An Ordinance to amend the Offensive Weapons (Prohibition) Ordinance

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ADMINISTRATOR

26th March 2010.

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 Offensive Weapons (Prohibition) (Amendment) Ordinance 2010.

2. **Long title of Offensive Weapons (Prohibition) Ordinance amended**
   
   The Long title of the Offensive Weapons (Prohibition) Ordinance(a) ("the principal Ordinance") is amended by inserting ", IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION" after "CARRYING".

3. **New section 4 inserted**
   
   After section 3 of the principal Ordinance, the following new section is inserted—

   "4. **Prohibition of importation and exportation of offensive weapons**
   
   The importation or exportation of an offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse is prohibited.".

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

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**Notes**

(a) Cap. 159, 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 does not form part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Offensive Weapons (Prohibition) (Amendment) Ordinance 2010 (“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. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

2. The Ordinance prohibits the importation or exportation of offensive weapons without lawful authority or reasonable excuse. It does not create an associated offence as there is already an offence of contravening a prohibition or restriction on importation or exportation in section 91 of the Customs Ordinance 2005 so the Ordinance puts in place a prohibition in relation to offensive weapons. The offence under section 91 of the Customs Ordinance 2005 carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 2 years and/or a € 3,417 fine.