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FIREARMS ACT, 1921.

The above-named Act comes into operation on promulgation on the 5th July, 1921. The principal provisions may be summarised shortly as follows :—

1. No person may purchase, have in his possession, use or carry any firearm or ammunition unless he holds a firearms certificate granted by the Police ; and no one may sell firearms or ammunition except to a person holding such a certificate or to a registered dealer. The certificate is valid for three years. Gun and game licences will still be required as at present.

2. No person may manufacture, sell, repair, test, or prove firearms or ammunition, by way of trade or business, unless he is registered by the Police as a firearms dealer. The fee for registration is £1.

3. "FIREARM" means any lethal weapon from which a missile can be discharged, or any part of such weapon. "AMMUNITION" means ammunition for such firearms and includes grenades, bombs, and other similar missiles, whether capable of use with a firearm or not, and ingredients and components thereof.

4. These provisions do not apply to smooth bore shot guns and air guns. There are also certain exemptions, limited in their extent, for members of H.M. Forces, Police, Cadet Corps, and Rifle Clubs, carriers, warehousemen, slaughterers using humane killers, and persons carrying on or using shooting galleries or miniature rifle ranges.

If no ammunition is kept, a certificate is not necessary for antique firearms, nor, if a dispensation is granted by the Police, for firearms kept as war trophies.

5. Anyone who owns firearms or ammunition to which the Act applies, or who desires to carry on business as a firearms dealer should apply to the Police of his district on the 6th July, 1921, for a copy of the appropriate form of application or notice.

Copies of the Act and of the Rules made under the Act may be obtained from Messrs S. K. Broadbent & Co., Ltd., Douglas, shortly.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEANT,

Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man,

30th June, 1921.

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