

(4) All licences granted by a Commissioner or a municipal authority for the storage of petroleum or other inflammable substance by virtue of the Explosives and Petroleum Laws, 1882 and 1924, and subsisting at the date of the commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be licences granted under this Law and shall remain in force for a period of twelve months from the date of the commencement of this Law, and no longer.

4 of 1882  
14 of 1924

Date of  
coming into  
operation  
and repeal.

4 of 1882  
14 of 1924  
25 of 1930

11. This Law shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by notice by the Governor in the *Gazette* and thereupon the provisions of the Explosives and Petroleum Laws, 1882 and 1924, in so far as they relate to petroleum or other inflammable substance, and the Explosives and Petroleum Law, 1930, shall be repealed.

A. B. WRIGHT,

17th November, 1939.

*Colonial Secretary.*

(M.P. 618/26/5.)

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## No. 20 OF 1939.

A LAW TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW RELATING  
TO THE IMPORTATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES  
AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

W. D. BATTERSHILL,  
*Governor.*

[21st November, 1939.]

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Explosive Substances Law, 1939.

### PART I.

#### PRELIMINARY.

Interpreta-  
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“Certificate of Registration” means a certificate of registration issued under the provisions of the Firearms Laws;

“Firearms Laws” means the Firearms Laws, 1933 to 1937, or any amendment thereof;

“Firearms Licence” means a firearms licence issued under the provisions of the Firearms Laws;

“explosive substance” means gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, blasting powder, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires and every other substance, whether similar to those above mentioned or not, used or manufactured with a

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view to produce a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect, and includes fog signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion caps, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions, and every adaptation or preparation of any explosive substance as above defined.

“Municipal Corporations Laws” means the Municipal Corporations Laws, 1930 to 1938, or any amendment thereof.

“person” includes a Municipal Corporation established under the Municipal Corporations Laws.

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## PART II. LICENSING.

3. The Governor may appoint a fit and proper person to be Inspector of Explosives under this Law.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Inspector of  
Explosives.

4.—(1) The Inspector of Explosives may, subject to regulations made under this Law, in his discretion, grant to any person in respect of any explosive substances specified therein—

Licences.

- (a) a licence to import explosive substances ;
- (b) a licence to manufacture explosive substances ;
- (c) a licence to sell explosive substances ;
- (d) a licence to store explosive substances.

(2) Every such licence shall be issued on or after the first day of January in every year and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following the date of issue.

(3) The holder of any such licence shall upon the demand of the Inspector of Explosives or any Police officer produce for inspection any licence issued to him under this Law and any holder who fails or refuses so to do shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

(4) Any person who shall—

- (a) import or attempt to import, or
- (b) manufacture or attempt to manufacture, or
- (c) sell or store or attempt to sell or store,

any explosive substance save under licence as in this section provided shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both, and any explosive substance in respect of which an offence under this section has been committed shall be forfeited.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to—

- (a) ammunition not exceeding two thousand rounds for air-guns, air-rifles or air-pistols stored at any

one time in any premises by any person for his personal use, who is the holder of a Certificate of Registration in respect of an air-gun, air-rifle or air-pistol ;

- (b) ammunition not exceeding fifty rounds for revolvers or pistols stored at any one time in any premises by any person for his personal use, who is the holder of a Certificate of Registration in respect of a revolver or pistol and the holder of a special permit from the Governor to possess such revolver or pistol granted under the Firearms Laws ;
- (c) cartridges not exceeding two hundred and fifty rounds or with the special permission in writing of the Inspector of Explosives not exceeding one thousand rounds, stored at any one time in any premises by any person for his personal use, who—
- (i) is the holder of a Certificate of Registration in respect of a firearm and the holder of a Firearms Licence in force at the date of such storage ;
  - (ii) is the holder of a Firearms Licence, in force at the date of such storage, for a firearm in respect of which a Certificate of Registration has been issued to any other person under the provisions of the Firearms Laws.

### PART III.

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO AMMUNITION AND SHOT.

Books to be kept by dealers in cartridges and other ammunition.

5.—(1) Every holder of a licence to sell explosive substances who deals in cartridges or any other description of ammunition (in this section called the "dealer") shall keep on his premises a book to be called the Ammunition Stock Book, and a book to be called the Ammunition Sales Register, in such form as may be respectively prescribed, wherein he shall record his stock and sales of ammunition, as the case may be.

(2) It shall be lawful for the Inspector of Explosives or any Police officer of any rank not lower than that of sergeant at any time when the premises of a dealer are open for business, to enter such premises and inspect all ammunition in the stock of such dealer and to inspect the Ammunition Stock Book and the Ammunition Sales Register and to take a copy of any entries therein, and any dealer who refuses to allow such inspection to be made or copy to be taken, or who obstructs the Inspector of

Explosives or Police officer while making such inspection or taking such copy shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

(3) Any dealer—

- (a) who acts in contravention of sub-section (1), or
- (b) whose stock of cartridges or of any other description of ammunition does not correspond to the stock as shown in the Ammunition Stock Book after deduction therefrom of the Sales recorded in the Ammunition Sales Register,

shall, in the absence of a reasonable explanation, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

6.—(1) No person shall sell and no person shall purchase any cartridges or any other description of ammunition save in accordance with the following provisions:—

Restrictions  
on sale and  
purchase  
of cartridges  
or other  
ammunition.

- (a) the purchaser shall be the holder of a Certificate of Registration in respect of a firearm and, save where such firearm is a revolver, pistol, air-gun, air-rifle or air-pistol, the holder also of a Firearms Licence in force at the date of the sale or purchase ;
- (b) in the case of the sale or purchase of ammunition for a revolver or pistol, the purchaser shall be the holder of a Certificate of Registration for a revolver or pistol and the holder also of a special permit from the Governor to possess such revolver or pistol granted under the Firearms Laws ;
- (c) the purchaser shall at the time of the sale produce to the vendor his Certificate of Registration and such Firearms Licence or Special Permit as he may be required to hold in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this sub-section, as the case may be :

Provided that where the purchaser is the holder of a Firearms Licence for a firearm in respect of which a Certificate of Registration has been issued to any other person under the provisions of the Firearms Laws the purchaser shall produce to the vendor such Firearms Licence and also the Certificate of Registration in virtue of which such Firearms Licence was issued.

(2) Any cartridges or other description of ammunition sold or purchased shall be of a type suitable for use for the firearm described in the Certificate of Registration produced by the purchaser to the vendor at the time of sale under the provisions of paragraph (c) of sub-section (1).