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Read the first time on 8th November 2006.

An Act to amend the Arms and Explosives Act (Chapter 13 of the 2003 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Arms and Explosives (Amendment) Act 2006 and

shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Arms and Explosives Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “and explosives” and substituting the words “, explosives and explosive precursors”.

Amendment of section 2

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

(a) by deleting the definition of “arms” and substituting the following definition:

“ “arms” means —

- (a) firearms, air-guns, air-pistols, stun guns, electronic dart guns, automatic guns, automatic pistols, guns or any other kind of gun from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or noxious fumes or noxious substance can be emitted, and any component part of any such arms;
- (b) bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads; and
- (c) such weapon, accessory, or other article or thing, as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify to be arms for the purposes of this Act or any part thereof;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “authorised person” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “authorised person” means any auxiliary police force established under the Police Force Act (Cap. 235) and which is authorised by the Licensing Officer to accept the deposit of guns, arms or explosives under section 19(1) or the deposit of explosive precursors under section 21B(1);

“body corporate” includes a limited liability partnership;

“book” includes any record, register, document or other record of information, however compiled, recorded or stored,

whether in written or printed form or on microfilm or in any other electronic form or otherwise;”;

- (c) by deleting the word “Schedule” in the 2nd line of the definition of “detection agent” and substituting the words “First Schedule”;
- (d) by deleting the words “the Schedule” in the last line of the definition of “detection agent” and substituting the words “that Schedule”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “detection agent”, the following definition:

“ “electronic dart gun” means a portable device which —

- (a) is powered by electricity and, when switched on, is capable of expelling or projecting a projectile; and
 - (b) upon coming in contact with a person or an animal, is capable of inflicting injury or an electric shock by a high voltage, low amperage charge to such person or animal;”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “explosive”, the following definition:

“ “explosive precursor” means any substance specified in the Second Schedule;”;

- (g) by deleting the definition of “manufacture” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “limited liability partnership” has the same meaning given to it by section 4(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005 (Act 5 of 2005);

“manufacture” —

- (a) in relation to an explosive, includes the preparation of any component part of the explosive, the admixture or other treatment of the same, and the breaking up or unmaking of any explosive, the process of remaking or making fit for use any damaged explosive, and the process of remaking, altering or repairing any explosive; and

- (b) in relation to an explosive precursor, means any process of producing the explosive precursor, and includes the refining or remaking of any substance to become an explosive precursor;”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Port Master”, the following definition:
 - ““premises” includes messuages, houses, buildings, lands, tenements, easements and hereditaments of any tenure, whether open or closed, whether built or not, whether public or private, and whether maintained under statutory authority or not;”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “railway administration”, the following definition:
 - ““stun gun” means a portable device which is powered by electricity and from which any electric current, discharge, impulse, wave or beam can be emitted and if directed at a person or an animal, can incapacitate temporarily, injure or kill the person or animal;”.

Amendment of section 3

4. Section 3(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “any explosive” in paragraph (a), the words “or explosive precursor”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “explosives” in paragraph (e), the words “, or explosive precursors,”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “and explosives” in paragraph (h) and substituting the words “, explosives or explosive precursors”.

Repeal of sections 14 and 15

5. Sections 14 and 15 of the principal Act are repealed.

New Parts IIIA and IIIB

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 21, the following Parts: