



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**  
**TO**  
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**ORDINANCE 6 OF 2007**

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**POLICE ORDINANCE 2007**

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An Ordinance to Consolidate and Amend the Police Ordinance 1967

**R. H. LACEY**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*9th March 2007.*

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

**PART 1**  
**PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title**

This Ordinance may be cited as the Police Ordinance 2007.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“Chief Constable” means the Officer in charge of the Service;

“Chief Superintendent” means the Officer in charge of a division (also known as a Divisional Commander);

“Court” means the Senior Judge’s Court or the Judge’s Court as appropriate;

“Deputy Chief Constable” means the Deputy to the Chief Constable;

“Division” means one of the divisions of the Service;

“expatriate officer” means an officer specially recruited in the United Kingdom or seconded from a United Kingdom Police Service, for service with the Service;

“finger print” includes thumb print or palm print or both;

“licence” includes a permit, certificate or another document relating to an article or thing;

“locally engaged officer” means an officer recruited in Cyprus for service with the Service;

- “means of conveyance” means an aircraft, animal, carriage, vessel, bicycle, motor vehicle of any description or any other vehicle used for the purpose of conveyance of a person or goods;
- “officer in charge of Police” means the police officer appointed by the Chief Constable to be in charge of the Police in a place;
- “police officer” or “officer” means an expatriate officer, locally engaged officer or special constable unless specifically stated otherwise;
- “public” means not only all persons within the Areas, but also persons inhabiting or using a particular place, or a number of such persons;
- “public place” includes a public way and building, place or convenience to which, for the time being, the public are entitled or permitted to have access either without condition or upon condition of making a payment, and a building or place which is for the time being used for a public or religious meeting, or assembly, or as an open court;
- “public way” includes a highway, market-place, square, street, bridge or other way which is lawfully used by the public;
- “Service” means the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service;
- “Special Constable” means a person who is duly sworn to perform the duties of a Special Constable in accordance with section 32;
- “station” means a police station;
- “trade union” has the same meaning as in the Trade Unions Ordinance 1968(a).

## **PART 2 CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **3. Continuation of the Service**

- (1) There will continue to be established in the Sovereign Base Areas a police service to be known as the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service.
- (2) The Service will consist of two divisions to be known as the Western Division, having administrative responsibility for the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area, and the Eastern Division, having administrative responsibility for the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area.
- (3) A police officer will have power to exercise any authority or perform any duty conferred or imposed on him by any Ordinance anywhere within the Sovereign Base Areas.

### **4. Constitution of Service**

- (1) The Service will consist of officers of the following ranks as directed by the Administrator—
  - (a) Chief Constable;
  - (b) Deputy Chief Constable;
  - (c) Chief Superintendent;
  - (d) Superintendent;
  - (e) Chief Inspector;
  - (f) Inspector;
  - (g) Sergeant;
  - (h) Constable.
- (2) The Administrator may by notice published in the Gazette, amend or vary such ranks.

### **5. Functions of Service**

- (1) The functions of the Service will be to—
  - (a) maintain law and order,
  - (b) preserve the peace,

- (c) prevent and detect crime, and
  - (d) apprehend offenders.
- (2) A police officer may carry arms and ammunition in the performance of these functions.

#### **6. General Powers of the Chief Constable**

The Chief Constable will be accountable to the Administrator for the organisation and administration of the Service, for good order throughout the Areas and for the efficient administration and government of the Service, subject to any order or direction of the Administrator.

#### **7. General Powers of the Deputy Chief Constable**

The Deputy Chief Constable will have power to exercise any authority or perform any duty which may by law be exercised or performed by the Chief Constable.

#### **8. Administration of the Service**

- (1) The Chief Constable will be responsible for the administration of the Service throughout the Areas.
- (2) The control of the police in any place will be vested in such police officers as may be appointed by the Chief Constable who will be subordinate to, and carry out the orders of the Chief Constable in all matters connected with the discipline, budgets and training of the Service.

#### **9. Police Regulations**

- (1) The Chief Constable may, with the approval of the Administrator, make regulations for the good order, administration and government of the Service or part of the Service.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) such regulations may make provision for all or any of the following matters—
  - (a) appointment;
  - (b) enlistment;
  - (c) service, including rates of pay and hours of duty;
  - (d) discharge;
  - (e) offences against discipline and disciplinary procedure;
  - (f) promotion and reduction in rank;
  - (g) suspension and interdiction from duty whether with or without pay or other allowances;
  - (h) place of residence and payment of rent allowances;
  - (i) payment of allowances;
  - (j) award and deferment of increments;
  - (k) payment and withholding of gratuities other than those gratuities payable under the provisions of section 14;
  - (l) payment and withholding of pensions;
  - (m) leave, including weekly rest days and public holidays;
  - (n) Police Fines and Rewards Fund;
  - (o) Special Constabulary;
  - (p) award or deprivation of good conduct or merit allowance;
  - (q) uniform and accoutrements, including arms;
  - (r) training including drilling;
  - (s) sick leave;
  - (t) personal records;
  - (u) restrictions on activities of a police officer;

- (v) welfare;
  - (w) the conduct of disciplinary proceedings including the summoning of a witness, the taking of evidence on oath and the punishment by fine, not exceeding £50, of a person summonsed as a witness who fails to attend such proceedings or refuses to answer a question lawfully put to him.
- (3) Any regulations made under this section may provide for the following punishments of a police officer for breach of such regulations—
- (a) dismissal;
  - (b) requirement to resign;
  - (c) reduction in rank;
  - (d) withholding, withdrawing or postponing yearly increments of pay;
  - (e) a fine not exceeding 20 days pay;
  - (f) severe reprimand;
  - (g) reprimand;
  - (h) admonition.

**10. Books, records and returns by members of the Service**

- (1) A police officer will keep books and records of the activities he performs in the course of his duties and will provide information as required by the Chief Constable.
- (2) The Chief Constable will arrange for a record to be kept of all convictions made in the court (“the Record of Convictions”).
- (3) A person may, at all reasonable times, inspect the Record of Convictions and may, on payment of such fee as the Chief Constable may require, be provided with an authorised copy of an entry which appears in the Record of Convictions.

**11. Property and public moneys**

A police officer will be responsible for all public property and public moneys issued to or held by him and will account for it to the Chief Constable.

**PART 3  
APPOINTMENT, ENLISTMENT, SERVICE AND DISCHARGE**

**12. Appointment etc. of Officers**

- (1) The Administrator may appoint, promote and discharge an expatriate officer subject to and in accordance with such conditions of service as he may approve.
- (2) The Chief Constable may appoint, enlist, promote and discharge a locally engaged officer in accordance with regulations made under this Ordinance.

**13. Emoluments of Officers**

- (1) The emoluments of a police officer will include his salary and the allowances determined from time to time.
- (2) The retirement benefits of a police officer will be those determined in accordance with any Ordinance or Regulations in force for the time being relating to the pension entitlements of a police officer.

**14. Awards and allowance for incapacity**

- (1) A police officer who in the course or furtherance of his duties sustains an injury will receive such pension, gratuity or temporary incapacity allowance as the Administrator may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, determine.
- (2) The spouse or family of a police officer who has died as the direct result of an injury sustained whilst carrying out his duty, or in circumstances attributable to his duty, will receive such award as the Administrator may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, determine.

- (3) The Administrator may make regulations to be published in the Gazette to give better effect to this section.
- (4) This section will not apply to a police officer, spouse, or family of a deceased police officer if in the opinion of the Administrator, applying regulations made under section 9(2)(k), the officer, spouse, or family would receive treatment equal or better than he would under this section.

#### **15. Oath of Allegiance**

- (1) The Chief Constable will take and sign the Oath of Allegiance as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 before the Administrator.
- (2) An expatriate officer will, on appointment and on any subsequent re-appointment, take and sign the Oath of Allegiance as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 in the presence of a witness, and before the Chief Constable, or an officer authorised by the Chief Constable.
- (3) A locally engaged police officer will, on enlistment and on any subsequent re-enlistment, take and sign the Oath of Allegiance as set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1 in the presence of a witness and before a police officer of or above the rank of Deputy Chief Constable.

#### **16. Arms and accoutrements to be delivered up on member ceasing to belong to the Service**

- (1) When a police officer ceases to belong to the Service, he will immediately hand over to the person appointed by the Chief Constable for that purpose, or to the officer in charge of police at the place at which he was last stationed, all arms, ammunition, uniform and other equipment or things which have been supplied to him and which are the property of the Administration.
- (2) A police officer who, having ceased to belong to the Service, fails to hand over an item of equipment as required by subsection (1) will be guilty of an offence and will, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to a fine not exceeding £150 or to both penalties.
- (3) The Court may issue a warrant to search for and seize an item of equipment which has not been handed over as required by subsection (1).

### **PART 4 POWERS AND DUTIES OF A POLICE OFFICER**

#### **17. Police officers not to engage in other employment**

A police officer will not, without the consent of the Administrator, engage in any employment or office other than in accordance with his duties under this Ordinance.

#### **18. General powers and duties of members of the Service**

- (1) A police officer will exercise such power and perform such duty as may be conferred or imposed upon a police officer under any Ordinance in force for the time being and will obey any lawful order in carrying out his duties as he may, from time to time, receive from his superiors in the Service.
- (2) It will be the duty of a police officer promptly to—
  - (a) obey and execute all orders and warrants lawfully issued to him by a competent authority;
  - (b) collect and communicate intelligence affecting the public peace;
  - (c) prevent the commission of offences and public nuisances;
  - (d) detect and bring any offenders to justice; and
  - (e) apprehend a person whom he is lawfully authorised to apprehend and for whose apprehension sufficient grounds exist.
- (3) A police officer will be deemed to be on duty at all times and may, at any time, be detailed for duty in a part of the Areas, or in pursuance of arrangements between the appropriate authorities of the Areas and the Republic, and subject to the law of the Republic, in a part of the Republic.
- (4) Where a police officer is carrying out the duties of a prison officer, he will be deemed to be a prison officer, and will have all the powers, protections and privileges attaching to a prison officer.

## **19. Taking of measurements, photographs and fingerprints etc**

- (1) A police officer of the rank of sergeant or above may take or arrange to be taken from a person under lawful arrest or subject to police supervision, for the purposes of record, comparison, identification and in general for the purpose of investigating an offence—
  - (a) any measurements, photographs, finger prints, foot prints, samples of hand writing, nail cuttings, hair samples or saliva;
  - (b) with the assistance of a medical officer and with the person's consent, samples of blood, urine or residues of foreign substances in the body.
- (2) If a person who is under lawful arrest or subject to police supervision does not consent to the taking of samples of blood, urine or residues of foreign substances in his body then a police officer of the rank of sergeant or above may ask the Court for an order authorising a medical officer to take samples of blood, urine or residues of foreign substances from such a person.
- (3) If a person is not charged with an offence or is subsequently discharged or acquitted by a Court and he has not previously been convicted of an offence then, unless the Attorney General and Legal Adviser directs their retention, any measurements, photographs, finger prints, foot prints, samples of hand writing, nail cuttings, hair samples, saliva, residues of foreign substances in the body, blood or urine samples taken will be destroyed or returned to the person to whom they relate.
- (4) A person who refuses to allow his measurements, photographs, finger prints, foot prints, samples of hand writing, nail cuttings, hair samples or saliva to be taken and who is under lawful arrest or who is subject to police supervision will be guilty of an offence and is liable upon conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding £450 or to both such penalties.

## **20. Powers to make complaint etc**

- (1) A police officer may make a complaint or charge against a person before the Court and may apply to such Court for a summons, warrant, search warrant or such other legal process as may by law be issued.
- (2) A police officer may, subject to a direction by the Attorney General and Legal Adviser, conduct the prosecution of a person before the Court.

## **21. Non-liability for act done under authority of warrant**

- (1) Where the defence to legal proceedings instituted against a police officer is that the act complained of was done pursuant to a warrant issued by a Court, the Court hearing the legal proceedings will enter judgment in favour of the police officer if the following conditions are met—
  - (a) the warrant containing the signature of a member of the Court in question is produced; and
  - (b) there is proof that the act complained of was done in pursuance of the warrant.
- (2) The defence in subsection (1) will not be available if the warrant was issued as the result of a misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact made to the Court by the police officer claiming the defence.
- (3) Unless the Court has reason to doubt its genuineness no proof of the authenticity of a signature of a member of the Court on such a warrant will be required.
- (4) Where it is proved that a signature on a warrant purporting to be that of a member of the Court is not genuine, judgment will nevertheless be given in favour of the police officer if the officer proves that, at the time the act complained of was committed, he believed on reasonable grounds that the signature was genuine.

## **22. Power of members of the Service to inspect licences and search means of conveyance**

- (1) A police officer—
  - (a) may stop, detain and search a person in any of the following situations—
    - (i) if he reasonably suspects that a person is involved in the commission of an offence,

- (ii) if he sees a person doing an unlawful act or thing,
  - (iii) if he reasonably suspects a person of doing or intending to do an unlawful act or thing or of being unlawfully in possession of a thing, or
  - (iv) if he sees a person unlawfully in possession of a thing for which a licence is required;
- (b) may stop and search a means of conveyance which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting is being used in the commission of an offence.
- (2) A person who fails to produce a licence when called upon by a police officer to do so may be arrested without a warrant, unless he gives his name and address and otherwise satisfies the police officer that he will duly answer a summons or other proceedings which may be taken against him.
- (3) A person who refuses or fails to comply with a reasonable signal of a police officer, given under subsection (1)(b) requiring that person to stop a means of conveyance, or who obstructs a police officer exercising the power under subsection (1)(a), will be guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (3) will be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 month or to a fine not exceeding £150 or to both such penalties.
- (5) A police officer may arrest without a warrant a person acting in any of the circumstances set out subsection (1), and may arrange for a means of conveyance which he suspects of having been used in the commission of an offence to be moved to the nearest station or to a convenient place and to be kept there until released by the officer in charge.
- (6) An arrest will not take place under subsection (5) if the person concerned gives his name and address and satisfies the police officer as provided in subsection (2).

### **23. Duty of Officers to keep order**

- (1) It will be the duty of a police officer to—
- (a) direct and control traffic;
  - (b) divert all or a particular kind of traffic, when, in the opinion of the officer in charge of police, it is in the public interest so to do;
  - (c) keep order on roads, streets, thoroughfares, airports and landing places and other places where members of the public are present; and
  - (d) order the dispersal of persons to prevent an obstruction on a public road and street or other place to which the public has access.
- (2) A person who refuses or fails to comply with a lawful order given by a police officer in the performance of his duty under this section may be arrested without a warrant unless he gives his name and address and otherwise satisfies the police officer that he will duly answer a summons or other proceedings which may be taken against him.
- (3) A person who refuses or fails to comply with a lawful order given by a police officer in the performance of his duty under this section will be guilty of an offence and will on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding £1000 or to both such penalties.
- (4) The powers conferred by this section will be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any power or duty which a police officer may exercise for these purposes under any other Ordinance in force for the time being.

### **24. Power of Chief Constable to prohibit or restrict traffic in certain cases**

- (1) The Chief Constable may, in exceptional cases when in his opinion the public interest so requires, make an order to be published in the Gazette, prohibiting or restricting either generally or during particular hours, within a specified area or on a specified road, such kind of traffic, other than pedestrian, as may be specified in the order.
- (2) An order made under subsection (1) will remain in force for such period, not exceeding 1 month, as may be specified in the order, unless in the meantime the order is confirmed by the Administrator.
- (3) An order made under this section may at any time be cancelled or amended by the Administrator.

- (4) A person who uses a vehicle, or causes or permits a vehicle to be used in contravention of an order made under this section will be guilty of an offence and will, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding £450 or to both such penalties.

## **25. Road barriers**

- (1) A police officer of or above the rank of Inspector may, if he considers it necessary so to do for the maintenance and preservation of law and order or for the prevention or detection of crime, erect or place a barrier in or across a road or street or in a public place, in such a manner as he may think fit.
- (2) A police officer may take all reasonable steps to prevent a vehicle being driven past such a barrier.
- (3) The driver of a vehicle who fails to comply with a reasonable signal of a police officer, requiring the driver to stop the vehicle before reaching a barrier erected or placed in accordance with this section, will be guilty of an offence and will on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding £1000 or to both such penalties.
- (4) No police officer will be liable for any loss or damage resulting to a vehicle or for an injury to the driver or other occupant of a vehicle arising from the failure of the driver of that vehicle to obey a police officer acting under subsection (2).

## **26. Disposal of unclaimed property**

- (1) It will be the duty of a police officer to take charge of any unclaimed property and deliver it to the officer in charge of the station to which he is attached.
- (2) The officer in charge of the station will arrange for a notice to be posted in such conspicuous place at the police station as he considers appropriate specifying the property and calling upon a person who may have a claim to it to appear and establish his claim within 2 months from the date of such notice.
- (3) If no person establishes a claim within 2 months from the date of the notice the property may be sold or otherwise disposed of or destroyed in such manner as the Chief Constable may direct.
- (4) If the property is liable to rapid decay or if the Chief Constable believes that its immediate sale would benefit the owner of the property, the Chief Constable may order that it be destroyed or sold.
- (5) Proceeds of the sale of such property will, if no claim to it has been established within the period of 2 months and after the deduction of any expenses incurred in relation to the sale, be used as directed by the Administrator.

## **PART 5 OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINE**

## **27. Mutiny, desertion etc**

- (1) A police officer who—
  - (a) begins, raises, abets, countenances or incites mutiny;
  - (b) causes or joins in any sedition or disturbance whatsoever;
  - (c) being at an assembly tending to riot, does not, subject to a standing direction or to an order which may be given by the senior police officer present, use his utmost endeavour to disperse the assembly;
  - (d) when a mutiny, intended mutiny or sedition comes to his knowledge, fails without delay to give information about it to his superior officer;
  - (e) deserts, aids or abets the desertion of a police officer,will be guilty of an offence and will, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years.
- (2) Proceedings can be taken against a police officer under this section without regard to any time during which he may have been absent, and he may be found guilty either of desertion or of being absent without permission.

- (3) A police officer will not be convicted as a deserter, or of attempting to desert, unless the Court is satisfied that he intended either not to return to the Service or to escape some particular important duty.

## **28. Offences against discipline**

- (1) A police officer commits a disciplinary offence if:
  - (a) he breaches the Discipline Code contained in regulations made under section 9(2)(e); and
  - (b) he is subject to those regulations.
- (2) A police officer who commits a disciplinary offence is liable to such penalty as may be imposed upon him under the regulations.

## **29. Arrest for offences under the Ordinance or Regulations**

A police officer of or above the rank of sergeant may arrest or order the arrest of a police officer (not being an officer of his own or of a superior rank) who is accused of an offence under this Ordinance or of an offence against discipline under regulations made under this Ordinance, and a police officer may, on receipt of an order to arrest, apprehend such accused person without a warrant and will immediately bring him before the officer in charge of police.

## **30. Prosecution for offences against discipline**

- (1) A police officer accused of an offence against discipline under this Ordinance or any regulations made under it may, instead of being the subject of proceedings under those regulations and with the prior agreement of the Chief Constable, be prosecuted before the Judge's Court and on conviction will be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine not exceeding £1500 or to both such penalties
- (2) No proceedings will be taken against a police officer under this section for an offence against discipline for which he has already been punished.

## **PART 6 ASSISTANCE BY ARMED FORCES AND SPECIAL CONSTABLES**

## **31. Assistance by armed Forces**

- (1) Without prejudice to subsection (7) or section 32, where
  - (a) there is a state of emergency,
  - (b) a grave disturbance of the peace, or
  - (c) a threat of a grave disturbance of the peace, andthe Chief Constable considers he requires reinforcements in order to cope with the emergency or to restore and maintain the peace or to prevent the threatened grave disturbance of the peace, he may apply to the Administrator for a direction under this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), an application by the Chief Constable to the Administrator for a direction under this section will be made in writing and will include the Chief Constable's reasons for requesting such a direction.
- (3) Where the Chief Constable is of the opinion that the circumstances are such that his need for reinforcements is urgent, he may make his application orally in the first instance and will then submit it in writing to the Administrator as soon as reasonably possible.
- (4) If the Administrator is satisfied that an application under subsection (2) or (3) is well-founded he may make a direction under this section.
- (5) A direction under this section can be that a member of the armed forces or such members of the armed forces as may be described (whether individually by name or by unit or in any other way) in the direction will give all such assistance as the Chief Constable or a police officer of or above the rank of Inspector may request (whether orally or in writing) of them in order to cope with the emergency or to restore and maintain the peace or to prevent a threat of a disturbance of the peace.
- (6) A member of the armed forces acting pursuant to a request such as is described in

subsection (5) will have all the powers, rights and duties of a police officer except in relation to matters of discipline for which he remains subject to the procedures applicable to the armed force of which he is a member.

- (7) Notwithstanding whether an application has been made by the Chief Constable, the Administrator may in any case direct that members of the armed forces will have power to carry out and perform the duties of a police officer, and in the carrying out and performance of such duties, members of the armed forces will have all the powers, privileges and protection conferred upon a police officer except in relation to matters of discipline for which they remain subject to the procedures applicable to the armed force of which they are a member.
- (8) The Administrator may amend, vary, substitute or revoke a direction made under this section at any time but without prejudice to anything done under or pursuant to the direction before any such amendment, variation, substitution or revocation is to come into effect.

### **32. Special constables**

- (1) With a view to providing an adequate number of trained persons ready to assist the Service in times of grave disturbance or of a state of emergency, or such other times when reinforcements are necessary, a police officer of or above the rank of Inspector may, with the prior authority of the Chief Constable, appoint in writing, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2, a volunteer to be a special constable.
- (2) Whenever it will appear to the Chief Constable that a grave disturbance of the peace has taken place or is likely to take place within the Sovereign Base Areas, and that the ordinary police officers at his disposal are not sufficient for the preservation of the peace, he may, with the prior authority of the Administrator, appoint in writing, or arrange to be appointed by a police officer of or above the rank of Inspector, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2, a person present in the Areas, to act as a special constable for such time as he deems necessary.
- (3) A special constable appointed under this Section will take and sign an oath, as set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2, before the Chief Constable, or such other officer as he may authorise, and in the presence of a witness.

### **33. Equipment for special constables**

The Chief Constable may provide a uniform, baton, weapon and other equipment necessary for a special constable to carry out his duties.

### **34. Powers of special constables**

A special constable will, subject to section 38, have the same powers, privileges and protection and will be liable to perform the same duties and be subject to the same penalties as a police officer.

### **35. Refusal of person appointed to serve**

If a person appointed as a special constable refuses or fails to serve or to obey a lawful order and direction given to him, he will be guilty of an offence and will on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding £125, unless he satisfies the Court that he was prevented by sickness or such unavoidable cause as may, in the opinion of the Court, be a sufficient excuse.

### **36. Power to suspend or terminate services of special constables**

The Chief Constable may suspend or terminate, or cause to be suspended or terminated by a police officer of or above the rank of Inspector, the service of a special constable if he considers that the service of that special constable can safely be dispensed with, and in such case he will immediately send a notice in writing, as set out in Part 3 of Schedule 2, to the special constable concerned.

### **37. Delivery up of equipment**

- (1) A special constable appointed under section 32 will, within 1 week after receipt of the notice terminating his appointment, deliver over to such person at such time and place as may be directed by an officer of or above the rank of Inspector his form of appointment as set out in Schedule 2 and every baton, weapon, uniform and other article which may have been provided for him under this Ordinance.

- (2) A special constable who refuses or fails to comply with subsection (1) will be guilty of an offence and will on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding £125, and the Court may issue a warrant to search for and seize anything not delivered up as required by this section.

### **38. Remuneration of special constables**

Service as a special constable will be unpaid, but a commuted allowance in compensation for reasonable expenses may be paid as determined by the Administrator from time to time.

## **PART 7 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **39. Prohibition against police officer being member of trade union**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of section 40 it will not be lawful for a police officer to be or to become a member of—
- (a) a trade union or a body or association affiliated to a trade union; or
  - (b) a body or association, the objects of which are, or one of the objects of which is, to control or influence conditions of employment in a trade or profession; or
  - (c) a body or association, the objects of which are, or one of the objects of which is, to control or influence the pay or conditions of service of the Service or Prison Service.
- (2) A police officer who contravenes the provisions of this section will be guilty of an offence against discipline and will be liable to be dealt with under regulations made under this Ordinance, relating to offences against discipline.

### **40. Police Association and representative bodies**

- (1) For the purpose of enabling police officers, other than expatriate officers, to consider and bring to the notice of the Chief Constable and the Administrator matters affecting their welfare and efficiency, including pay and conditions of service, there will continue to be established the Sovereign Base Areas Police Association which will operate and be administered by rules made under this Ordinance and will act through such committees as such rules may provide.
- (2) No representation will be made by the Association in relation to a question of discipline, promotion, transfer, leave or another matter affecting an individual.
- (3) The Association will be entirely independent of, and unassociated with, a body outside the Service.
- (4) The Administrator may make rules for the constitution and governance of the Association and as to any matters relating to it.

### **41. Impersonation of police officer**

- (1) It will be an offence for a person, not being a police officer, to—
- (a) put on or assume, either in whole or in part, the dress, name, designation or description of a police officer, or
  - (b) put on or assume, any dress, name or designation resembling and intended to resemble the dress, name or designation of a police officer, or
  - (c) in any way to pretend to be a police officer,
- for the purpose of obtaining admission into a house or other place or for doing or promising to be done an act which such person would not otherwise lawfully be entitled to do or promise to be done.
- (2) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) will be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding £1000 or to both such penalties.

### **42. Duty to assist police**

- (1) It will be lawful for a police officer who, whilst carrying out his duty, is assaulted or resisted or in danger of being assaulted or resisted, to call upon any person to assist him.
- (2) A person called upon under subsection (1) who, without reasonable excuse, refuses or

neglects to give such assistance to the best of his ability will be guilty of an offence and will on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding £1000 or to both such penalties.

**43. Protection of members of the Service from civil process for debt**

No arms, ammunition, uniform or other equipment used by a police officer in the performance of his duties will be liable under execution for a civil debt.

**44. Liability for maintenance of spouse and children**

If a police officer fails to contribute a sufficient amount for the maintenance of his spouse and any child of his following a Court Order to do so, it will be lawful for the Chief Constable to deduct such amount from the pay of the police officer concerned, not exceeding one third of it, as may be necessary and to apply such amount towards the maintenance of the spouse and child of such police officer in such manner as the Chief Constable may think fit.

**45. Connection to automatic fire detection or burglary system**

- (1) A person provided with the facility of automatic connection of fire detection or a burglary system with a Police Station, will pay an annual fee as determined by the Chief Constable for each automatic connection.
- (2) A person provided with a facility of the kind described in subsection (1) will, for each false call due to the incorrect operation of the system or mishandling of the system by him, be liable to pay compensation to the Chief Constable of such amount as he may determine.
- (3) A person who without appropriate authorisation from a member of the Service interferes in any manner with a system of the kind referred to in subsection (1) will commit an offence and be liable upon conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding £450 or to both such penalties.

**46. Saving of Royal Prerogative**

Nothing in this Ordinance will have the effect of restricting or in any way diminishing a prerogative of the Crown to dismiss from its service a servant of the Crown, and in particular a prerogative exercisable by the Administrator on behalf of Her Majesty to order at his discretion the dismissal of a police officer from the Service upon his conviction by a competent court in any country for a criminal offence.

**47. Repeals and savings**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following Ordinances are repealed—
  - (a) Her Majesty's Forces (Performance of Police Duties) Ordinance**(b)**;
  - (b) Police Ordinance 1967**(c)**;
  - (c) Police (amendment) Ordinance 1969**(d)**;
  - (d) Police (amendment) Ordinance 1975**(e)**;
  - (e) Police (amendment) Ordinance 1993**(f)**;
  - (f) Police (amendment) Ordinance 1998**(g)**; and
  - (g) Police (amendment) Ordinance 1999**(h)**.
- (2) Any regulations made under an Ordinance listed in subsection (1) which are in force immediately before the date of the coming into operation of this Ordinance will, as from that date and until other regulations are made under this Ordinance, be deemed to be regulations made under this Ordinance, and will, with any necessary modification, have effect accordingly.
- (3) A person who, on the date of the coming into operation of this Ordinance, is serving in the Service established under an Ordinance repealed by subsection (1) will be deemed to have been appointed or enlisted under this Ordinance and service under such repealed Ordinance is, for the purposes of leave, pay, good conduct and merit allowances and gratuities, deemed to be service under this Ordinance.

**48. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Forms for OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

PART 1

Oath of Allegiance  
(Expatriate Officer)

(Section 15 Police Ordinance 2007)

I, ..... of ..... do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Our Sovereign Lady The Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, while performing the functions of an officer in the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service, without favour or affection, malice or ill will and that I will cause the peace to be kept and preserved by preventing to the utmost of my power all offences against the same and that, while I continue to perform the functions of an officer in the said Service, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties of such an officer faithfully according to the law. So help me God.

Signed .....

Sworn at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Before me .....

Witness name ..... Signed .....

PART 2

Oath of Allegiance  
(Locally Engaged Officer)

(Section 15 Police Ordinance 2007)

I, ..... of ..... do swear that I will faithfully serve the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas as a police officer, and that while so serving I will comply with and hold myself amenable to all present and future Ordinances and regulations relating to the administration, discipline and organisation of the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service, and will comply with all other orders now in force or which may hereafter be made relating to the said Service, and that I will act as a police officer in all respects to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharging the duties of the said office faithfully according to law.

AND I further swear that I will not withdraw from the said Service except in accordance with the said Ordinances and regulations.

Signed .....

Sworn at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Before me .....

Witness name ..... Signed .....

Forms for SPECIAL CONSTABLE

PART 1

Appointment of special constable  
(Section 32 Police Ordinance 2007)

To ..... of .....

I, the undersigned, an officer of the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service, do, under the powers vested in me by section 32 of the Police Ordinance 2007, hereby appoint you to be a special constable for the Sovereign Base Areas until further notice.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 20.....

(Signed) .....

PART 2

Special constable’s oath  
(Section 32 Police Ordinance 2007)

I, ..... of ..... do swear that I will faithfully serve the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas while performing the functions of a special constable in the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service, without favour or affection, malice or ill will, and that I will, to the best of my power, cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against persons and property; and that, while I continue to perform the functions of a special constable in the Service, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge the duties of such a special constable faithfully according to law.

Signed .....

Sworn at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Before me .....

Witness name ..... Signed .....

PART 3

Notice to suspend or terminate appointment of special constable  
(Section 36 Police Ordinance 2007)

To ..... of .....

I, the undersigned, an officer in the Sovereign Base Areas Police Service do under powers vested in me by section 36 of the Police Ordinance 2007, hereby give you notice that your appointment as a special constable of the Sovereign Base Areas made on the ..... day of ..... is suspended/terminated with effect from the date hereof.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 20.....

(Signed).....

Notes

- (a) Ordinance 4/68.
- (b) Cap. 215, Statute Laws of Cyprus revised edition 1959, as applied to and adapted in the Areas by the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia Order in Council 1960 (SI 1960/1369, United Kingdom) and the Laws (Adaptation and Interpretation) (Consolidation and Extension) Ordinance 1968 (5/68).
- (c) Ordinance 9/67.
- (d) Ordinance 14/69.
- (e) Ordinance 7/75.
- (f) Ordinance 2/93.
- (g) Ordinance 10/98.
- (h) Ordinance 25/99.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

**(This note does not form part of the Ordinance)**

### Introduction

1. These explanatory notes relate to the Police Ordinance 2007. They have been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. They do not form part of the Ordinance.
2. The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance. When a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

### The Ordinance

3. The Ordinance consolidates the Police Ordinance 1967 and subsequent amendments, and also makes a small number of new amendments.
  4. The Ordinance adopts a more modern form of expression.
  5. Section 28 of the Ordinance has been rephrased to clarify that only those police officers who are subject to the Police Discipline Regulations will commit a disciplinary offence.
  6. The Ordinance introduces a new section (31) establishing a system for requesting Military Assistance to the Civil Authorities (Police), and the powers and responsibilities that members of the armed forces will exercise and be subject to while providing such assistance.
  7. Section 31(7) of the Ordinance has been added to replicate the provisions of Her Majesty's Forces (Performance of Police Duties) Ordinance, which is repealed as a separate Ordinance.
  8. Section 44 of the Ordinance has been amended to place police officers in the same position as everyone else with regard to enforcement of personal debts against their private property, but retains the express exemption for police equipment.
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