

Ordinance 04 of 2024

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**FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE 2024**

An Ordinance to amend the Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009.

PJM Squires OBE
ADMINISTRATOR

22 March 2024

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Firearms and Other Weapons (Amendment) Ordinance 2024.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 22 March 2024.

Amendment of the Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009

2. The Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009(a) is amended in accordance with section 3.

(a) Ordinance 21/2009 as amended by Ordinances 06/2012, 29/2013, 09/2016 and 23/2020.

Amendment to section 3 (application)

3.—(1) In section 3(1)—

- (a) for the words “any person serving in the following capacities in respect of any weapon issued to, used or controlled by that person in that capacity” substitute “a person in respect of any weapon issued to, used or controlled by that person in the course of that person’s duty as”;
- (b) after paragraph (d), insert—
 - “; or
 - (e) a member of the armed forces of a country or territory to which subsection (1A) applies.”.

(2) After section 3(1) insert—

“(1A) This subsection applies to a country or territory where permission is granted by the Crown for the armed forces of that country or territory to be present in the Areas.

(1B) The disapplication in subsection (1)(e) only applies in respect of military or humanitarian activities but does not apply in respect of any sports or other activity carried out for recreational or entertainment purposes, including participation in a competition.”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Firearms and Other Weapons (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (“the Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

2. The Ordinance amends section 3 of the Firearms and Other Weapons Ordinance 2009 (“the principal Ordinance”). The Ordinance exempts serving personnel belonging to the armed forces of any country or territory (“visiting forces”) from the application of the principal Ordinance but only where the visiting forces have consent from the Crown to be present in the Areas to carry out military or humanitarian activities.

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