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

A.F.C. HUNTER
ADMINISTRATOR


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) (No. 1) Ordinance, 1991 and shall be read as one with the Prevention of Fires in Open Country Ordinance, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Ordinance").

2. Section 2 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the definition of "open country" thereof and substituting therefor the following new definition:

"open country" means any part of the Sovereign Base Areas which is found outside the inhabited area of any improvement area or village boundaries but does not include—

(a) a state forest, or
(b) any place within one kilometre of the demarcation line of a state forest,
(c) any landed property which is used for work or residence and the surrounding ground, or any property owned or occupied by the Crown in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

3. The principal Ordinance is hereby amended by repealing Section 4 thereof and substituting therefor the following new Section:

4.-(1) Subject to the provisions of the Forest Ordinance, between the 1st of April and the 31st of October every year, it shall be prohibited for any
person to light a fire on any site in open country, whether on private land or otherwise, unless such person has secured for this purpose a written permit from an Area Officer or the local administration authority of the area within the boundaries of which the fire shall be lighted:

Provided that no such permit shall be required for lighting a minor fire in open country for the purpose of preparing or heating food:

Provided further that any person who lights such a fire must take adequate precautions for preventing it spreading and must have available all necessary means for extinguishing it immediately after use.

(2) Any written permit issued under subsection (1) of this Section may comprise conditions and restrictions in relation to the lighting and handling of a fire and such conditions and restrictions must be observed by the permit holder.

4. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the words “causes a fire” appearing in the first line of subsection (d) thereof the words “in open country”.


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Chief Officer.

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