



Arms Amendment Regulations 2019

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 21st day of March 2019

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 74(1)(h) and (o) of the Arms Act 1983 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Arms Amendment Regulations 2019.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force at 3 pm on 21 March 2019.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Arms Regulations 1992 (the **principal regulations**).

4 Regulation 2 amended (Interpretation)

In regulation 2, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

reclassified MSSA means a firearm that is a military style semi-automatic firearm as a consequence of the Arms (Military Style Semi-automatic Firearms) Order 2019

5 Regulation 7 amended (Records kept by licensed dealers)

After regulation 7(4), insert:

- (4A) On or before 8 April 2019, every licensed dealer must record, in respect of any reclassified MSSA for which the dealer keeps other particulars under any of subclauses (2) to (4), that the item is classified as a military style semi-automatic firearm.

6 New regulation 28D and cross-heading inserted

After regulation 28C, insert:

Amnesty scheme for reclassified MSSAs

28D Exclusion from section 50(1) of Act for reclassified MSSAs delivered to Police or sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Act

Nothing in section 50(1) of the Act applies to a reclassified MSSA that is—

- (a) delivered to a member of the Police; or
- (b) sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force at 3 pm on 21 March 2019, amend the Arms Regulations 1992 as a consequence of the reclassification of certain firearms as military style semi-automatic firearms (**reclassified MSSAs**).

The amendments make the following 2 changes:

- a new requirement for licensed dealers to update their records by 8 April 2019 so that the reclassified MSSAs are correctly recorded as military style semi-automatic firearms:
- an exclusion from the offence in section 50(1) of the Arms Act 1983 for those reclassified MSSAs that, under a Police amnesty scheme, a person delivers to the Police or sells or otherwise disposes of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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These regulations are administered by the New Zealand Police.