

# **Arms and Explosives (Arms) Rules 2006**

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**No. S 414**

#### **ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ACT (CHAPTER 13)**

#### **ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ARMS) RULES 2006**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 46 of the Arms and Explosives Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

##### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Arms and Explosives (Arms) Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 14th July 2006.

##### **General provisions on licences**

**2.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (2), every application for a licence under these Rules shall be made using the electronic application service provided by the Licensing Officer.

**(2)** In the event of a malfunction or failure, or an imminent malfunction or failure, of the electronic application service, an application for a licence under these Rules shall be made in such written form as the Licensing Officer may require.

**(3)** The Licensing Officer may reject any application not made in accordance with these Rules.

#### **PART II**

#### **POSSESSION**

### **Application for licence to possess arms**

3. Any person desiring to possess any arms shall apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to possess the arms.

### **Form and validity of licence to possess arms**

4.—(1) The Licensing Officer may issue, subject to such conditions as he sees fit, a licence authorising the licensee to possess or control any arms or class or category of arms described in the licence.

(2) A licence to possess arms shall be in Form A set out in the Schedule.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), every licence to possess arms shall expire 2 years after the date of issue.

(4) Where a person who is licensed to possess any arms, subsequently acquires any other arms, the term of any licence to possess those other arms shall be concurrent with the term of the licence to possess the first-mentioned arms.

### **Exemption by Licensing Officer**

5.—(1) The Licensing Officer may exempt any person or class of persons from the requirement for a licence to possess arms under section 13(1)(a) of the Act, where such possession is in connection with, and for the purpose of any of the following events:

- (a) carnivals;
- (b) business demonstrations;
- (c) school uniformed group activities;
- (d) shooting competitions or training for shooting competitions;
- (e) sporting events; and
- (f) trade fairs.

(2) An exemption under paragraph (1) may be granted subject to such conditions as the Licensing Officer thinks fit.

(3) An exemption under paragraph (1) shall only be effective for the duration of, and in the locality of the event in respect of which the exemption is granted.

(4) The Licensing Officer may, as he thinks fit, amend, suspend, revoke or reinstate an exemption under paragraph (1).

### **Register to be kept by Licensing Officer**

6. The Licensing Officer shall keep a register, in such form as he thinks fit, in which shall be entered the following particulars of all arms for which a licence to possess has been issued:

- (a) the date of issue of the licence;
- (b) the name of the licensee;
- (c) the address of the licensee;
- (d) the nature of the arms licensed;
- (e) the identification marks on the arms; and
- (f) the particulars of any condition of the licence.

### **Mark to be placed on every arm**

7. The Licensing Officer shall cause an indelible distinguishing mark to be placed on every arm for which he issues a possession licence and which is not already indelibly marked with some sufficiently distinguishing mark or number.

## **PART III**

### **IMPORTATION**

#### **Application by licensed dealer for licence to import arms**

8.—(1) Any licensed dealer desiring to import any arms shall, before importing, apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to import the arms.

(2) An application under paragraph (1) shall specify the following information relating to the arms to be imported:

- (a) the number of arms;
- (b) the description of the arms;
- (c) the calibre of the arms;
- (d) the name of the manufacturer of the arms;
- (e) the name of the vessel in which the arms are being imported;
- (f) the probable date of the vessel's arrival; and