

CHAPTER 234.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.*

ARMS AND AMMUNITION RULES.

made by the Governor in Council under section 31.

Rules.
20 of 1933.
24 of 1935.
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P.N.
101 of 1953.
Citation.

1. These rules may be cited as the Arms and Ammunition Rules.

2. The Prescribed Authority—

Statement
of the
prescribed
authorities
under the
Ordinance.

(a) under sections 4, 5, 6, 10 (3) and 19 of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance shall be the Commissioner of Police;

(b) under section 9 and the last paragraph of section 10 (dealing with the registration and marking of firearms) shall be the Commissioner of Police;

(c) under section 10 (1) shall be the Governor;

(d) under section 10 (2) and section 14 shall be the Commissioner of Police in the Freetown Police District and the Headquarters Judicial District, the District Commissioner in the Sherbro Judicial District, and the Provincial Commissioners in the Protectorate;

(e) under section 10 (5) and (6) shall be the Chief Inspector of Mines;

(f) under sections 20 and 22 shall be the Commissioner of Police in the Freetown Police District and the Headquarters Judicial District and the District Commissioners elsewhere in the Colony and Protectorate.

3. No firearms or ammunition shall, except with the permission in writing of the Comptroller of Customs, be landed in the Colony at any time except on week-days between the hours of eight in the forenoon and four in the afternoon.

Hours for
landing
arms and
ammunition.

4. No firearm or ammunition which is imported otherwise than by a passenger as part of his personal effects and along with him in the same ship shall be landed from the ship unless the necessary import licence is first produced to the proper officer of Customs.

Production
of import
licence.

*All the subsidiary legislation printed here under this Chapter 234 will cease to operate when the new Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1955, comes into force, because the latter repeals the present Ordinance (Cap. 234) without saving its subsidiary legislation.

Application
by importer
for officer of
Customs to
supervise
landing.

5. The importer, other than a passenger importing firearms and ammunition as aforesaid, shall apply to the Comptroller of Customs to detail an officer of Customs to superintend the landing: and no firearms or ammunition shall be landed except in the presence of such officer.

Conveyance
of arms and
ammunition
by importer
to warehouse.

6. The importer, other than a passenger importing firearms and ammunition as aforesaid, shall at his own expense convey all firearms and ammunition into the public warehouse appointed for the purpose immediately after they have been landed, and shall store them in the manner directed by the officer in charge of such warehouse.

Protection
against fire.

7. All ammunition conveyed to or from a public warehouse in a cart, truck, lorry or other means of conveyance shall be covered with tarpaulin and no person shall smoke in or near any such conveyance.

Packing
of trade
powder.

8. All gunpowder (which for the purpose of these rules means common or trade gunpowder) when deposited in a public warehouse shall be securely packed in such a manner as to prevent leakage. If gunpowder which is not securely packed is presented for storage, or if in any keg or other package becomes insecure whilst stored in a public warehouse, the officer in charge of the warehouse may if he think fit require the importer or his agent forthwith to remedy the defect, and, if the importer or his agent shall fail to do so, the powder shall be confiscated and dealt with in such manner as the Commissioner of Police shall direct.

Record of
storage in
public
warehouses.

9. The officer in charge of a public warehouse shall keep a store ledger, in which he shall enter at the end of each day the quantity and description of firearms and ammunition deposited and withdrawn, the name of the person depositing or withdrawing such firearms and ammunition, the amount of storage rent which he has received and the name of the ship by which the same was imported.

Payment of
storage rent.

10. The storage rent of any firearms or ammunition shall be payable at the time of the withdrawal of the same. Each shipment of firearms or ammunition shall be stored and kept separately.

11. If any firearms or ammunition are not withdrawn from a public warehouse at the expiration of one year from date of the deposit thereof, the officer in charge of such warehouse shall give one month's notice in writing to the owner, importer or his agent to withdraw the same (or, in their absence, shall leave notice at the last known place of abode or business of the owner, importer or agent), if such firearms or ammunition may lawfully be withdrawn, or to pay the balance of rent then due thereon if such firearms or ammunition may not lawfully be withdrawn. If such firearms or ammunition be not withdrawn, or if the rent due thereon be not paid, as the case may be, at the expiration of the period named in the notice, then, and in either such case such firearms and ammunition as are not, or may not lawfully be withdrawn shall be confiscated, and shall be dealt with as the Commissioner of Police may direct.
12. Packages containing ammunition shall be stored at such distance from the wall and floor as to allow a free circulation of air and to prevent their being affected by damp.
13. Packages containing gunpowder shall not be rolled along the floor of a public warehouse.
14. Kegs or cases containing ammunition shall not be opened in a public warehouse.
15. No person shall enter a public warehouse unless accompanied by the officer in charge thereof, and no person carrying any article of a combustible nature or wearing boots or shoes with iron nails shall enter a public warehouse in which gunpowder is stored.
16. The officer in charge of a public warehouse shall not deliver any firearms or ammunition out of such warehouse except to the person duly authorised to withdraw the same or to the clerk or agent of such person.
17. The officer in charge of a public warehouse shall not deliver any firearms or ammunition out of such warehouse unless all storage rent due upon the same is first paid.
18. No firearms or ammunition shall be withdrawn from a public warehouse except upon week-days between the hours of eight in the forenoon and four in the afternoon.
- Withdrawal of firearms and ammunition one year after deposit.
- Storage of ammunition.
- Gunpowder not to be rolled.
- Ammunition cases not to be opened in warehouse.
- Precautions against fire.
- Delivery from warehouse only to authorised person or agent.
- Delivery only on payment of storage rent.
- Withdrawal to be only during certain hours.