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Re: Very Powerful Firearms for Recreational Hunting and Shooting Purposes

Dear Mr ...

I am the Commissioner's Delegated Officer responsible for licensing for the purposes of the Firearms Act pursuant to Section 5A of the *Firearms Act 1973* (the Act).

Firearms designed to hit targets at 1500 metres and further distances are considered very powerful firearms. They are typically significantly heavier than 'sporting' type rifles, utilise bipods and long-range optics to facilitate accurate shooting and require ammunition calibres beyond that usually required for recreational hunting and shooting purposes. In addition, these firearms are typically used in concert with ballistic calculators, distance measuring equipment (laser rangefinders) and meteorological measuring equipment.

In order to exploit their increased capabilities, very powerful firearms require a greater level of skill and experience than that required for shorter range recreational firearms. Therefore, in the interest of public safety; and to reasonably justify possession of such very powerful firearms, the licence holder should demonstrate they possess suitable shooting skills and experience to safely and effectively engage targets at these extended distances.

You are currently licensed to a very powerful firearm (see below) for recreational hunting and shooting purposes for destruction of camels at long distance.

| Firearm Type         | · Make            | Serial | Calibre |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Bolt Action Repeater | Stiller Precision |        | 9.5x77m |
| -                    | TAC 408           | 7      |         |

I note you are also licensed to a .300 Winchester Magnum calibre rifle which also appears suitable to destroy camels at long distance.

Please provide, in writing, evidence of your shooting skills and experience to justify continued approval of the Stiller TAC 408 for recreational hunting and shooting purposes; and further, why your .300 Winchester Magnum rifle is not suitable for that task.

Section 20(1) of the Act states that where the Commissioner is satisfied that to do so in the public interest, he may refuse to renew or may revoke any licence, permit or approval relating thereto or may impose reasonable restrictions, limitations or conditions thereon.

Section 20(1)(1a)(b) states that where the Commissioner, in writing, requests a person who is the holder of any licence, permit or approval to make a submission to show cause why the power of revocation should not be exercised, if that information is not supplied, or that submission is not made, to the Commissioner in a form acceptable to the Commissioner within 28 days, or such further period as the Commissioner may approve, the licence, permit or approval may be revoked.

Please respond to this letter by post or email within twenty eight (28) days of receiving this letter.

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Yours sincerely

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24 May 2018

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| Signature                           | Witnessed_                                | · · ·                |