permit should be granted subject only to the visa being obtained, the permit will be forwarded by the New Zealand Government to London for transmission by this Department to the Consular or Passport Control Officer concerned, with instructions to communicate with the applicant.

10. On receipt of the permit the Consular or Passport Control Officer concerned should take steps to satisfy himself with regard to the applicant. If he is satisfied, the visa should be granted and the permit handed to the applicant. If the Consular or Passport Control Officer is not satisfied with regard to the applicant the latter should be informed that the permit has been refused. The circumstances of the case should be reported, as provided in paragraph 8 hereof, and the permit returned to this Department for retransmission to New Zealand.

11. In some cases falling under this group the application for the permit may be definitely refused by the Government of New Zealand, so that the intervention of a Consular or Passport Control Officer will not be required.

Group III.

12. Intending immigrants falling under this group will (unless the application is definitely refused without further action by the New Zealand Government) generally be supplied with the prescribed form of application, which they will be asked to submit, when completed, through a Consular or Passport Control Officer. The application will then be dealt with in the same way as an application under Group I.

General.

13. When dealing with applications covered by the foregoing provisions, Consular and Passport Control Officers should, before granting a visa, use their best endeavours to satisfy themselves with regard to the applicant, in order to give as full effect as possible to the wishes of the New Zealand Government as set out in paragraph 1 of this circular.

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To His Majesty's Consular and Passport Control Officers.