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(CHAPTER 13)**

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ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ARMS) RULES

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

POSSESSION

- Application for a licence. 2. Every application for a licence shall be in writing signed by the applicant, and shall be made to the licensing authority.
- Form of licence to possess arms. 3. A licence for possession of an arm shall be in the Form A set out in the Schedule.
- Expiry of licence. 4.—(1) The licence for the possession of an arm shall expire 24 months after the date of issue.

(2) Where a licensee in possession of one arm subsequently acquires another arm or other arms, a licence for any such arm subsequently acquired shall expire on the same date as that for the first arm.

5. The licensing authority shall keep a register in his office in which shall be entered the following particulars of all guns and arms for which he has issued possession licences: Register to be kept by licensing authority.

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

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

IMPORTATION

7.—(1) Every licensed dealer desiring to import guns or arms shall previously to such importation apply to the licensing authority for a licence to import the guns or arms, and he shall deliver to the licensing authority a correct list stating — Licence to import guns or arms.

- (a) the number;
- (b) the description;
- (c) calibre of the guns or arms he desires to import;
- (d) name of the manufacturer of such guns or arms;
- (e) name of the vessel in which they are being imported;
- (f) the probable date of her arrival; and
- (g) whether such guns or arms are for stock or transshipment.

(2) Any person giving false information as to any of these matters shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 unless he shall prove that he did not know or had not the means of knowing that any such information was false.

8. Any person other than a licensed dealer desiring to import guns or arms shall without unnecessary delay apply to the licensing authority for a licence permitting the importation and shall in addition to the first 6 particulars required to be stated Licence to import by other than a licensed dealer.

under rule 7 (1), state the name of the person for whose use they are being imported and whether they are to be kept in Singapore or sent elsewhere. A person who contravenes this rule shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25.

Form of
licence to
import.

9. The licence to import shall be in the Form B set out in the Schedule and shall remain in force for a period of 7 days from the date of the landing or removal of such guns or arms from the vessel or other mode of conveyance concerned.

Application
for permit
to land.

10. The application under section 17 of the Act for a permit to land or to land for the purpose of transhipment or to tranship without landing any guns or arms on board of any vessel arriving at any port shall be in writing signed by the applicant. The permit shall be in the Form C set out in the Schedule and shall contain the particulars required therein. If this permit is not made use of within 48 hours from the hour of issue it shall be returned to the licensing authority under a penalty not exceeding \$50.

EXPORTATION

Particulars
required for
exporta-
tion.

11.—(1) Every person desirous of exporting guns, arms, or naval or military stores shall deliver to the licensing authority a list showing —

- (a) the nature;
- (b) calibre and number of guns or arms;
- (c) description and quantity of such naval or military stores;
- (d) the country of destination;
- (e) the name of the ship in which it is intended to export the same; and
- (f) the probable date of sailing.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the requirements of this rule shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

Form of
licence to
export.

12. On receiving the above particulars the licensing authority shall, subject to the terms of any notification made under section 4 of the Act and any conditions which may from time to time be imposed in respect of the export of guns or arms to other countries, issue a licence to export in the Form D set out in the Schedule. Such licence shall remain in force for a period of 7 days from the date of issue.

MANUFACTURE, ETC.

13.—(1) A licence to manufacture, deal in, or repair guns or arms shall, with such modifications as the circumstances require, be in the Form E set out in the Schedule.

Form of
licence to
manufac-
ture.

(2) Every such licence shall be limited to the manufacture, dealing in or repair of, as the case may be, such guns or arms or types thereof as may be specified therein. The licence shall be valid for a period of two years and shall expire at the end of January, February or March, as may be specified therein.

14. Every person licensed to manufacture or deal in guns and arms shall keep a stock and sales book which shall be open to the inspection of the licensing authority or any officer deputed by him for the purpose during business hours. Such person shall on demand furnish the licensing authority or the person deputed by him with copies of any entries which he may be required to supply.

Stock and
sales book.

15. The stock book shall show —

- (a) the date on which any guns or arms are taken into stock;
- (b) the number of the import licence (if the guns or arms have been imported) or the name of the person from whom purchased or received;
- (c) the description of the guns or arms;
- (d) numbers of each description taken into stock;
- (e) the date of sale of any guns or arms;
- (f) the number of the purchase licence or export licence; and
- (g) the quantity of each description of guns or arms sold or exported.

Particulars
to be
entered
in stock
book.

16. Any person who contravenes rules 14 and 15 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$250.

Penalty
under rules
14 and 15.

17. The licensing authority shall keep a book to be called the stock book in which he shall enter —

- (a) the names of all persons licensed to manufacture or deal in guns or arms;
- (b) date on which guns or arms are taken into stock;
- (c) number and date of import licence;
- (d) number and description of guns and arms;
- (e) date of sale;

Licensing
authority to
keep stock
book.

- (f) number and date of licence;
- (g) number and description of guns and arms sold;
- (h) name; and
- (i) address of purchaser.

Books to be
balanced
monthly.

18. The stock and sales book and the licensing authority's stock book shall be balanced monthly and the stocks of each licensed dealer shall be checked at least once in each quarter by the licensing authority or by an officer deputed by him.

Licence to
be dis-
played.

19. Every person to whom a licence to manufacture, deal in, or repair guns and arms shall have been issued, shall keep affixed to the outside of his premises a board to be approved of by the licensing authority containing the licensee's name, and the words "Licensed to manufacture or deal in, or repair (as the case may be) guns or arms".

Penalty
under
rule 19.

20. Any person who contravenes rule 19 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25.

Stock to be
kept in
secure
place.

21.—(1) Every person licensed to manufacture, deal in, or repair guns or arms shall keep his entire stock within the place or places described on his licence and in no other place, and such place shall be of sufficient security to the satisfaction of the licensing authority and shall be open to the inspection of the licensing authority or any officer deputed by him, during business hours.

(2) Any person who contravenes this rule shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

Records to
be kept by
persons
licensed to
repair guns
or arms.

22.—(1) A person who is licensed to repair guns or arms shall keep a book which shall be open to the inspection of the licensing authority or an officer deputed by him, in which he shall enter —

- (a) the date on which any gun or arm is received by him for repair;
- (b) the name;
- (c) the address of the person from whom received;
- (d) the description of gun or arm; and
- (e) the date on which the gun or arm was returned.

(2) Any person who contravenes this rule shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25.

PURCHASE

23. A licence to purchase arms shall be in the Form F set out in the Schedule and shall remain in force for one month from the date of issue.

Form of
licence to
purchase.

24. Every licensed dealer shall on the first day of every month forward to the licensing authority all licences to purchase received by him during the previous month under a penalty not exceeding \$10 for every licence not so forwarded, and these licences shall be checked by comparison with the books kept by the licensing authority.

Licensed
dealer to
forward
licences to
purchase
received by
him.

25. The licensing authority may subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Police order the destruction or sale of any gun or arm forfeited under the Act and any moneys derived from the sale of such forfeited gun or arm shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Forfeited
gun or arm
to be
destroyed
or sold.

26. The licensing authority shall keep a register of all guns or arms forfeited under the Act showing —

Register of
forfeited
guns or
arms.

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

27.—(1) The fees to be charged for licences under these Rules shall be as follows:

Fees.

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| (a) for a licence to possess a fire-arm | ... | \$300 for 2 years
or part thereof |
| (b) for a licence to possess an air gun or pistol or any arm the propelling force of the projectile in which is other than an explosive | ... | \$100 for 2 years
or part thereof |
| (c) for a licence to possess a shot gun, rifle, revolver or pistol belonging to a member of a shooting club which has been duly registered or exempted from registration and which is used for target practice | ... | \$100 for 2 years
or part thereof |

- (d) for a licence to possess an arm used solely for the lawful destruction of wild animals and vermin in any plantation or garden, which arm shall not be removed from such plantation or garden without a permit from the licensing authority ... \$120 for 2 years or part thereof
- (e) for a licence for a theatrical or circus company to possess any number of arms for its bona fide use at any performance to be given by such company ... \$20 a year or part thereof
- (f) for a licence to purchase arms or guns ... \$10 for each purchase
- (g) for a licence to import or export arms or guns ... \$10 for each consignment
- (h) for a licence to manufacture or deal in arms and guns ... \$1,100 for 2 years or part thereof
- (i) for a licence to deal only in bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads ... \$300 for 2 years or part thereof
- (j) for a licence to possess bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads ... \$10 a year or part thereof
- (k) for a licence to repair arms and guns ... \$300 a year or part thereof
- (l) For a duplicate of any licence lost or destroyed ... \$5.

(2) The Permanent Secretary may in his discretion remit wholly or in part any of the fees chargeable under paragraph (1).

28. The licensing authority may refuse to renew a licence if application for its renewal has not been received within a period of 3 months from the date of expiration thereof unless the licensee proves to the satisfaction of the licensing authority that he has not resided in Singapore at any time during that period, or unless the licensing authority has received from the licensee not later than 14 days after the expiration of his licence, a written notification of some reasonable cause which prevents the licensee from renewing his licence.

THE SCHEDULE

FORM A

Rule 3

Licence No.

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LICENCE TO POSSESS

Date:

Mr.
of
(Address)

is hereby licensed to have in his possession the following arm:

This licence expires on

Fee paid

.....
Licensing Authority.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM B

Rule 9

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LICENCE TO IMPORT

Licence No.

Name

Address

Ship or railway

Due date

Where to be deposited

Whether for transshipment,
stock or private use

Description of guns or arms

Fee

Date: 19 .

Licensing Authority.

Licence No.

Name

Address

is hereby licensed to import the undermentioned
guns or arms due to arrive in the
..... on or about the

The guns or arms on arrival shall be taken to
..... they being for
.....

Number and description of guns or arms.

A fee of has been paid for this
licence which expires 7 days from the date of
landing or removal of the guns or arms above-
mentioned from the vessel or other mode of
conveyance concerned.

Date: 19 .

Licensing Authority.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM C

Rule 10

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
TO LAND OR TRANSHIP

No.	No.
Name of applicant	Name
Name of vessel	Address
Date of arrival of vessel	is hereby authorised to land (or to land for the purpose of transshipment or to tranship without landing) the undermentioned guns or arms due to arrive in the on or about
Purpose	consigned to
Quantity and description	whose address is
Fee \$	Quantity and description of guns or arms
Date:	Dated at this day of 19 .
<i>Licensing Authority.</i>	<i>Licensing Authority.</i>

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM D

Rule 12

Licence No.

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LICENCE TO EXPORT

Date:

Mr.
of
(Address)

is hereby licensed to export the undermentioned guns or arms per*

Quantity and description of guns or arms

This licence is valid for one week from the date of issue.

Fee paid

.....
Licensing Authority.

*The method of conveyance must be stated and, if by sea or air, the name of the vessel or aircraft.

THE SCHEDULE — continued

FORM E

Rule 13

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LICENCE TO MANUFACTURE

Name	Name
Address	Address
Licensed to	is hereby licensed to manufacture*, deal in*, repair* the undermentioned guns*/arms* † at the premises described below
At	This licence for which a fee of \$ has been paid expires on January/February/ March 19
Fee \$	
Date	Date: Singapore.
Licensing Authority.	Licensing Authority.

*Delete whichever is inapplicable.
†Specify types.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM F

Rule 23

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LICENCE TO PURCHASE

No.

Name

Address

License to purchase from
Messrs.

Quantity

Description

Fee

Date

Licensing Authority.

No.

Name

Address
is hereby licensed to purchase from
Messrs.

Quantity

Description

This Licence for which a fee of \$
has been paid, is available for one month from
date thereof and no longer. It must be returned
to the licensing authority by the dealer on the first
day of the month succeeding the purchase.

Date:

Licensing Authority.