

ORDINANCE 19 OF 2004

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE PREVENTION OF FIRES
IN OPEN COUNTRY ORDINANCE**

**P. T. C. Pearson CBE
ADMINISTRATOR**

6th August 2004.

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Prevention of Fires in Open Country (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 and shall be read as one with the Prevention of Fires in Open Country Ordinance as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Ordinance”).

Short title.

Ordinance 13/89
as amended by
Ordinances 8/91,
27/00 and 35/02 .

2. The principal Ordinance is hereby amended by repealing section 4 thereof and substituting therefor the following new section:—

Section 4 of the
principal Ordinance
repealed and
replaced.

“Prerequisites
for lighting a
fire.

4. It shall be prohibited for any person to light a fire in any part of open country and at any time of the year, whether on private land or not, except in the following cases:—

- (a) a person may light a fire for the preparation or heating of food, without a permit and at any time of the year, provided he takes sufficient precautionary measures to prevent the spreading of the fire and to have at his disposal all necessary means for extinguishing the fire fully after its use; and
- (b) a person may light a fire in open country for the purposes mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) below, provided a permit to that effect is previously obtained from the local authority, within the limits of which the site where the fire is to be lighted is situate, and the fire shall at all

times be under the supervision of the said local authority—

- (i) during the months of December and January only, for the purpose of burning cut branches of trees, vineyards and fruit trees, and
- (ii) throughout the year for the burning of trees and plants which have been infected by a disease, that is to say, in times of emergency.”

Section 5 of
the principal
Ordinance
amended.

3. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) by repealing paragraph (a) thereof and substituting therefor the following new paragraph:

“(a) lights a fire in the open country in contravention of section 4 of this Ordinance”,

- (b) by crossing out from the end of sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (d) the conjunction “or” (twelfth line) and by inserting a semi-colon and

- (c) by crossing out paragraph (e) thereof.

Commencement.

4. This Ordinance shall come into force on the day of its publication in the Gazette.

6th August 2004
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P. D. Draycott
Chief Officer.
