

**Ordinance 13 of 2021**

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An Ordinance to amend the Customs Ordinance 2005 to provide for the carrying of weapons by officers.

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*12 March 2021*

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

**PART 1**

**Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Customs (Amendment) Ordinance 2021.

**Commencement**

2. This Ordinance comes into force on 29 March 2021.

### **Amendment of the Customs Ordinance 2005**

3.—(1) The Customs Ordinance 2005(a) is amended as follows.

(2) After section 77 (use of force) insert—

#### **“Power to carry weapons**

**77A.**—(1) An officer may carry an authorised weapon while acting in the course of the officer’s duties.

(2) In this section, “authorised weapon” means a weapon of a kind prescribed by the Chief Officer in an order made as a public instrument.”.

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(a) Ordinance 16/2005, as amended by Ordinances 5/2010, 22/2012, 30/2012, 33/2013, 7/2016 and 49/2020.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

1. This explanatory note relates to the Customs (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 ('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. Section 3 amends the Customs Ordinance 2005 ("the principal Ordinance"). Section 3 of the Ordinance inserts section 77A into the principal Ordinance. Section 77A permits an officer to carry a weapon of a kind prescribed by the Chief Officer in an order by public instrument.

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