
SUMMER AND WINTER TIME ORDINANCE 2007

An Ordinance to provide for the fixing of the time in the Areas in relation to Greenwich mean time in winter and during a specified period of summer.

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15th March 2007.

ADMINISTRATOR

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 Summer and Winter Time Ordinance 2007.

2. Time in relation to GMT

- (1) During the period in each year specified as summer time in or under section 3, the time in the Areas is 3 hours in advance of Greenwich mean time.
- (2) During any other period (“winter time”) the time in the Areas is 2 hours in advance of Greenwich mean time.

3. Specified period of summer time

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the period of summer time in each year for the purposes of section 2(1) is the period beginning at 1 o’clock, Greenwich mean time, in the morning of the last Sunday in March and ending at 1 o’clock, Greenwich mean time, in the morning of the last Sunday in October.
- (2) The Chief Officer may, by order published in the Gazette, specify for a particular year or years a period of summer time other than that in subsection (1).

4. Application of time as fixed

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), the time as fixed by this Ordinance is adopted as the standard time for the Areas for the purposes of section 32 of the Interpretation Ordinance(a).
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), whenever any expression of time occurs in any deed, time table, notice, advertisement, or other document, the time mentioned or referred to is to be held, during the prescribed period, to be the time as fixed by this Ordinance.

- (3) Nothing in this Ordinance affects the use of Greenwich mean time or Eastern European time for purposes of astronomy, meteorology, or navigation, or affects the construction of any document mentioning or referring to time in connection with those purposes.

5. Repeal of Summer Time Ordinance

The Summer Time Ordinance**(b)** is repealed, and all Public Instruments made under it are revoked.

6. Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on the day it is published in the Gazette.

Notes

- (a)** Cap 1, 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).
- (b)** Cap 98, 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).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

Introduction

1. These explanatory notes relate to the Summer and Winter Time 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 should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance. So when a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

Particular points

3. This Ordinance establishes an ongoing formula to set the start and end of summer time every year, namely 1am on the last Sunday in March and October. Although the relevant European legislation does not apply to the Areas, the same formula is used by the European Union, and so covers the Republic of Cyprus (and the United Kingdom).

4. When this formula is applied until 2011 (it also applies beyond then), this means summer time will begin and end on the following dates:

- a. in 2007: Sunday 25 March and Sunday 28 October
- b. in 2008: Sunday 30 March and Sunday 26 October
- c. in 2009: Sunday 29 March and Sunday 25 October
- d. in 2010: Sunday 28 March and Sunday 31 October
- e. in 2011: Sunday 27 March and Sunday 30 October.

5. The Ordinance dispenses with the need to issue any further Public Instruments to set summer time for each year individually. But section 3(2) of the Ordinance allows for a Public Instrument to be used to set a different period in any particular year, in the unlikely event that there might be some need to depart from the formula in that year.

6. The standard time continues to be 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time in winter and 3 hours in summer.

7. Section 4(3) repeats savings, from previous versions of the legislation, for astronomy, meteorology, and navigation.

