

Weapons Amendment Regulations 2012

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Weapons Amendment Regulations 2012*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations — on the day after that day.

3. Regulations amended

These regulations amend the *Weapons Regulations 1999*.

4. Regulation 15 replaced

Delete regulation 15 and insert:

15. Exception relating to crossbows used for occupational purposes

(1) In this regulation —

crossbow does not include a crossbow made or modified to be used with one hand;

exempt person means a person who has been given a notice under subregulation (4) and has not ceased to be an exempt person —

- (a) because of a notice under subregulation (5); or
- (b) because the notice has ceased to have effect under subregulation (6).

(2) An exempt person who, for the purpose of obtaining a crossbow —

- (a) brings into the State a crossbow; or
- (b) purchases a crossbow from a person who is lawfully entitled to sell the weapon,

does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(a) or (c) of the Act.

- (3) An exempt person who, for the purpose of engaging in an activity related to the performance of his or her occupation, carries or possesses a crossbow does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(b) of the Act.
- (4) If the Minister is satisfied that —
 - (a) on or before 1 July 2011 a person used a crossbow for the purpose of engaging in an activity related to the performance of his or her occupation; and
 - (b) on or before 1 July 2011 the person possessed a crossbow for the purposes of engaging in that activity; and
 - (c) that activity cannot be undertaken by any other practicable means; and
 - (d) the person is fit and proper to be an exempt person; and
 - (e) adequate arrangements exist to keep each of the person's crossbows secure,

the Minister may give to the person written notice that the person is an exempt person.

- (5) If, after giving a notice under subregulation (4), the Minister is no longer satisfied as to any of the circumstances described in that subregulation, the Minister may give to the exempt person written notice that, on a day specified in the notice (being a day that is not less than 30 days after the notice is given), the person ceases to be an exempt person, and the notice has effect accordingly.
- (6) A notice given under subregulation (4) has effect for the period (not exceeding 5 years) —
 - (a) specified in the notice; and
 - (b) beginning on the day specified in the notice.
- (7) The fact that a person has been given a notice under subregulation (4) does not prevent the Minister from giving the person another notice under that subregulation.
- (8) This regulation expires at the end of 30 June 2017.

By Command of the Governor,

G. MOORE, Clerk of the Executive Council.