AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS ORDINANCE

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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 Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Amendment) Ordinance 2006.

2. In this Ordinance—

“the principal Ordinance” means the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors Ordinance.

3. Section 2 of the principal Ordinance (interpretation) is amended by deleting the term “District Council” and its definition.

4. For section 4 of the principal Ordinance there is substituted the following—

“Issue of a retailer’s licence

4. When considering an application for the grant of a retailer’s licence the Licensing Authority shall have regard to the opinion of the Area Officer concerning the application.”.

5. For section 5 of the principal Ordinance there is substituted the following—

“Conditions for granting a retailer’s licence

5. Before granting a retailer’s licence to any person the Licensing Authority must be satisfied that—

(a) the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence; and
(b) the premises or place at which the applicant intends to sell intoxicating liquors by retail (“the applicant’s premises”) are suitable for that purpose:

Provided that such a licence shall not be granted—

(i) if, in the opinion of the Licensing Authority, there are already in the vicinity of the applicant’s premises a sufficient number of premises or places licensed to sell such liquors as to meet the needs and requirements of the public; or

(ii) if the applicant’s premises are situated within 100 yards of any place of worship, any mosque, any religious school or any tomb (in either case) within a place which is sacred in the Moslem faith, any guardhouse, police station or barracks or in any village or in any part of a town or village which is inhabited exclusively by Muslims, unless the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there are special reasons which justify the granting of a retailer’s licence in relation to those premises or that place; or

(iii) if the applicant’s premises communicate internally with other premises in respect of which there is no retailer’s licence.”.

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

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