



Firearms (General) Amendment (Large Calibre Pistols—Temporary Amnesty) Regulation 2003

under the

Firearms Act 1996

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to allow licensed sport/target pistol shooters to continue to use large calibre pistols (ie pistols with a calibre of more than .38 inch but not more than .45 inch) for the purposes of participating in metallic silhouette or single action shooting competitions pending determination of their applications for permits under clause 59A of the *Firearms (General) Regulation 1997*.

This Regulation is made under the *Firearms Act 1996*, including section 88 (2) (r).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Firearms (General) Amendment (Large Calibre Pistols—Temporary Amnesty) Regulation 2003*.

2 Amendment of Firearms (General) Regulation 1997

The *Firearms (General) Regulation 1997* is amended by inserting after clause 120 the following clause:

121 Temporary amnesty for licensed sport/target pistol shooters in relation to large calibre pistols

(1) In this clause:

eligible person means a person:

- (a) who, immediately before 1 October 2003, was authorised by a licence under the Act to possess and use a large calibre pistol for the purposes of sport/target shooting, and
- (b) who applies or has applied for (but has not been issued with) a permit under clause 59A authorising the person to possess and use a large calibre pistol for the purposes of participating in a specialised shooting competition.

large calibre pistol means a pistol to which clause 59A applies.

specialised shooting competition has the same meaning as in clause 59A.

(2) An eligible person is exempt from the requirement under the Act to hold a licence or permit to possess or use a large calibre pistol, but only until:

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- (a) such time as the person is issued with a permit under clause 59A (or is notified that the application for the permit has been refused), or
- (b) the end of the period of 3 months immediately following the end of the buyback period within the meaning of section 78 of the Act,
- whichever occurs first.
- (3) During the period of exemption under subclause (2), the eligible person is authorised to possess or use a large calibre pistol for the purposes only of participating in a specialised shooting competition.