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Dear Mr Wilfred

NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP

I am writing about your application for New Zealand citizenship.

Please be advised that the Minister of Internal Affairs is unable to consider your application at this time.

Section 169(4) of the Immigration Act 2009 regulates the processing of citizenship applications in limited circumstances and states that:

“While a person is liable for deportation, the processing of any application by the person for a grant of New Zealand citizenship under section 8 of the Citizenship Act 1977 or section 7(1)(b)(ii) of the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982 must be suspended”.

I note that you have asked for your application to be considered only under section 9 of the Citizenship Act 1977 (‘the Act’) for a grant of citizenship in special cases. As previously explained to you, section 9 does not limit the citizenship requirements stated in section 8 of the Act which is the main provision for a grant of citizenship. The Minister may have regard to the section 8 requirements as he thinks fit when considering whether to authorise the grant of citizenship in special cases to any person under section 9. Accordingly, section 169(4) of the Immigration Act 2009 applies to your application.

At this stage there are two options available to you. You can withdraw your application or your application can be held until Immigration New Zealand advises that you are no longer the subject of compliance action. The Department is prepared to hold your application for a period to allow you further time to resolve this issue with Immigration New Zealand. Please confirm which option is acceptable to you before 1 May 2012: If you have not advised us by that date, your application will be closed and a refund made to you at that time.

Your application can be presented to the Minister should compliance action be withdrawn by Immigration New Zealand. The report written for the Minister will reflect your residential



