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WEAPONS CATEGORIES REGULATION 1997

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WEAPONS CATEGORIES REGULATION 1997

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 30 June 2003]

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997*.¹

2 Category A weapons

(1) Each of the following is a category A weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

- (a) a miniature cannon under 120 cm in barrel length that is a black powder and muzzle loading cannon, depicting a scale model of an historical artillery piece or naval gun;
- (b) an air rifle;
- (c) a blank-fire firearm at least 75 cm in length;
- (d) a rimfire rifle (other than a self-loading rimfire rifle);
- (e) a single or double barrel shotgun;
- (f) a powerhead.

(2) A conversion unit is also a category A weapon.

(3) In this section—

“conversion unit” means a unit or device or barrel that is capable of being used for converting a category A weapon that is a firearm from one calibre to another calibre.

3 Category B weapons

(1) Each of the following is a category B weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

¹ This is a reprint of the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997* set out in schedule 1 of the *Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997* No. 48.

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- (a) a muzzle-loading firearm;
 - (b) a single shot centre fire rifle;
 - (c) a double barrel centre fire rifle;
 - (d) a repeating centre fire rifle;
 - (e) a break action shotgun and rifle combination.
- (2) A conversion unit is also a category B weapon.

(3) In this section—

“conversion unit” means a unit or device or barrel that is capable of being used for converting a category B weapon that is a firearm from one calibre to another calibre.

4 Category C weapons

Each of the following is a category C weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

- (a) a semiautomatic rimfire rifle with a magazine capacity no greater than 10 rounds;
- (b) a semiautomatic shotgun with a magazine capacity no greater than 5 rounds;
- (c) a pump action shotgun with a magazine capacity no greater than 5 rounds.

5 Category D weapons

Each of the following is a category D weapon—

- (a) a self-loading centre fire rifle designed or adapted for military purposes or a firearm that substantially duplicates a rifle of that type in design, function or appearance;
- (b) a non-military style self-loading centre fire rifle with either an integral or detachable magazine;
- (c) a self-loading shotgun with either an integral or detachable magazine with a capacity of more than 5 rounds and a pump action shotgun with a capacity of more than 5 rounds;
- (d) a self-loading rimfire rifle with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds.

6 Category E weapons

A bulletproof vest or protective body vest or body armour designed to prevent the penetration of small arms projectiles is a category E weapon.

7 Category H weapons

(1) A firearm, including an air pistol and a blank-fire firearm, under 75 cm in length, other than a powerhead, is a category H weapon, regardless of whether it has been rendered permanently inoperable.

(2) A conversion unit is also a category H weapon.

(3) This section does not apply to a powerhead or category C, D or R weapon.

(4) In this section—

“**conversion unit**” means a unit or device or barrel that is capable of being used for converting a category H weapon that is a firearm from one calibre to another calibre.

9 Restricted items (Act, s 67)

The following items are restricted items for section 67² of the Act—

- (a) handcuffs, thumbcuffs or other similar restraints;
- (b) nunchaku or kung-fu sticks or any similar device which consists of 2 hard non-flexible sticks, clubs, pipes or rods connected by a length of rope, cord, wire or chain constructed or designed to be used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defence and which if used offensively against a person is or are capable of causing bodily harm;
- (c) a billy club, a baton or any device constructed or designed as a telescopic baton, not being a toy or a category R weapon, that if used is capable of causing bodily harm;
- (d) any studded glove which if used offensively against a person is capable of causing bodily harm.

2 Section 67 (Possessing and acquiring restricted items)

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2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 30 June 2003. Future amendments of the Weapons Categories Regulation 1997 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

3 Key**Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations**

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No.[X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	rv	= revised edition
o in c	= order in council	s	= section
om	= omitted	sch	= schedule
orig	= original	sdiv	= subdivision
p	= page	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
para	= paragraph	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
prec	= preceding	SL	= subordinate legislation
pres	= present	sub	= substituted
prev	= previous	unnum	= unnumbered

4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

TABLE OF REPRINTS

Reprint No.	Amendments included	Effective	Reprint date
1	none	14 November 1997	17 November 1997
1A	2001 SL No. 87	29 June 2001	14 September 2001 (Column discontinued) Notes
1B	2003 SL No. 134	30 June 2003	

5 List of legislation

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enacted by the Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997 No. 48 s 57
sch 1 on 14 November 1997 (1997 SL No. 381)

commenced 14 November 1997

SIA pt 7 does not apply (see SIA sch 2A)

amending legislation—

Weapons Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2001 SL No. 87 pts 1–2

notfd gaz 29 June 2001 pp 822–5

commenced on date of notification

Weapons (Handguns and Trafficking) Amendment Act 2003 No. 37 ss 1–2(1), pt 6

date of assent 2 June 2003

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commence 1 July 2003 (see s 2(1))

Weapons Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2003 SL No. 134 ss 1–2, 3(1) sch

notfd gaz 27 June 2003 pp 749–56

ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

sch, amdt 2 commenced at the end of 30 June 2003 (see s 2(1))

remaining provisions commence 1 July 2003 (see s 2(2))

6 List of annotations

Category H weapons

s 7 amd 2001 SL No. 87 s 3

Category R weapons

s 8 om 2003 SL No. 134 s 3(1) sch

