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FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2013

An Ordinance to amend the Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009

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ADMINISTRATOR

13th September 2013.

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement

This Ordinance may be cited as the Firearms and Other Weapons (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 and comes into force on 1 October 2013.

2. Interpretation

In this Ordinance the “principal Ordinance” means the Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009(a).

3. Amendment to principal Ordinance

The principal Ordinance is amended in accordance with sections 4 to 13.

4. Amendment to section 5 (acquisition and possession of firearms of category D)

In section 5(5) for the words starting with “a fee of” and ending with “€17 in respect of a Flobert” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

5. Amendment to section 8 (possession of humane killers and other specified weapons)

In section 8(5) for the words “a fee of €17” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

6. Amendment to section 9 (possession of airguns)

In section 9(6) for the words “a fee of €8.50” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

7. Amendment to section 10 (possession of weapons other than firearms)

In section 10(5) for the words “a fee of €17” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

8. Amendment to section 12 (gun dealers)

- (1) In section 12(6) for the words starting with “a fee as follows” and ending with “in respect of a repair licence, €85” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law for a licence for the manufacture, repair, import, exchange or placing on the market of a gun or a firearm, as the case may be”.
- (2) In section 12(9)(b) for the words starting with “the following fees” and ending with “in respect of a repair licence, €40” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law for the renewal of a licence for the manufacture, repair, import, exchange or placing on the market of a gun or a firearm, as the case may be”.

9. Amendment to section 18 (import and export of weapons)

In section 18(8) for the words starting with “a fee of” and ending with “to import an airgun” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

10. Amendment to section 20 (registration of weapons)

In section 20(3)(c) for the words “a fee of €17” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

11. Amendment to section 34 (orders, regulations, public notices and forms)

In section 34 after subsection (3) insert—

- “(3A) For the purpose of the forms issued under this Ordinance “official stamp” means—
- (a) the stamp of the Police Service, authorised as such by the Chief Constable, in the case of a licence or an approval issued by the Chief Constable;
 - (b) the stamp of the Fiscal Office of the Administration authorised as such by the Fiscal Officer, in the case of a licence or an approval issued by the Fiscal Officer.”.

12. Amendment to section 42 (duplicate documents)

In section 42(2) for the words “a fee of €17” substitute “the fee specified in the corresponding Republican Law”.

13. Amendment to Schedule 2 (forms)

In the following forms(b) in Schedule 2 —

- (1) A1, A2, B, B1, C, C1, E, E1, G, H, I, J, J2 and K for “seal” substitute “Official stamp”
- (2) A2, B1,C1, E1, H, I and J2 for “must be sealed” substitute “must be stamped”.

14. Transitional provision

- (1) A licence or approval on a form in Schedule 2 to the principal Ordinance issued before the day this Ordinance comes into force, which has an official stamp (as defined in the new section 34(3A) of the principal Ordinance), is a valid licence or approval for the purpose of the principal Ordinance.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to a certificate of approval for a paintball ground issued under regulation 8(2) of the Firearms and Other Weapons Regulations 2011(c).

Notes

- (a) Ordinance 21/09; amended by Ordinance 6/12.
(b) Forms B1, E1, H, I and J2 were substituted by Ordinance 6/12.
(c) P.I. 2/11 as amended by P.I. x/13.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

Introduction

1. This explanatory note relates to the Firearms and Other Weapons (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. The principal purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009 (the “principal Ordinance”), in relation to the fees for the issue of licences in connection with the importation, acquisition, possession, use and dealing in firearms and other weapons, to provide that they are the same as those in the Republic’s Law 113(1)/2004, as amended. The legislative intention of the principal Ordinance is that fees are the same as those in Republican Law. The Republican Law 7(I)/2013 amended the fees, in some cases rounding Cyp£ to Euros and in other cases increasing them. By providing that the fees are the same as those in Republican law, fees in the Areas will keep in step with those in the Republic without the need for further amendment to the principal Ordinance. The table below sets out the fees in Republican Law, as at the date this Ordinance comes into force.

Section no. principal Ordinance	Description	Fee prior to amendment	Section no. Republican Law ⁽¹⁾	Fee in Republican Law
5(5)	Acquisition and possession licence for category D firearm, other than a Flobert	€34	5(4)(b)(i)	€40
5(5)	Acquisition and possession licence for Flobert	€17	5(4)(b)(ii)	€20
8(5)	Gun for humanely killing animals and other specified weapons	€17	22(1)(b)	€15
9(6)	Acquisition and possession licence for airgun	€8.50	23(3)	€15
10(5)	Acquisition and possession licence for paintball guns, sports pistol etc.	€17	24(1)	€15
12(6)(a)	Gun dealer’s licence for manufacture of more than 5 guns per year	€8,500	7(2)(c)(i)	Cyp£5,000 (€8,543)
12(6)(b)	Gun dealer’s licence for manufacture of less than 5 guns per year	€850	7(2)(c)(i)	Cyp£500 (€854)
12(6)(c)	Gun dealer’s licence for import, exchange or placing on market of firearm	€340	7(2)(c)(ii)	€410
12(6)(d)	Gun dealer’s licence for repair of a firearm	€85	7(2)(c)(iii)	€105
18(8)	Import licence for firearm	€34	31(4)(a)(i)	€40
18(8)	Import licence for airgun	€8.50	31(4)(a)(ii)	€15
20(3)(c)	Registration of weapon	€17	33(1)	€20
42(2)	Issue of duplicate licence or certificate	€17	49(2)	€20

⁽¹⁾ Law 113(I)/2004, Republic of Cyprus Gazette No. 3850, 30 April 2004, as amended by Law 7(I)/2013, Republic of Cyprus Gazette No. 4377, 1 February 2013.

3. Section 11 inserts a new subsection (3A) in section 34 of the principal Ordinance which defines the meaning of an “official stamp” on licences and approvals issued under the principal Ordinance. Section 13 amends the forms in Schedule 2 to provide that they must carry an official stamp, not the seal of the Administration. This is in line with the Republic where firearms licences etc. issued under its legislation carry an official stamp, not a seal. A transitional provision made by section 14 provides that any licences etc. issued under the principal Ordinance, before this Ordinance comes into force, without a seal are valid.

