
**REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2022**

An Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012.

C.E. Simpson
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

17 May 2022

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 and comes into force on 19 May 2022.

Amendment of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012

2.—(1) The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012^(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 4 (meaning of authorising officer: application by police officers)—

- (a) in subsection 2(a), for “Chief Superintendent” substitute “Superintendent or higher”;
- (b) in subsection 2(b), for “Superintendent” substitute “Chief Inspector”;
- (c) for subsection (3), substitute—

“(3) In this section, “designated deputy” means—

- (a) the Deputy Chief Constable,
- (b) a police officer holding the rank of Chief Superintendent.”.

^(a) Ordinance 26/2012, as amended by Ordinance 20/2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 (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 and is not intended to be a comprehensive description of the Ordinance. It should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance.

2. The Ordinance amends the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012 (the “principal Ordinance”) to allow an officer of the rank of Superintendent or higher the legal power to act as an authorising officer for an application for an authorisation, other than an LC authorisation, under section 20 of the Ordinance. Where it is not reasonably practical, having regard to the urgency of the case, for the application to be considered by an officer of such rank, an authorisation can also be made by a Chief Inspector. These amendments are given effect by s.2(2)(a) and (b).

3. The Ordinance amends the principal Ordinance to provide a police officer of the rank of Chief Superintendent with the legal power to authorise a legal consultation within the meaning of the Ordinance as a designated deputy for the Chief Constable. This amendment is given effect by section 2(2)(c).