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**SHOPS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2013**

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An Ordinance to amend the Shops Ordinance 2007

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**ADMINISTRATOR**

*25th October 2013.*

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

**1. Short title**

This Ordinance may be cited as the Shops (Amendment) Ordinance 2013.

**2. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on 1 November 2013.

**3. Section 3 of the Shops Ordinance 2007 amended (General application)**

Section 3 of the Shops Ordinance 2007(a) is amended as follows—

- (a) at the beginning of subsection (2), insert “Subject to subsection (2A) and (2B),”;
- (b) after subsection (2), insert—
  - “(2A) A shops law or a provision of a shops law that regulates the matters mentioned in subsection (2B) takes effect in the Areas in accordance with subsection (1) on the same date on which the shops law or, as the case may be, the provision of the shops law comes into force in the Republic.
  - (2B) The matters are—
    - (a) the days on which a shop may open;
    - (b) the earliest time on any day from when a shop may open;
    - (c) the time on any day by which a shop must close;
    - (d) any period of time that a shop may remain open on any day.”

#### **4. Application of certain public instruments of the Republic to the Areas from 11 October 2013**

The following Republican public instruments are deemed to have taken effect in the Areas in accordance with section 3(1) of the Shops Ordinance 2007 from 11 October 2013—

- (a) P.I. 358/2013**(b)**;
- (b) P.I. 359/2013**(c)**;
- (c) P.I. 360/2013**(d)**.

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#### **Notes**

- (a)** Ordinance 11/07.
- (b)** P.I. 358/2013 was published in the Republican Gazette No. 4724 of 11 October 2013 and applies to the Limassol District.
- (c)** P.I. 359/2013 was published in the Republican Gazette No. 4724 of 11 October 2013 and applies to the Larnaca District.
- (d)** P.I. 360/2013 was published in the Republican Gazette No. 4724 of 11 October 2013 and applies to the Famagusta District.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

1. This explanatory note relates to the Shops (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (the “Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney-General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.
2. The Shops Ordinance 2007 (the “principal Ordinance”) adopts specified Republican legislation on shops (“shops law”) namely, the Regulation of the Operation of Shops and Terms of Service of their Employees Law 2006 (Law 155(I)/06). This includes any secondary legislation made in accordance with provisions in the shops law.
3. Section 3(2) of the principal Ordinance states that a shops law will only take effect in the Areas after the expiry of 60 days (“60-day period”) from the date on which it comes into force in the Republic unless the Chief Officer, by order, directs otherwise.
4. From time to time, the Republic makes orders under the shops law that amend the opening and closing times for shops in specified areas. This includes opening and closing times during the summer, at Christmas and around the Easter period.
5. The amendments made by this Ordinance will dispense with the need for the Chief Officer to make an order to shorten the 60-day period each time the Republic amend shop opening and closing times. This means that any shops law that regulates opening and closing times will take effect in the Areas on the same date as the shops law comes into force in the Republic.

