
PREVENTION OF FIRES IN OPEN COUNTRY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2013

An Ordinance to amend the Prevention of Fires in Open Country Ordinance 1989

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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 Prevention of Fires in Open Country (Amendment) Ordinance 2013.

2. Commencement and expiry

This Ordinance comes into force on 1 February 2013 and expires on 16 March 2014.

3. Amendment to section 4 (prerequisites for lighting a fire) of Prevention of Fires in Open Country Ordinance 1989

For the period that this Ordinance is in force, section 4(3)(a) of the Prevention of Fires in Open Country Ordinance 1989(a) is omitted and the following paragraph is substituted—

“(a) during the period starting on 1 December and ending on 15 March for the purpose of burning cuttings from vines, from olive trees or from fruit trees; or”.

Notes

(a) Ordinance 13/89. Section 4 was repealed and substituted by the Prevention of Fires in Open Country (Amendment) Ordinance 2006 (17/06). Section 4(3)(a) was amended by the Prevention of Fires in Open Country (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 2010 (20/10) for the period 15 July 2010 to 16 March 2012.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

Introduction

1. This explanatory note relates to the Prevention of Fires in Open Country (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. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

Particular points

2. Under section 4(3)(a) of the Prevention of Fires in Open Country Ordinance 1989 the burning of cuttings from vines, olive trees or fruit trees is permitted during the months of December and January, providing the person lighting the fire obtains a licence from an Area Officer. In 2010 this period was extended to allow fires for such purposes from 1 December until 15 March. In line with corresponding provisions in Republic law the extension ended in 2012.

3. The Republic is proposing to legislate again to extend the period for which fires may be lighted the years in the years of 2013 and 2014. The amendment made by this Ordinance is made in anticipation of Republican legislation and will enable an Area Officer to issue a permit for the lighting of fires from 1 February to 15 March 2013 and 1 December 2013 to 15 March 2014.

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