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RRBIOT c.C.5.

Citation

1. This notice may be cited as the Firearms (Airport Safety) Notice of Exemption 2018, RRBIOT c.C.5.

Exemption

2. In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 4(b) of the Firearms Ordinance 1970, the Commissioner has exempted those persons described in paragraph (a) from the need to take out a licence in respect of a firearm or ammunition, where the criteria set out in paragraph (b) applies –

(a) Those persons who are employed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), including any person temporarily contracted by the USDA to carry out the activities described in paragraph (b).

(b) The firearms and ammunition are possessed for the purposes of –

(i) culling non-indigenous birds in Diego Garcia which present a hazard to the use of the airport, as part of the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard programme, and

(ii) removing the said firearms and ammunition from Diego Garcia after they have been used, if at all, to carry out those activities described in sub-paragraph (i).

Requirement for permit

3. Nothing contained in paragraph 2 shall remove or otherwise restrict the requirement that the firearms and ammunition may only be used in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to the Wild Life Protection Regulations 2003.

Storage

4. Whilst in Diego Garcia, the persons described in paragraph 2(a) shall store the firearms and ammunition in accordance with –

(a) normal security protocols, and

(b) any specific directions issued by the Commissioner's Representative.

Restriction on carrying or use

5. The persons described in paragraph 2(a) may neither carry, nor use, the firearms or ammunition in the downtown area (North of Churchill Avenue).

Import and export of firearms and ammunition

6. In accordance with section 5(2) of the Imports and Exports Control Ordinance 2009, the Commissioner further orders that the provisions contained within the Prohibited Imports and Exports Order 2009 shall not apply to firearms and ammunition imported into, and exported from, Diego Garcia by those persons to whom this exemption applies.
