

**Arms and Explosives Act
(CHAPTER 13)**

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ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ACT
(CHAPTER 13)

(Original Enactment: Ordinance 9 of 1913)

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An Act to regulate the manufacture, use, sale, storage, transport, importation, exportation and possession of arms and explosives, to give effect to the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection concluded in Montreal on 1st March 1991 and for purposes connected therewith.

[12th December 1913]

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Arms and Explosives Act.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“arms” includes firearms, air-guns, air-pistols, automatic guns, automatic pistols, and 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, and bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads;

“authorised military device” means any explosive manufactured solely for lawful military or police purposes, including but not limited to a shell, bomb, projectile, mine, missile, rocket, shaped charge, grenade or perforator;

“authorised military or police personnel” means —

- (a) any member of the Singapore Armed Forces;
- (b) any member of the Singapore Police Force; or
- (c) any person who performs military functions for the Ministry of Defence or the Singapore Armed Forces;

“authorised person” means —

- (a) the Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation; or
- (b) any other auxiliary police force established under any written law and which is authorised by the Licensing Officer to accept the deposit of guns, arms or explosives under section 19(1);

“carriage” includes any carriage, wagon, cart, truck or other vehicle used for the conveyance of goods or passengers by land, in whatever manner the same is propelled or moved;

“Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation” means the Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation established under the Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation Act (Cap. 47);

“deal in” includes repair, sell, keep or expose for sale;

“detection agent” means any of the substances set out in the Schedule and which —

- (a) is intended to be used to enhance the detectability of explosives by vapour detection means;
- (b) is introduced into a plastic explosive during its manufacture in such a manner as to achieve homogeneous distribution in the finished product; and
- (c) is present in the plastic explosive in such concentration no less than