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ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ACT (CHAPTER 13)

ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (EXEMPTION) ORDER 2015

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 44B of the Arms and Explosives Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Arms and Explosives (Exemption) Order 2015.

(2) The period for which this Order is in force starts on 1 May 2015 and ends at 2359 hours on 30 June 2015.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“relevant authority” means the Officer-in-Charge, Licensing (General Licensing), Police Licensing and Regulatory Department of the Singapore Police Force;

“SEA Games” means the South East Asian Games 2015.

Exemption for athletes and coaches

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), every athlete participating in the SEA Games and the athlete’s coach are exempt from section 13 of the Act for possessing, controlling or using any firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger —

- (a) for the purpose of the athlete participating in any competition involving arms at the SEA Games; or
- (b) for any related purpose connected to the athlete’s participation in such a competition.

(2) In the case of any firearm, air gun or ammunition, sub-paragraph (1) applies if, and only if, the athlete or coach, as the case may be, possesses, controls or uses the firearm, air gun or ammunition at a shooting range that is approved by the relevant authority (called in this Order an approved shooting range).

Exemption for authorised persons servicing or repairing firearm or air gun

4. A person who is authorised by the relevant authority to undertake the servicing or repair of any firearm or air gun used or to be used by any athlete participating in the SEA Games is exempt from section 13 of the Act for possessing, controlling, repairing or dealing in any such firearm or air gun, if —

- (a) the firearm or air gun is serviced or repaired only at such premises as the relevant authority approves (called in this Order approved premises); and
- (b) the person maintains a register of every such firearm or air gun that the person services or repairs at the approved

premises, and makes the register available for inspection by the relevant authority at any reasonable time.

Exemption for SEA Games organising committee

5. The organising committee of the SEA Games and every member of the organising committee of the SEA Games, are exempt from section 13 of the Act for arranging or authorising the import, export, storage or transport of any firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger —

- (a) for use in any competition involving arms at the SEA Games; or
- (b) for any related purpose connected to such a competition.

Exemption for import and export by approved freight forwarders

6. A freight forwarder is exempt from section 13 of the Act for importing or exporting any firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger if —

- (a) the firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger is for use in any competition involving arms at the SEA Games or for any related purpose connected to such a competition;
- (b) the freight forwarder is approved to do so by or on behalf of the organising committee of the SEA Games; and
- (c) in the case of any firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger imported for the purpose specified in sub-paragraph (a), it is exported without delay no later than 2359 hours on 30 June 2015.

Exemption for persons storing firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger

7.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a person is exempt from section 13 of the Act for storing any firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger if —

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- (a) the firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger is for use in any competition involving arms at the SEA Games or for any related purpose connected to such a competition;
 - (b) the person is approved to do so by or on behalf of the organising committee of the SEA Games; and
 - (c) the firearm, air gun, ammunition, sword, spear or dagger is stored securely at such premises as the relevant authority approves (called in this Order approved storage premises).

(2) In the case of any firearm, air gun or ammunition, sub-paragraph (1) applies if, and only if, the person records in a register every movement of the firearm, air gun or ammunition into or out of the approved storage premises, and makes the register available for inspection by the relevant authority at any reasonable time.

Exemption for transporters

8. A person is exempt from section 13 of the Act for transporting any firearm, air gun or ammunition directly (and without detour) from any approved storage premises to an approved shooting range and vice versa if —

- (a) the firearm, air gun or ammunition is for the purpose of any competition involving arms at the SEA Games or for any related purpose connected to such a competition;
- (b) the person is approved to do so by or on behalf of the organising committee of the SEA Games; and
- (c) the firearm, air gun or ammunition is escorted at all times during transport by one or more auxiliary police officers within the meaning of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235).

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