

ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ACT
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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Arms and Explosives (Arms) Rules.

General provisions on licences

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every application for a licence under these Rules shall be made using the electronic application service provided by the Licensing Officer.

(2) In the event of a malfunction or failure, or an imminent malfunction or failure, of the electronic application service, an application for a licence under these Rules shall be made in such written form as the Licensing Officer may require.

(3) The Licensing Officer may reject any application not made in accordance with these Rules.

PART II

POSSESSION

Application for licence to possess arms

3. Any person desiring to possess any arms shall apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to possess the arms.

Validity of licence to possess arms

4.—(1) The Licensing Officer may issue, subject to such conditions as he sees fit, a licence authorising the licensee to possess or control any arms or class or category of arms described in the licence.

(2) *[Deleted by S 799/2020 wef 21/09/2020]*

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), every licence to possess arms is valid for a period of not more than 2 years after the date of issue, or such shorter period as the Licensing Officer may determine.

[S 173/2017 wef 24/04/2017]

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(4) Where a person who is licensed to possess any arms, subsequently acquires any other arms, the term of any licence to possess those other arms shall be concurrent with the term of the licence to possess the first-mentioned arms if of the same category as those other arms.

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(5) The categories of arms for which a licence to possess may be issued are as follows:

(a) a firearm not in sub-paragraph (b);

- (b) an air gun or a pistol or any arms that can propel, or is designed to propel, a projectile by means other than an explosive.

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Register to be kept by Licensing Officer

6. The Licensing Officer shall keep a register, in such form as he thinks fit, in which shall be entered the following particulars of all arms for which a licence to possess has been issued:

- (a) the date of issue of the licence;
- (b) the name of the licensee;
- (c) the address of the licensee;
- (d) the nature of the arms licensed;
- (e) the identification marks on the arms; and
- (f) the particulars of any condition of the licence.

Mark to be placed on every arm

7. The Licensing Officer shall cause an indelible distinguishing mark to be placed on every arm for which he issues a possession licence and which is not already indelibly marked with some sufficiently distinguishing mark or number.

PART III

IMPORTATION

Application by licensed dealer for licence to import arms

8.—(1) Any licensed dealer desiring to import any arms shall, before importing, apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to import the arms.

(2) An application under paragraph (1) shall specify the following information relating to the arms to be imported:

- (a) the number of arms;
- (b) the description of the arms;
- (c) the calibre of the arms;
- (d) the name of the manufacturer of the arms;
- (e) the name of the vessel in which the arms are being imported;
- (f) the probable date of the vessel's arrival; and
- (g) whether such arms are for stock or transhipment.

Application by person other than licensed dealer for licence to import arms

9.—(1) Any person, other than a licensed dealer, desiring to import arms shall, before importing, apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to import the arms.

(2) An application under paragraph (1) shall specify the following information relating to the arms to be imported:

- (a) the particulars set out in rule 8(2)(a) to (f);
- (b) the name of the person for whose use the arms are being imported; and
- (c) whether the arms are to be kept in Singapore or sent elsewhere.

Validity of licence to import arms

10. A licence to import arms is valid for 30 days from the date of issue.

[S 799/2020 wef 21/09/2020]

PART IV

EXPORTATION

Application for licence to export arms or naval or military stores

11.—(1) Any person desiring to export arms or naval or military stores shall, before exporting, apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to export the arms or naval or military stores.

(2) An application under paragraph (1) shall specify the following information relating to the arms or naval or military stores to be exported:

- (a) the nature of the arms;
- (b) the calibre of the arms;
- (c) the number of arms;
- (d) the description and quantity of naval or military stores;
- (e) the country of destination;
- (f) the name of the vessel in which it is intended to export the arms or naval or military stores; and
- (g) the probable date of the vessel's departure from Singapore.

Validity of licence to export arms or naval or military stores

12.—(1) A licence to export arms or naval or military stores shall, subject to paragraph (2), be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of issue.

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(2) The validity of a licence to export arms or naval or military stores shall be subject to the terms of any notification under section 9 of the Act prohibiting or restricting the exportation or removal of any arms or naval or military stores.

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PART V

MANUFACTURING AND DEALING IN ARMS

Application for licence to manufacture, deal in, or repair arms

13. Any person desiring to manufacture, deal in, or repair arms shall apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to manufacture, deal in, or repair the arms.

Validity of licence to manufacture, deal in, or repair arms

14.—(1) A licence to manufacture, deal in, or repair arms shall be limited to the manufacture, dealing in or repair of (as the case may be) such arms or types of arms specified in the licence.

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(2) *[Deleted by S 799/2020 wef 21/09/2020]*

(3) A licence under paragraph (1) is valid for a period of 2 years after the date of issue, or such shorter period as the Licensing Officer may determine.

[S 173/2017 wef 24/04/2017]

[S 799/2020 wef 21/09/2020]

Stock and sales book

15.—(1) Every licensed dealer shall keep a stock and sales book of such arms, which shall be open, during business hours, to the inspection of the Licensing Officer or any officer deputed by him.

(2) Every licensed dealer shall on demand furnish the Licensing Officer or the person deputed by him with copies of any entries which he may be required to supply.

(3) The stock and sales book shall specify —

- (a) the date on which any arms are taken into stock;
- (b) the number of the import licence (if the arms have been imported) or the name of the person from whom the arms were purchased or received;
- (c) the description of the arms;
- (d) numbers of each description taken into stock;

- (e) the date of sale of any arms;
- (f) the number of the purchase licence or export licence; and
- (g) the quantity of each description of arms sold or exported.

Book to be balanced monthly

16.—(1) Every licensed dealer shall balance, monthly, his stock and sales book.

(2) The stocks of each licensed dealer shall be checked at least once in each quarter by the Licensing Officer or by an officer deputed by him.

Licence to be displayed

17. Every licensed dealer shall keep affixed to the outside of his premises a board to be approved by the Licensing Officer specifying the licensee's name, and containing the words "Licensed to manufacture or deal in, or repair (as the case may be) guns or arms".

Stock to be kept in secure place

18.—(1) Every licensed dealer shall keep his entire stock within the place or places described on his licence and in no other place.

(2) Every licensed dealer shall ensure that such place shall —

- (a) be of sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer; and
- (b) be open to the inspection of the Licensing Officer or any officer deputed by him, during business hours.

(3) Any person who contravenes this rule shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

Book to be kept by person licensed to repair arms

19. Every person licensed to repair arms shall keep a book which shall be open to the inspection of the Licensing Officer or an officer deputed by him, in which he shall enter —

- (a) the date on which any arms are received by him for repair;

- (b) the name and address of the person from whom the arms are received;
- (c) the description of the arms; and
- (d) the date on which, and the name and address of the person to whom, the arms were returned.

Penalty under rules 15, 16 (1), 17 and 19

20. Any person who contravenes rule 15, 16(1), 17 or 19 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

PART VI

PURCHASE

Application for licence to purchase arms

21. Any person desiring to purchase any arms shall apply to the Licensing Officer for a licence to purchase the arms.

Validity of licence to purchase arms

22. A licence to purchase arms shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of issue.

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PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS

Forfeited arm to be destroyed or sold

23.—(1) The Licensing Officer may, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Police or his deputy, order the destruction or sale of any arms forfeited under the Act.

(2) All moneys derived from the sale of such forfeited arms shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Register of forfeited arms

24. The Licensing Officer shall keep a register, in such form as he thinks fit, of all arms forfeited under the Act which shall specify —

- (a) the date of forfeiture;
- (b) the reason for forfeiture;
- (c) the manner of disposal;
- (d) the date of disposal;
- (e) the amount realised by sale (if sold); and
- (f) the date of payment into the Consolidated Fund.

Furnishing of information

25.—(1) No person shall, in relation to any application under these Rules, knowingly or recklessly —

- (a) make a statement that is false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (b) give the Licensing Officer any document containing information that is false or misleading in a material particular without —
 - (i) indicating to the Licensing Officer that the document is false or misleading and the respect in which the document is false or misleading; and
 - (ii) providing correct information to the Licensing Officer if the person has, or can reasonably obtain, the correct information.

(2) Any person who contravenes this rule shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Fees

26.—(1) The fees payable for licences under these Rules shall be as follows:

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- (a) For a licence to possess a firearm except those mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) \$440 for 2 years or part thereof;
- (b) For a licence to possess an air gun or pistol or any arms that can propel, or is designed to propel, a projectile by means other than an explosive except those mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) \$220 for 2 years or part thereof;
- (c) For a licence to possess —
- (i) any arm, of 60 days' validity \$40;
 - (ii) any arm in respect of which a licence under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) is in force, of one year validity \$80; or
 - (iii) a blank-firing firearm or deactivated firearm, of not more than 2 years' validity \$205 for 2 years or part thereof;
- (d) For a licence to purchase arms \$22 per licence;
- (e) For a licence to import or export arms \$22 per licence;
- (f) For a licence —
- (i) to deal in arms, of 60 days' validity \$115; or
 - (ii) to manufacture or deal in arms, of not more than 2 years' validity \$550;

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| (g) For a licence to deal only in bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spear-heads | \$405 for 2 years or part thereof; |
| (h) For a licence to repair arms | \$405 for 2 years or part thereof; and |
| (i) For a duplicate of any licence lost or destroyed | \$11. |

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(2) Where a licence under rule 4(1) is issued in respect of a class or category of arms, the fee payable shall be that payable in respect of an arm of that class or category.

(3) The Permanent Secretary may in his discretion remit wholly or in part any fees paid or payable under this rule.

Saving and transitional provisions

27. Notwithstanding the revocation of the Arms and Explosives (Arms) Rules (R 1, 1990 Ed.), any licence issued under the revoked Rules in force immediately before 14th July 2006 shall, unless revoked, suspended or cancelled, and in so far as it is not inconsistent with these Rules —

- (a) continue and be deemed to be a licence under these Rules;
- (b) be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the licence; and
- (c) expire on, and be renewable before, the date it would have expired if these Rules had not been enacted.

THE SCHEDULE

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