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FIREARMS ACT

An Act to make provision for regulating the possession of and dealing in firearms and ammunition including muzzle-loading firearms, and for matters ancillary thereto.

[L.N. 32 of 1959.]

[*1st February, 1959*]

[Commencement.]

PART I

Introductory

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Firearms Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"**ammunition**" means ammunition for any firearm and any component part of any such ammunition, but does not include gun powder or trade powder not intended or used as such a component part;

"**firearm**" means any lethal barreled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged, and includes a prohibited firearm, a personal firearm and a muzzle-loading firearm of any of the categories referred to in Parts I, II and III respectively of the Schedule hereto, and any component part of any such firearm;

"**public armoury**" means a place or building established or recognised as a public armoury in accordance with section 13 of this Act.

PART II

Licensing

3. Prohibited firearms

No person shall have in his possession or under his control any firearm of one of the categories specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Act (in this Act referred to as a "prohibited firearm") except in accordance with a licence granted by the President acting in his discretion.

[Schedule Part I.]

4. Personal firearms

No person shall have in his possession or under his control any firearm of one of the categories specified in Part II of the Schedule to this Act (in this Act referred to as a "personal firearm") except in accordance with a licence granted in respect thereof by the Inspector-General of Police, which licence shall be granted or refused in accordance with principles decided upon by the President.

5. Muzzle-loading firearms may be prohibited except under licence

(1) The Commissioner of Police of a State, with the consent of the Governor of the State in respect of the State or any part thereof, may by order prohibit the possession or control of any firearms of the categories specified in Part III of the Schedule to this Act (in this Act referred to as a "muzzle-loading firearm") without the licence of an authority to be specified in such order.

[Schedule Part III.]

(2) Upon the making of an order under subsection (1) of this section no person shall within any area specified in such order have in his possession or under his control a muzzle-loading firearm without a licence granted in respect thereof by the appropriate authority in accordance with regulations made under section 32 of this Act.

(3) An authority specified in an order made under subsection (1) of this section, shall render such periodical returns as may be required by regulations.

(4) The grant of a licence in respect of a muzzle-loading firearm in respect of which application has been duly made shall not be refused except for one of the reasons specified in subsection (2) of section 6 of this Act.

6. Licences and permits not granted as of right

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 5 of this Act, no person shall, as of right, be entitled to the grant of any licence or permit under this Act and the authority having the function of granting such licence or permit may without being bound to assign any reason therefor refuse the grant of such licence or permit or, subject to the provisions of any regulations made under section 32 of this Act, may impose such terms or conditions as he may think fit, and may revoke such licence or permit for such cause as he may consider appropriate:

Provided that any person aggrieved by any such decision, other than a decision by the President, may appeal in writing to the President, acting in his discretion, whose decision thereon shall be final.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, no licence or permit under the provisions of this Act shall be granted if there is reason to believe that the applicant or holder of the licence-

- (a) is under the age of seventeen;
- (b) is of unsound mind;
- (c) is not fit to have possession of the firearm in question on account of defective eyesight;
- (d) is a person of intemperate habits;

- (e) has during the previous five years been convicted of an offence involving violence or the threat of violence.

7. Safe custody of firearms

(1) The owner of a firearm in respect of which a licence or permit has been granted in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be responsible for the safe custody of the firearm to which the licence or permit relates.

(2) The owner of such firearm, in the case of loss, theft or destruction of such firearm, shall notify such loss, theft or destruction and the circumstances thereof within fourteen days of being aware thereof to the authority who issued the licence or permit, and shall at the same time surrender the licence or permit for such action as such authority may consider necessary.

(3) Upon the death of the holder of a licence or permit, a person lawfully in possession of the chattels of the deceased or a person to whom a firearm or ammunition therefor has been bequeathed may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, lawfully have in his possession a firearm or ammunition in respect of which the deceased person held a licence or permit for a period of fourteen days after such death:

Provided that the Inspector-General of Police may, if he thinks fit, seize such firearm or ammunition and retain or deposit the same in a public armoury until a licence or permit shall have been granted in respect thereof.

8. Ammunition

(1) No person shall have in his possession or under his control any ammunition in respect of any firearm referred to in the Schedule to this Act except in accordance with the terms of a licence or permit granted to him and in force in respect of such firearm.

(2) This section shall apply in respect of all ammunition as defined in section 2 of this Act, except-

- (a) ammunition for a muzzle-loading firearm in the possession or under the control of a person in any area not for the time being the subject of an order in accordance with section 5 of this Act;
- (b) lead shot for use only as a weight or weights;
- (c) blank cartridges (other than those for humane killers) not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in diameter.

PART III

Sale and transfer

9. Prohibition on dealing in arms or ammunition except by registered dealer

(1) No person shall by way of trade or business buy or sell or transfer or expose for sale or transfer or have in his possession for sale or transfer any firearm unless he is registered as a firearms dealer.

(2) No person shall by way of trade or business buy or sell or transfer or expose for sale or transfer or have in his possession for sale or transfer any ammunition, other than

the ammunition specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (2) of section 8 of this Act unless he is registered as a firearms dealer.

(3) For the purpose of this section the Inspector-General of Police shall cause to be kept a register or registers of firearms dealers and shall upon due application enter therein the name of any person applying to be registered and each place where such person carries on business as such dealer:

Provided that no registration shall take place, and a registration which has taken place shall be cancelled-

- (a) if the officer in charge of the register is satisfied that the applicant cannot be permitted to carry on business as a firearms dealer without danger to the public safety or the peace; or
- (b) in respect of any premises which do not comply with the requirements prescribed by regulations made under section 32 of this Act.

(4) The President may without being bound to assign any reason therefor direct that registration in accordance with this section shall not take place in respect of any person or persons, or in respect of any place or area, and may in like manner direct that any such registration shall be cancelled.

10. Registered dealer's armouries

(1) A registered firearms dealer shall construct, in accordance with the requirements prescribed by regulations under section 32 of this Act, and maintain in proper repair, an armoury at each place in respect of which he carries on business.

(2) A registered firearms dealer shall keep up to date at each place where he carries on business such records and shall make such returns in respect thereof as may be prescribed.

(3) A registered firearms dealer, in the case of loss, theft or destruction of a firearm in his possession, shall notify such loss, theft or destruction as soon as possible and in any case within seven days thereof to the Inspector-General of Police.

(4) A registered firearms dealers shall permit inspection of each place where he carries on business and the records maintained thereat by a police officer upon production by such officer of the written authority of the Inspector-General of Police.

11. Sale only to person holding licence

No person, whether a registered firearms dealer or not, shall sell or transfer any firearm or ammunition to any person other than to another registered firearms dealer (and then only after prior notification by both dealers to the Inspector-General of Police) without the production of a licence or permit by such person authorising the possession of such firearm or ammunition:

Provided that regulations made in accordance with section 32 of this Act may permit the sale or transfer of a firearm or ammunition by a registered firearms dealer to a person not the holder of a licence or permit intending to obtain such licence or permit in another part of Nigeria, upon conditions to be prescribed in such regulations.

12. Stamping of all firearms sold

(1) No person, whether a registered firearms dealer or not, shall sell or transfer any firearm unless there shall have been stamped permanently thereon the maker's name and number or such other particulars as may be prescribed, and unless such name or number is specified in any licence or permit produced in accordance with section 11 of this Act.

(2) No person, whether a registered firearms dealer or not, shall alter or render illegible the maker's name or number or other prescribed particulars stamped upon a firearm without the previous consent in writing of the Inspector-General of Police.

PART IV

Public armouries

13. Establishment of public armouries

The President may, by notice in the Federal *Gazette*, establish or recognise public armouries for the deposit of firearms and ammunition and prescribe the officers to be in charge thereof.

14. Deposit in and withdrawal from public armoury

Firearms and ammunition may be deposited in a public armoury in accordance with regulations made under section 32 of this Act and shall not be withdrawn therefrom save in accordance with such regulations.

15. Disposal in certain cases of deposited arms or ammunition

(1) No firearm or ammunition shall remain deposited in a public armoury for a period in excess of eighteen months.

(2) No firearm or ammunition shall remain deposited in a public armoury for a period exceeding two months after an application for a licence in respect thereof has been refused, or after a licence in respect of the same has been revoked.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the officer in charge of a public armoury may in his discretion in either such case permit deposit for a further period not exceeding twelve months if in his opinion the owner has the intention of removing or disposing of such firearm or ammunition lawfully and is likely to have an opportunity to do so.

(4) After giving two months' notice in the Federal *Gazette* of his intention to do so, the officer in charge of a public armoury may, in such manner as may be directed by the Inspector-General of Police, dispose of any firearm or ammunition-

- (a) which is deposited in contravention of subsection (1) or (2), as modified by subsection (3) of this section; or
- (b) upon which the fees for such deposit have been unpaid for three months; or
- (c) of which the owner is unknown or within four weeks does not reply to an enquiry posted to his last known address.

16. Damage or loss

(1) The Inspector-General of Police and the officer in charge of a public armoury shall not be responsible for any deterioration or damage caused to any firearm or ammunition deposited in a public armoury, but, in the manner to be prescribed by regulations, shall permit the owner and any person authorised by the owner to have access if he so requires for the purpose of inspection, cleaning or maintenance of a firearm or of ammunition therefor.

(2) No compensation shall be made to the owner of any firearm or ammunition deposited in a public armoury by reason of any damage occasioned thereto by any natural or accidental cause.

PART V

Import and export

17. Import and export through prescribed ports

No person shall import any firearms or ammunition into Nigeria by sea or by air or export the same therefrom by sea or by air except through a port which is a port for the purposes of the customs laws or an airport duly designated under the civil aviation laws, nor import or export the same by land except through a prescribed town adjacent to the land frontier or by the shortest route from the nearest part of the frontier to such a prescribed town.

[L.N. 108 of 1955.]

18. Import and export of prohibited firearms and ammunition

No person shall import or cause to be imported or export or cause to be exported any firearms referred to in Part I of the Schedule to this Act or ammunition therefor except in accordance with a licence duly granted by the President who may grant or refuse the same in his discretion and impose such terms and conditions as he may think fit.

[Schedule Part I.]

19. Restriction on import of personal firearms and ammunition

No person shall import or cause to be imported any firearm or ammunition referred to in Part II or III of the Schedule to this Act unless he declares the same to a customs officer or other prescribed officer at the time of importation and-

[Schedule Part II or III.]

- (a) unless he produces to such customs officer or other prescribed officer a licence to possess such firearm or ammunition; or
- (b) he imports the same as part of his personal effects and completes a prescribed form of declaration that his destination is within Nigeria but is in excess of twenty miles from the place of importation and that he will surrender such firearm or ammunition to a specified authority or at a public armoury at or near

his destination in accordance with such declaration and with the terms or a permit for temporary possession thereof to be issued by the Inspector-General of Police:

Provided that the Inspector-General of Police may in his discretion require the surrender of such firearm or ammunition for the purpose of transmission by official channels to such specified authority or public armoury; or

- (c) he imports the same as part of his personal effects and is in transit to some country outside Nigeria and either surrenders the same to the customs or police authority while he is in Nigeria or obtains a permit for temporary possession during such period of transit; or
- (d) he is a registered firearms dealer, or a person referred to in paragraph (c), (d) or (e) of subsection (2) of section 37 of this Act, and imports the same in accordance with an import licence duly granted by the Inspector-General of Police who may grant or refuse the same in his discretion, subject to a like appeal as that provided for in section 6 of this Act, and who may impose such terms and conditions as he may think fit; or
- (e) he gives an undertaking in writing that he will forthwith apply for a licence in accordance with section 4 of this Act and surrenders such firearm or ammunition for deposit in a public armoury pending a decision upon such application.

20. Import by post prohibited

No person shall import or cause to be imported any firearms or ammunition by post.

21. Restrictions on export of firearms and ammunition

No person shall export or cause to be exported any firearms or ammunition referred to in Part II or Part III of the Schedule to this Act unless he declares the same to a customs officer or other prescribed officer at the time of export and produces the licence or permit held in respect thereof for surrender or endorsement, or otherwise satisfies such customs or other prescribed officer that he is lawfully in possession thereof.

[Schedule Part II or III.]

PART VI

Manufacture and repair of arms

22. Manufacture prohibited

Subject to the provisions of sections 23 to 25 of this Act, no person shall manufacture, assemble or repair any firearms or ammunition except at a public armoury or at arsenals established for the purposes of the armed forces with the consent of the President, acting in his discretion.

23. Permits for repair of personal firearms

The Inspector-General of Police may in his discretion grant a permit to any person to carry on the business of manufacture and repair of the firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule to this Act, and shall maintain a register of such permits in force.

[Schedule Part III.]

24. Permits for repair of muzzle-loading firearms

The Inspector-General of Police may, with the consent of the Governor of the State, in his discretion grant a permit to any person to carryon the business of manufacture and repair of the firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule to this Act, and shall maintain a register of such permits in force.

[Schedule Part III.]

25. Dealer may repair

A registered firearms dealer shall be deemed to be the holder of a permit for the repair of the weapons referred to in Parts II and III of the Schedule to this Act subject to any conditions prescribed by regulations.

[Schedule Part II and III.]

26. Shortening of smooth-bore firearms prohibited

No person shall shorten the barrel of a smooth-bore firearm to a length of less than twenty inches from the muzzle to the point at which the charge is exploded on firing, and no person shall have in his possession or under his control any smooth-bore firearm which has been so shortened, or manufacture a smooth-bore firearm having such a barrel of less then twenty inches or have in his possession or under his control any firearms manufactured in contravention of this section.

[1966 No. 31.]

PART VII

Enforcement of act

27. Penalties

(1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section, is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction-

[1966 No. 31.]

- (a) as to any offences under any of the following-
 - (i) section 3 of this Act, (which prohibits the possession or control of firearms or certain categories);
 - (ii) section 17 of this Act, (which prohibits the importation or exportation or firearms or ammunition other than through prescribed ports);
 - (iii) section 18 of this Act, (which restricts the importation or exportation or certain firearms or ammunition); and
 - (iv) section 22 of this Act, (which prohibits the manufacture, assembly, or repair of firearms and ammunition),
to a minimum sentence of ten years;
- (b) as to any offence under any of the following-
 - (i) section 4 of this Act, (which restricts the possession or control of personal firearms);
 - (ii) section 8 of this Act, (which restricts the possession or control of ammunition in respect of certain firearms);

- (iii) section 9 (1) of this Act, (which prohibits any dealing in arms or ammunition);
 - (iv) section 19 of this Act, (which restricts the importation of personal firearms or ammunition); and
 - (v) section 26 of this Act, (which, among other things, prohibits the shortening of smooth-bore firearms),
- to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years;
- (c) as to any offences under any of the following-
- (i) section 5 (3) of this Act, (which restricts the possession or control of a muzzle-loading firearm within a specified area);
 - (ii) section 7 (2) of this Act, (which requires notification of loss, theft or destruction and certain other things with respect to firearms);
 - (iii) section 10 of this Act (which relates to a registered dealer's armoury);
 - (iv) section 11 of this Act (which deals with the sale or transfer of firearms or ammunition to licence holders); and
 - (v) section 12 of this Act (which relates to the stamping of all firearms sold or transferred),

to a fine of one thousand naira or imprisonment for a term of two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Where a person contrary to section 20 of this Act imports or causes to be imported firearms or ammunition by post or, contrary to section 21 of this Act, exports or causes to be exported any firearm or ammunition therein referred to, he is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than ten years.

(3) In addition to the penalties prescribed in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, any court of law may order the forfeiture of any firearm or ammunition to which the offence relates and any such forfeited firearm or ammunition shall be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the Inspector-General of Police.

[1966 No. 61.]

(4) A person charged with an offence under the provisions of subsection (1) (a), (b) or (c) of this section may be tried summarily in any part of Nigeria.

(5) Every magistrate shall, without prejudice to any enactment relating to the jurisdiction of any other court of law, have and exercise jurisdiction for the summary trial of any person charged with an offence under the provisions of subsection (1) (a), (b) or (c) of this section and may impose the penalties prescribed herein notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other enactment.

28. Production of licence

The holder of any licence or permit granted in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall produce the same, and if so required any firearm or ammunition to which such licence or permit relates, upon the request of a police officer, and in default shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of one hundred naira or imprisonment for six months.

29. Time for compliance

Reasonable time shall be given by a police officer for compliance with the provisions of section 28 of this Act.

30. Power to break open container

An officer executing a search warrant under the Criminal Procedure Act may open and if necessary break open any container upon the premises the subject of the warrant for the purpose of ascertaining whether any firearm or ammunition is contained therein, and the officer in charge of a public armoury shall have similar power for a similar purpose in respect of any container in a public armoury.

[Cap. C41.]

31. Protection of public officers

(1) The prescribed authorities and officers in charge of public armouries in Nigeria are hereby authorised and empowered to take all such necessary action and to do all such things as the efficient execution of any of the provisions of this Act may reasonably require.

(2) Where any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, are brought against any public officer in respect of any act done in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or any regulations made hereunder, it shall be a good defence to prove that there was reasonable and probable cause for the act in respect of which such proceedings are brought.

PART VIII

Regulations and other powers

32. Power to make regulations

(1) The President may by regulations provide for-

- (a) the method of application for and the terms and conditions which shall be attached to any licence or permit granted, and to any registration effected under this Act and the renewal and revocation of any such licence, permit or registration;
- (b) the records which shall be kept and returns to be made by a registered firearms dealer;
- (c) the records which shall be kept and returns to be made by authorities granting licences in respect of muzzle-loading firearms;
- (d) requirements as to the buildings in which a registered firearms dealer shall carry on his business, and as to the structural and safety and security requirements of an armoury maintained by a dealer;
- (e) the procedure upon sale or transfer by a registered firearms dealer of firearms or ammunition which shall be subject to licensing procedure in another part of Nigeria;
- (f) the stamping or marking of firearms and the method thereof

- (g) the conditions or circumstances in which deposit shall be made or may be made in a public armoury and the conditions of and method for withdrawal therefrom;
- (h) the conditions under which the provisions of this Act may be modified in respect of rifle clubs in accordance with section 37 of this Act;
- (i) the total or partial exemption from the provisions of this Act of any type of airgun, air-ritele or air-pistol (and ammunition therefor) the use or possession of which is considered to involve no danger or little danger, and any conditions to be attached to such exemption;
- (j) prescribing anything which by this Act has to be prescribed;
- (k) prescribing forms;
- (l) subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, prescribing fees or minimum fees; and generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Governor of a State, and the President may by regulations provide for their fees to be paid in respect of the licensing of personal firearms in the State.

(3) The proceeds of any fees in respect of the licensing of muzzle-loading firearms in accordance with section 5 of this Act, shall be retained by the authority collecting such fees in augmentation of the funds of such authority.

33. Power to amend Schedule

The President may by order amend any part of the Schedule to this Act.

34. Delegation

The Inspector-General of Police may by notice in the Federal *Gazette* delegate all or any of the powers or duties conferred upon him by this Act, other than this power of delegation, to any police officer or police officers, subject to such conditions, exceptions and qualifications and in respect of such parts of the Federation as may therein be prescribed, and during the period of such a delegation a reference in this Act to the Inspector-General of Police shall be deemed to include a reference to any police officer or police officers to whom the relevant power or duty has been delegated.

35. President may prohibit possession or dealing

(1) The President, if he thinks fit, may at any time by proclamation prohibit the possession of or dealing in any firearms or ammunition, either throughout the Federation or in any part thereof, and either absolutely or except subject to such restrictions or conditions as may be specified.

(2) A proclamation under subsection (1) of this section, may require the surrender of firearms and ammunition within a specified time and to a specified authority, and any person neglecting to make such surrender, or being in possession of or dealing in any firearm or ammunition during the period that such proclamation is in force, is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of one thousand naira or imprisonment for two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

36. Seizure of unclaimed arms and ammunition

A police officer may seize any firearm or ammunition of which the owner is unknown or cannot be traced, and shall in such case deposit the same in a public armoury.

PART IX

Savings

37. Exemption from necessity for firearms licence

(1) The provision of this section shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of Part II of this Act.

(2) A person specified in any of the following paragraphs, subject to any limitation specified in such paragraph, may acquire or have in his possession a firearm and ammunition therefor without having a firearms licence, whilst such firearm or ammunition is not used for other than the specified purpose of other than its proper purpose-

- (a) a registered firearms dealer, or person employed by him, in respect of a firearm or ammunition therefor acquired or in his possession in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) the holder of a permit for the manufacture or repair of firearms, subject to the terms of such permit, and in respect of a firearm or ammunition therefor acquired or in his possession in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) a person requiring to use a riveting gun, or mechanical tool of some other nature which may come within the definition of a firearm, in respect of such gun or other tool;
- (d) a person on board a ship or aircraft, or at a port of aerodrome, in respect of signalling apparatus necessary for such ship or aircraft, or necessary at such port or aerodrome;
- (e) a member of a rifle club approved by the Inspector-General of Police, or of a unit of a cadet force so approved, when engaged as such a member in drill or target practice or under instruction in respect of any target practice or under instruction in respect of any firearm or ammunition necessary for such drill or practice;
- (f) a person taking part in the production of a theatrical or cinematograph performance in respect of a firearm or ammunition necessary for such purpose;
- (g) a person having a firearm or ammunition for the purpose of starting events at an athletic meeting in respect of a firearm or ammunition designed for such purpose;
- (h) a person having a firearm or ammunition therefor designed for the capture of fish by a diver under water in respect of such firearm or ammunition.

38. Armed forces and police

The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any member of the armed forces of the Federation, or to a member of the police force, in relation to any firearm or ammunition issued to him for official purposes, and an officer of such armed forces or of the police

force shall, if the Inspector-General of Police is satisfied that he is required to purchase or acquire a firearm or ammunition therefor for his own use in his capacity as such officer, be entitled without payment of any fee to the grant of a licence therefor.

SCHEDULE
[Sections 2,3-5.8,23-25.33.]

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- 7.** Revolvers and pistols whether rifled or unrifled (including flint-lock pistols and cap pistols).
[1966 No. 31. 1966 No. 68.]
- 8.** Any other firearm not specified in Part II or Part III of this Schedule.

PART II

Personal firearms

- 1.** Shotguns other than-
 - (a) automatic and semi-automatic shotguns; and
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[L.N. of 1959.]

under section 33

[*1st February,
1959*]

[Commencement.]

PART I

Introductory

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the Firearms Regulations.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"authorised police officer" means, in relation to any power or duty, a police officer to whom such power or duty has for the time being been delegated under section 35 of the Act;

"licensing area" means the area of responsibility of any licensing authority;

"licensing authority" means a police officer to whom the power to grant licences to bear firearms has for the time being been delegated under section 35 of the Act;

"proper officer" means a proper officer within the meaning of the Customs and Excise Management Act;

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"registered dealer" means a firearms dealer registered as such under section 10 of the Act.

PART II

Licensing, etc.

3. Duration and renewal of licence, etc.

(1) A licence shall, unless forfeited, remain in operation until 31 December of the year in which it was granted.

(2) A licence or permit may be renewed by endorsement thereon at the discretion of the licensing authority who issued the original licence or permit, on payment of the prescribed fee, if any.

4. Register of firearms and licences

The Inspector-General of Police shall maintain in the prescribed form a register of firearms and licences to bear the same issued in each licensing area.

[Form 1.]

5. Issue of permits for withdrawal of firearm from armoury and purchase of ammunition

(1) The Inspector-General of Police may issue permits for the withdrawal from an armoury of a firearm or the purchase or withdrawal from an armoury of ammunition.

(2) A permit issued under this regulation shall be valid for a period of sixty days only from the date of issue thereof.

6. Firearm withdrawn from armoury to be produced to licensing authority

(1) Within fourteen days of the withdrawal of any firearm from a registered dealer's or public armoury, the person withdrawing the same shall produce the firearm and the licence therefor to a licensing authority.

- (2) Upon the production of a firearm and licence as aforesaid, such authority shall-
- (a) if the licence has been issued under his authority, insert the full particulars of the firearm in the register of firearms and in the schedule to the licence;
 - (b) if the licence has not been issued under his authority, insert the full particulars of the firearm in the schedule to the licence and notify the authority which issued the licence of the particulars of the firearm, for insertion in the register of firearms, and of the action taken.

7. Marking of firearms

(1) Every firearm which does not bear the maker's name and number or a mark or distinguishing letter or letters and number, shall be marked by the licensing authority by whom it is registered.

(2) The Inspector-General of Police shall allocate to each licensing authority a distinguishing letter or letters, and the licensing authority shall mark a firearm by stamping on the stock or other suitable place the distinguishing letter or letters so allocated to him, and a serial number.

8. Applicant for licence for personal firearm to apply to his local licensing authority

An application for a licence to bear a firearm of categories 6, 7 and 8 in Part I of the Schedule to the Act and of the categories specified in Part II of the Schedule to the Act shall be made only to the licensing authority having authority for the area in which the applicant resides.

[Form 2.]

9. Procedure on non-renewal or revocation of licence or permit or on disposal of firearm

- (1) Whenever a licence or permit to bear a firearm or ammunition-
- (a) has expired and has not been renewed; or
 - (b) has been revoked or suspended but the firearm or ammunition in respect of which such licence or permit was issued has not been forfeited,

the holder of the licence or permit shall forthwith deposit the firearm and ammunition (if any) in a public armoury.

(2) The holder of a licence or permit to bear firearms or ammunition who intends to sell or otherwise dispose of any firearm or ammunition specified in the schedule to such licence or permit shall, without delay-

- (a) inform in writing the nearest licensing authority of the details of such sale or disposal; and
- (b) forward the licence or permit to such licensing authority for endorsement or cancellation.

10. Procedure when holder of licence leaves Nigeria

The holder of a licence to bear a firearm who intends to leave Nigeria and who does not intend to take the firearm out of Nigeria, shall, prior to his departure, deposit such firearm and ammunition therefor (if any), in a public armoury, and shall give notice of such deposit in the prescribed form to the authority which issued the licence.

[Form 6.]

11. Returns

A police officer to whom the Inspector-General of Police has delegated any power to issue licences or permits shall render to the Inspector-General of Police the following returns in the prescribed forms-

[Form 7.]

- (a) a monthly return of all licences or permits issued by him during that month;
- (b) a half-yearly return of the total number of all categories of firearms for which licences are held by persons residing in the licensing area for which he is responsible, together with a return of the total number of firearms in such area for which no licences have been issued.

[Form 8.]

PART III

Sale and transfer

12. Application for registration as firearms dealer

(1) Every person seeking registration in the register of firearms dealers shall make application in the prescribed form and notification of registration shall be made by the authorised police officer in the prescribed form.

[Form 9. Form 10.]

(2) Any registration in the register of firearms dealers shall remain in operation until 31 December of the year in which it was affected.

[L.N. 46 of 1964.]

(3) Any such registration may be renewed at the discretion of the authorised police officer on payment of the prescribed fee, if any.

13. Construction of registered dealer's armoury

(1) Every registered dealer's armoury shall consist of the whole or the part of a strongly constructed building, built for or converted to that special purpose, and made properly secure against unlawful entry.

(2) Detailed plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Minister charged with responsibility for works and any requirements made on his behalf shall be complied with before the construction of any registered dealer's armoury is commenced and in such plans and specifications the means of ventilation and lighting shall be clearly shown, and a statement furnished of the types and maximum quantities of firearms and ammunition that it is intended are to be stored.

14. Appointment of watchmen

The Inspector-General of Police may, if he considers it necessary, require the person in charge of any registered dealer's armoury to employ one or more watchmen and may detail the hours during which such watchmen shall be on duty, and the person in charge shall comply with such requirement.

15. Inspection by person in charge

When no watchman has been on duty at a registered dealer's armoury between sunset and sunrise, the person in charge of the armoury shall inspect or cause to be inspected, the door and fastenings of the armoury as soon as possible after sunrise, to ascertain that no unlawful entry has been made.

16. Records to be kept by a registered dealer

A registered dealer shall keep up to date the following records-

- (a) a file containing a record of licences for the import of arms and ammunition for which application has been made to the authorised police officer and the result of such applications;
- (b) a register of imports in which shall be recorded-
 - (i) the type, and the calibre or bore, and the maker's name and number, and any mark or distinguishing letter or letters, and number of each firearm imported, together with a reference to the import licence under which it was imported, and to the authority under which it was withdrawn from the public armoury;
 - (ii) the date of such withdrawal and the date of deposit in the registered dealer's armoury;
 - (iii) the quantity and description of any ammunition imported, together with a reference to the import licence under which it was imported, and to the authority under which it was withdrawn from the public armoury;
 - (iv) the date of such withdrawal and the date of deposit in the registered dealer's armoury;
- (c) a file of all dealings in firearms and ammunition made between the registered dealer and any other registered dealer or any manufacturer or repairer of firearms;
- (d) a register of dealings in firearms and ammunition made between the aforesaid in which shall be recorded-
 - (i) the type, and the calibre or bore, and the maker's name and number and any mark or distinguishing letter or letters, and number of each firearm purchased or sold;
 - (ii) the name and address of the purchaser or vendor of each such firearm as the case may be;
 - (iii) the date of each such purchase and sale;
 - (iv) the quantity and description of any ammunition purchased or sold;
 - (v) the name and address of the purchaser or vendor of such ammunition as the case may be;

- (vi) the date of each such purchase or sale;
- (vii) a reference to all orders authorising the withdrawal of any firearms or ammunition from the registered dealer's armoury;
- (e) a file of the documents relating to all dealings in firearms and ammunition between the registered dealer and individuals;
- (f) a register of all dealings in firearms and ammunition between the registered dealer and any individuals, which shall be maintained under the same headings as in paragraph (d) of this regulation.

17. Withdrawal of firearms and ammunition from registered dealer's armoury

- (1) The person in charge of a registered dealer's armoury shall not permit any firearm or ammunition to be withdrawn from the armoury unless-
 - (a) the withdrawal is authorised, in the case of a firearm (and the ammunition therefor) specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Act by the President, and, in the case of a firearm (and the ammunition therefor) specified in Part II of the said Schedule, by the Inspector-General of Police, for the purpose of des-patching the firearm or ammunition to another armoury;
 - (b) the person wishing to withdraw the firearm or ammunition has produced to him-
 - (i) in the case of a firearm, a valid licence in respect thereof together with two copies of a valid permit to withdraw the firearm issued under regulation 5 of these Regulations;
 - (ii) in the case of ammunition, a valid permit to purchase or withdraw the ammunition issued under regulation 5 of these Regulations.

(2) Where a firearm has been withdrawn from a registered dealer's armoury by a person holding a licence in respect thereof, the person in charge of the armoury shall retain one copy of the permit to withdraw the firearm and shall, within three days of such withdrawal, forward the other copy of the permit to the licensing authority which issued the permit.

PART IV

Public armouries

18. Records to be kept at public armoury

- (1) At every public armoury, the officer in charge thereof shall keep up to date the following records-
 - (a) a register in which shall be recorded-
 - (i) the date on which each firearm of any of the categories referred to in Part I or Part II of the Schedule to the Act was deposited in the armoury;
 - (ii) the type, and the calibre or bore, and the maker's name and number and any mark or distinguishing letter or letters, and number of each firearm so deposited;

- (iii) the name of the person by whom it was deposited;
 - (iv) the name of the registered firearms dealer or person or individual by whom it was withdrawn;
 - (v) the date of its withdrawal together with a reference to the order authorising the withdrawal;
 - (vi) the date on which any ammunition intended for use with the firearm was deposited, together with the particulars required in sub-paragraphs (iii), (iv) and (v) of this paragraph;
- (b) a file of all orders authorising the withdrawal of firearms or ammunition.
- (2) The officer in charge of a public armoury shall issue a receipt in respect of all firearms and ammunition deposited in the armoury.

[Form 11.]

19. Permit for owner to inspect and maintain firearms and ammunition deposited in public armoury

- (1) The owner, or the agent of the owner, of any firearm or ammunition deposited in any public armoury, may, with the written permission of the officer in charge of the armoury, and at dates and times to be fixed by such officer, visit such armoury for the purpose of inspection, cleaning, or maintenance of such firearm or ammunition.
- (2) The term maintenance in respect of any firearm shall be deemed to mean the dismantling and oiling of the mechanism of the firearm, and shall not be interpreted to mean repair of such mechanism.

20. Withdrawal of firearms and ammunition from public armoury

- (1) The officer in charge of a public armoury shall not permit any firearm or ammunition to be withdrawn from the armoury unless-
 - (a) the withdrawal is authorised, in the case of a firearm (and the ammunition therefor) specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Act, by the President, and, in the case of a firearm (and the ammunition therefor) specified in Part II of the said Schedule, by the Inspector-General of Police, for the purpose of despatching the firearm or ammunition to another armoury, or of exporting the firearm or ammunition from Nigeria; or
 - (b) the person wishing to withdraw the firearm or ammunition has produced to him-
 - (i) in the case of a firearm, a valid licence in respect thereof together with two copies of a valid permit to withdraw the firearm issued under regulation 5 of these Regulations;
 - (ii) in the case of ammunition, a valid permit to purchase or withdraw the ammunition issued under regulation 5 of these Regulations.
- (2) Where a firearm has been withdrawn from a public armoury by a person holding a licence in respect thereof, the officer in charge of the armoury shall retain one copy of the permit to withdraw the firearm and shall, within three days of such withdrawal, forward the other copy of the permit to the licensing authority who issued the permit.

PART V

Import and export

21. Deposit of imported firearms and ammunition in public armoury

All firearms and ammunition imported into Nigeria shall be deposited, in accordance with any requirements of the Director of Customs and Excise, at the place of entry in a public armoury:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to any firearms or ammunition imported in the circumstances set out in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of section 20 of the Act.

22. Declaration by importers

(1) Every importer of firearms or ammunition completing a declaration in accordance with paragraph (b) of section 20 of the Act shall do so in the prescribed form.

[Form 12.]

(2) The duration of any permit issued under paragraph (b) of section 20 of the Act for the temporary possession of any firearm or ammunition following a declaration as aforesaid shall not exceed thirty days.

(3) The authorised police officer shall maintain a register in which shall be recorded-

- (a) the date on which each such declaration was issued;
- (b) the full name of the person by whom such declaration was made, including the particulars of the travel documents of such person;
- (c) the date on which and the public armoury in which such firearm or ammunition was deposited;
- (d) the particulars of action taken in case of non-fulfilment of the undertaking contained in such declaration.

23. Cost of transmission of firearms or ammunition through official channels

The importer of any firearm or ammunition required under section 20 of the Act to surrender such firearm or ammunition for transmission through official channels to a specified authority or public armoury, shall bear all costs in connection with such transmission, and shall pay such costs in advance.

24. Duration of transit permits

The duration of any permit issued under paragraph (c) of section 20 of the Act for the temporary possession of any firearm or ammunition during a period of transit shall not exceed three months.

25. Escorts to consignments of firearms or ammunition

The Inspector-General of Police, if he is of the opinion that any consignment of firearms or ammunition in transit in Nigeria requires any special safeguards, may provide a police guard for such consignment at the cost of the owner, or the agent of the owner, of such consignment as a condition of any licence or permit.

26. Police guard at request of customs officer

The proper officer of customs, if he is of the opinion that any consignment of firearms or ammunition requires special safeguards during handling in a port area, shall apply to the Inspector-General of Police for a police guard to be placed on such consignment, and the cost of any such guard shall be borne by the importer as a condition of any licence or permit.

PART VI

Manufacture and repair of firearms

27. Conditions of permit to repair firearms

The requirements contained in regulations 28 to 35 of these Regulations inclusive shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 50, be conditions of every permit issued under section 24 or 25 of the Act.

28. Firearms repairer to maintain armoury

Every firearms repairer shall maintain an armoury which shall comply with the requirements for a registered dealer's armoury as set out in regulation 13 of these Regulations.

29. Situation of repair workshops

The workshop for the carrying out of repairs to firearms shall be in the same building as, or adjacent to, the armoury.

30. Safeguarding of firearms

- (1) Firearms awaiting repair shall be stored in the armoury for safe custody.
- (2) Firearms on which repairs have been completed shall be removed from the workshop forthwith and returned to the armoury.

31. Records to be kept by firearms repairer

Every firearms repairer shall keep up to date a register in which shall be recorded-

- (a) the name and address of the owner of each firearm accepted for repair;
- (b) the number of the firearm licence and the address of the licensing authority;
- (c) the type, and the calibre or bore, and the maker's name and number and any mark or distinguishing letter or letters, and the number of the firearm;
- (d) the signature or thumb-print of the owner of the firearm;
- (e) the nature of the repairs carried out;
- (f) the date of acceptance from, and date of return to, the owner of the firearm.

32. Licence to be produced before accepting firearm for repair

A firearms repairer shall not accept a firearm for repair from any person unless, at the time of tendering the firearm for repair, such person has produced to him a licence to bear the firearm, and the firearms repairer has satisfied himself to the best of his ability that-

- (a) the person tendering the licence appears to be the holder of the licence; and

(b) the licence tendered is in respect of the firearm submitted for repair.

33. Prohibition of conversion of flint-lock guns into cap-guns

A firearms repairer shall not convert a flint-lock gun into a cap-gun or attempt or be concerned in any such conversion or do any act for the purpose of causing, assisting, or facilitating such conversion.

34. Inspection of premises

A firearms repairer shall permit inspection of any place in which he carries on business and the records maintained thereat by a police officer upon production by such officer of the written authority of the Inspector-General of Police.

35. Repairs to firearms by registered dealer

A registered firearms dealer shall be deemed to be the holder of a permit for the repair of the weapons referred to in Parts II and III of the Schedule to the Act in accordance with section 26 of the Act subject to the following conditions-

- (a) before repairing any firearms he shall notify the authorised police officer in the prescribed form of his intention to carryon the business of repairing firearms;
- (b) all conditions to which a permit issued under section 24 or 25 of the Act are subject by virtue of regulation 27 of these Regulations, shall be complied with.

36. Application for permit to manufacture and repair firearms

Every application for a permit to carryon the business of manufacture and repair of the firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule to the Act in respect of premises, the plans for the operation of which would constitute the premises, a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act, shall be supported by a certificate of registration issued under section 3 of the said Act.

[1955 No. 33. Cap. F1.]

37. Plans of new premises to be submitted

Detailed plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Chief Inspector appointed under section 64 of the Factories Act, in such detail as he may require, in addition to the form of application for registration provided for in that Act, before the construction of any new premises intended to be used as a manufactory of firearms is commenced.

[Cap. F1.]

38. Conditions of permit to manufacture and repair firearms

The requirements contained in regulations 39 to 43 of these Regulations inclusive shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 50, be conditions of every permit issued under section 25 of the Act in addition to the conditions required by regulation 27 of these Regulations.

39. Capacity of armoury

The armoury in any place for the manufacture of firearms shall be constructed having a minimum storage capacity of twice the estimated maximum monthly output of firearms of the manufactory.

40. Proving ground for firearms

(1) Every place for the manufacture of firearms shall be provided with a proving ground, constructed either internally or externally for testing each firearm manufactured.

(2) Detailed plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Minister charged with responsibility for works and any requirements made on his behalf shall be complied with before the construction of any firearm proving ground is commenced.

41. Design and materials

(1) No firearm shall be manufactured except muzzle-loading firearms of smooth bore single-barrel design.

(2) No materials except seamless steel tubing of not more than one half inch in diameter shall be used in the manufacture of the barrels of such firearms.

42. Stamping of firearms by manufacturer

Every firearm shall be stamped by the manufacturer on the wooden stock or other suitable place with the manufacturer's name and number, or mark or distinguishing letter or letters and number.

43. Records to be kept by manufacturer

Every firearms manufacturer shall keep up to date the following records-

- (a) a file in which shall be kept the documents relating to the purchase of all seamless steel tubing and all other manufactured component parts acquired for use in the manufactory;
- (b) a register, or registers, in which shall be recorded-
 - (i) the quantities of seamless steel tubing purchased, and the diameters of such steel tubing;
 - (ii) the day-to-day output of the manufactory;
 - (iii) the particulars stamped on each firearm manufactured;
 - (iv) a record of the firing test or tests carried out on each firearm manufactured;
- (c) a file of all dealings in firearms between the manufacturer and any other firearms manufacturer or registered firearms dealer;
- (d) a register of dealings in firearms made between the aforesaid in which shall be entered the particulars required by paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of regulation 16 of these Regulations;
- (e) a file of all permits authorising withdrawals from the armoury.

44. Firearms repairer includes firearms manufacturer and repairer

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a firearms repairer shall be deemed to include a reference to a firearms manufacturer and repairer.

PART VII*General***45. Forms**

The forms set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations are prescribed for the purposes stated in their respective titles.

[First Schedule.]

46. Fees for licences, etc.

(1) Except as provided in this regulation, there shall be paid in respect of licences, permits and applications for registration the fees specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

[Second Schedule.]

(2) No fees shall be payable for licences issued in respect of humane killers.

(3) The President, acting in his discretion, may waive any fee payable under this regulation.

(4) No fee shall be payable for a permit issued to a public officer for the withdrawal from an armoury of a firearm which is part of the official equipment of such officer.

(5) This regulation shall not apply in respect of the licensing of personal firearms in a State.

47. Prescribed towns

The towns specified in the Third Schedule to these Regulations shall be the prescribed towns for the purposes of section 18 of the Act.

[Third Schedule.]

48. Offences and penalties

Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of regulation 6 (1), 9, 10, 14, 15, 17 or 21 of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one hundred naira or imprisonment for six months or both.

49. Conditions of modification of Act in respect of rifle clubs

The provisions of the Act may be modified in respect of rifle clubs in accordance with section 38 of the Act on the following conditions-

- (a) that any such rifle club shall be constituted having a president and a secretary, and shall have a committee formally elected by the club members;
- (b) that all members subscribe to and are bound by a set of rules duly drawn up by the committee;

- (c) that the secretary shall submit to the authorised police officer a copy of the club rules together with a memorandum requesting permission for club members to hold rifle practices setting forth-
 - (i) the name, age, address and occupation of each club member, and the official position held in the club by such member;
 - (ii) the type of firearms intended to be used by the club;
 - (iii) a description of the type of practice intended to be held by the club;
 - (iv) the proposed venue of the club for such practices, and the times of such practices;
 - (v) the particulars of the ownership of any firearms belonging to the club, and of the licences to bear such firearms, or the source or sources from which it is intended to borrow firearms for the use of the club;
 - (vi) the name and address, and the qualifications, of a club member or associate nominated by the club committee to be the person responsible for the observance of the safety rules laid down by the club committee, or by the authorised police officer during any rifle practices held by the club;
 - (vii) the manner of safeguarding all firearms belonging to the club during the periods that such firearms are not in use by club members;
 - (viii) the method of transportation of such firearms to the venue of any rifle practice;
- (d) that no rifle practice shall be held without the permission of the authorised police officer and unless such restrictions, terms and conditions as he may think fit are complied with.

50. Power to waive certain conditions

An authorised police officer, acting in his discretion, may in writing waive any or all of the conditions contained in regulations 28, 29, 30, 31, 39, 40 and 43 of these Regulations in respect of any permit to carryon a business for the repair of firearms, or the manufacture and repair of firearms, in cases where in his opinion the scale of operations is of a minor nature.

51. Exemption of air-guns

Without prejudice to the application of the Act to air-rifles and air-pistols, no air-gun, being a smooth-bored weapon designed to discharge a pellet by means of compressed air or inert gas and having a barrel of more than nine inches in length, shall be subject to any of the provisions of the Act or of these Regulations.

52. Revocation of Arms Regulations

- (1) The Arms Regulations are revoked.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 45 of these Regulations and the revocation effected by paragraph (1) of this regulation, the forms set out in the First Schedule to the Arms Regulations hereby revoked may, for the purposes of the Act and regulations made thereunder, be used with such adaptations and modifications as may be necessary.

FIRST SCHEDULE
[Regulation 45.]

Forms

FORM

1. Register of firearms.
2. Application for permission to bear a prohibited/personal firearm.
3. Licence to bear arms.
4. Application to withdraw firearms and/or ammunition from a Public Registered Dealer's Armoury.
5. Permit to withdraw arms and/or ammunition from a Public Registered Dealer's Armoury.
6. Notification by arms licence holder of intention to leave Nigeria.
7. Monthly return of licensed firearms.
8. Half-yearly return of licensed and unlicensed firearms.
9. Application for registration in the register of firearms dealers.
10. Notification of registration under section 10 of the Firearms Act.
11. Receipt for firearms deposited in a public armoury.
12. Permit for temporary possession of firearms and ammunition issued subject to undertaking made by importer.
13. Permit to import firearms and/or ammunition subject to transmission by official channels to a specified authority or public armoury.
14. Permit for temporary possession of firearms and/or ammunition in transit as part of personal effects.
15. Licence to import firearms and ammunition.
16. Licence to export firearms and ammunition.
17. Application for permit to carryon a business for the repair of firearms.
18. Permit to carryon a business for the repair of firearms.
19. Application for permit to carryon a business for the manufacture and repair of firearms,
20. Permit to carryon a business for the manufacture and repair of firearms referred to in Part of the Schedule.

Register of firearms

Register of firearms and licences to bear the same, issued at

during the month ending

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REVERSE OF FORM 1

Register of firearms

Licence								Arms		Registration			
Serial No. of Licence	Name, address and occupation	Age	Sex	Nationality and Pharo	Date of Issue	Renewal of First Issue	By whom Issued	Type of Firearm	Calibre or Bore	Maker's name and number, or distinguishing mark or letter(s) and number	Date Form 6 received from Armoury'	Firearms presented for Registration	Date application for renewal of licence received

[Regulation 8.]

Application for permission to bear a prohibited personal firearm
The Licensing Authority,

1. Name of applicant in **full**

(*in block capitals*)

2. Address

3. Date and place of birth

*4. Date of first arrival in Nigeria

5. Occupation

*6. Name and address of present employer and date of first employment with him

*7. Names of previous employers in Nigeria and dates of service with them

*8. Have you previously been refused an application to bear a firearm in Nigeria? If so, state the type of firearm for which you applied and the authority who refused it

*9. Do you hold any licences to bear firearms in Nigeria? If so, state types of firearm and authority who granted permit or licence for them

* 10. Have you held or do you still hold any licence to bear firearms in any country other than Nigeria? if so, give details

11. Type, calibre or bore, and make of firearm for which application is now made

*12. Do you suffer from any illness or physical disability which might impair your ability to handle a firearm safely?

13. Purpose for which firearm is wanted

FORM 2-*continued*

If my application is granted, I undertake-

- (1) to secure the firearm in a safe place at my place of residence and under my direct control;
- (2) not to allow its use by any other person;
- (3) to produce the firearm and licence when required by a police or administrative officer;
- (4) to notify the licensing authority if the firearm is lost, stolen or destroyed;
- (5) if for any reason I should decide to leave Nigeria and am not taking my firearm with me, to deposit my firearm in a public armoury, and to inform the licensing authority of the date and place of such deposit;
- (6) to notify the authorised police officer in the event of my changing my address.

Signature or mark of applicant

NOTES

Item 4: Applicable only to expatriates.

Items 6 and 7: If applicant is self-employed, write "self-employed" and state nature of business.
Section 6 of the Firearms Act, reads-

"6 (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 5 of this Act, no person shall, as of right, be entitled to the grant of any licence or permit under this Act, and the authority having the function of granting such licence or permit may without being bound to assign any reason therefor refuse the grant of such licence or permit or, subject to the provisions of any regulations made under section 32 of this Act, may impose such terms and conditions as he may think fit, and may revoke such licence or permit for such cause as he may consider appropriate:

Provided that any person aggrieved by any such decisions, other than a decision by the President, may appeal in writing to the President, acting in his discretion, whose decision thereon shall be final".

† Delete whichever does not apply.

* Not required in an application for permission to bear an air-rifle or air-gun.
Recommendation by Head of Department, employer, or person of standing.

Date Signature

LICENSING AUTHORITY

Report and recommendation-

Date Signature

Inspector-General of Police, decision
report and recommendation-

Date Signature

President's decision-

Date Signature

FORM 3
[Regulation 45.]

Licence to bear arms

1. Licence is hereby granted to:

.....
of to possess and
bear the firearm described in the Schedule hereunder.

2. This licence is issued subject to the following terms and conditions-

3. This licence is valid until 31 December, 20

Fee paid naira

DATED this day of 20

Authorised Police Officer

SCHEDULE

Firearms				Ammunition		Remarks
Quantity	Type of Firearm	Calibre or Bore	Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letter(s) and number	Quantity	Description	

RENEWALS

This licence is hereby renewed until

.....
Authorised Police Officer

Date

Place

FORM 4
[Regulation 5.]

*Application to withdraw firearms and/or ammunition from a
public/registered dealer's armoury*

The Licensing Authority,

.....

1. I,

of

hereby make application to withdraw from the public/registered dealer's armoury*
at.....

.....the firearm and/or ammunition mentioned in the Schedule
hereunder.

2. The purpose of this withdrawal is as follows –

.....

.....

.....

..... 3. In support
of this application, the undermentioned documents are presented herewith-
*Firearms Licence No

DATED this day of 20

.....

.....

.....
Signature of application

"Not required where the withdrawal is for the sole purpose of exporting the firearms.

SCHEDULE

Firearms				Ammunition		Remarks
Quantity	Type of Firearm	Calibre or Bore	Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letteris) and number	Quantity	Description	

* Delete that which is not applicable.

FORM 5
[Regulation
51.]

Permit to withdraw firearms and/or ammunition from a public/registered dealer's armoury

or for the purchase of ammunition

1. Permission is hereby granted to
of

to withdraw and/or purchase ammunition
from the Public/Registered Dealer's *armoury at
the firearms and/or ammunition* described in the Schedule hereunder.

2. The purposes of the withdrawal are as follows-

FORM 5---*continued*

.....
.....
3. This permit is issued subject to the following terms and conditions –

.....
.....
4. This permit is valid for 60 days from date of issue.
DATED thisday of20

.....
Authorised Police Officer

SCHEDULE

Firearms				Ammunition		Remarks
Quantity	Type of Firearm	Calibre or Bore	Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letteris and number	Quantity	Description	

Reverse of Form 5

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In every case of withdrawal of firearms, this Form must be tendered in duplicate to the officer or person in charge of the armoury.

2. In every case that this Form is tendered, having only the "Type of Firearm" column of the Schedule completed, the officer or person in charge of the armoury shall write in under the appropriate headings the full description of the firearm(s) in both the original and duplicate copies of the Form.

3. The following certificate is then to be completed by the officer or person in charge of the armoury-

I have today delivered tothe person named in this permit,
the registered/unregistered firearm(s)* described in the Schedule, on production by him of this

permit and valid Arms Licence No

Signature

Designation

Date

4. The duplicate copy of this Form will be returned to the issuing authority by the officer or the person in charge of the armoury within 3 days of tender.

**Delete words which are not applicable.*

FORM 6
[Regulation 10.]

Notification by firearms licence holder of intention to leave Nigeria
The Licensing Authority,

.....
1. I
of

am the holder of Firearm Licence No.
issued by
authorising me to bear firearm No
Make

2. I am about to leave Nigeria*
and do not intend to take th9 above firearm with me. I have accordingly deposited the firearm and
the ammunition therefor in the public armoury at
in compliance with regulation 10 of the Firearms Regulations.

[L.N. 28 of 1958.]

DATED this day of 20

.....
Signature

CERTIFICATE BY AUTHORISED POLICE OFFICER

Certified that the above-mentioned firearm and the ammunition therefor have this
day been

deposited in the Public
Armoury.

.....
Authorised
Police Officer
Date

* State destination and period of absence.

+ Duplicate to be handed to owner who shall then forward it to the Licensing Authority.

‡ State quantity or delete if not applicable.

FORM 7
Regulation 11 (a).]
MONTHLY RETURN OF LICENSED FIREARMS
Month ending

<i>Licence</i>							<i>Firearms</i>			
<i>Serial No. of Licence</i>	<i>Name, address and occupation</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>	<i>Renewal of First Issue</i>	<i>Type of Firearm</i>	<i>Calibre or Bore</i>	<i>Maker's name and number, or distinguishing mark letter(s) and number</i>	<i>Remarks</i>

Date.....Office.....Authorised Police Officer

FORM 8
[Regulation 11 (b)]

FORM 11
[Regulation 18 (2).]

Receipt for firearms deposited in a public armoury

1. Received fromof
on deposit, the firearm(s) and/or ammunition described in the Schedule hereunder.
2. The purpose of such deposit is

Officer i/c of the Public Armoury

SCHEDEULE

Firearms				Ammunition		Remarks
<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type of Firearm</i>	<i>Calibre or Bore</i>	<i>Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letter(s) and number</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Description</i>	

FORM 12
[Regulation 22.]

*Permit for temporary possession offirearms and ammunition issued subject to
undertaking made by importer*

1. I,
.....
.....entered Nigeria by
(route)on
My destination in Nigeria is a place in excess of twenty miles from my
place of entry. I imported with me the firearm(s) and ammunition described in the Schedule on the
reverse of this Form.
2. I hereby promise and undertake to deposit the said firearm(s) and ammunition at the Public
Armoury atwithin
days of this date.
3. I further promise and undertake not to use or dispose of said firearm(s) and ammunition, or any
of them, before the same has been deposited as aforesaid.

.....
Signature of Importer

.....
Signature of Authorised Police Officer

FORM 12- *continued*

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

To Licensing Authority,

I hereby certify that the above-mentioned firearms and/or ammunition were deposited at this public armoury on the day of

Officer in Charge of the Public Armoury

NOTE.-This permit is to be returned by the Officer in charge of the Public Armoury to the authorised police officer after completion of the certificate of deposit above.

Reverse of Form 12

SCHEDULE

Firearms				Ammunition		Remarks
Quantity	Type of Firearm	Calibre or Bore	Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letteris) and number	Quantity	Description	

FORM 13
[Regulation 45.]

*Permit to import firearms and/or ammunition subject to transmission by official channels
to a specified authority or public armoury*

1. Permission is hereby granted to
Passport No;
issued at on
for the importation of the firearm and/or ammunition specified in the Schedule hereunder.
2. By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 20 (b) of the Firearms Act I,
hereby order that the said firearms and/or ammunition be surrendered to me for the purpose of transmission by official channels to
3. The cost of such transmission is to be borne by the importer.

FORM 13-continued

4. The production of this permit to the licensing authority at shall, subject to proof of identity by the importer, be sufficient proof of ownership of the said firearms and/or ammunition.

.....
Authorised Police Officer

Cost of Transmission paid
.....

.....
Authorised Police Officer

DATED this day of 20
SCHEDULE

<i>Firearms</i>				<i>Ammunition</i>		<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type of Firearm</i>	<i>Calibre or Bore</i>	<i>Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or leuerts and number</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Description</i>	

FORM 14
[Regulation 45.]

Permit for temporary possession of firearms and/or ammunition in transit as part of personal effects

1. Permission is hereby granted to who is proceeding through Nigeria to to take with him the firearms and/or ammunition specified in the Schedule hereunder.
2. This permit is granted subject to the following conditions-
 - (a) that the said shall produce this permit and the firearms and/or ammunition in respect of which the same is granted to at on a date not later than
 - (b) that he will not use or dispose of the said firearms and/or ammunition or any of them whilst in Nigeria.

FORM 14--continued

DATED thisday of 20

.....
Authorised Police Officer

SCHEDUL
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<i>Firearms</i>				<i>Ammunition</i>		<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type of Firearm</i>	<i>Calibre or Bore</i>	<i>Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letteris and number</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Description</i>	

FORM 15
[Regulation 45.]*Licence to import firearms and ammunition*

1. Licence is hereby granted to
ofto import by
sea/by land/by
to air or inland navigation*, the firearms and ammunition described in the Schedule hereunder.
2. The licence is granted subject to the following conditions-
- DATED thisday of 20
.....

.....
Authorised Police Officer

*Delete that which is not applicable.

SCHEDULE

<i>Firearms</i>				<i>Ammunition</i>		<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type of Firearm</i>	<i>Calibre or Bore</i>	<i>Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letteris and number</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Description</i>	

FORM 16
[Regulation 45.]

Licence to export firearms and ammunition

1. Licence is hereby granted to
of
..... to export by
sealby air or inland navigation*, the firearms and ammunition described in the Schedule hereunder
to
2. The licence is granted subject to the following terms and conditions-

.....

Authorised Police Officer

DATED thisday of 20

SCHEDULE

Firearms				Ammunition		Remarks
Quantity	Type of Firearm	Calibre or Bore	Maker's name and number or distinguishing mark or letter(s) and number	Quantity	Description	

FORM 17
[Regulation 45.]

Application for permit to carry on a business for the repair of firearms
The Licensing Authority,

-
1. I, of
hereby request permission to open and carryon a business for the repair of the firearms referred to
in Part II of the Schedule to the Firearms Act, at my business premises situated at
2. I wish to be authorised to store in the armoury at my business premises the firearms
mentioned in the Schedule on the reverse of this form.

FORM 17-continued

3. I have/have not* constructed a proper armoury at my business premises in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Date

.....
**Delete that which is not applicable.*

Reverse of Form 17

SCHEDULE

PART II

Personal firearms

<i>Shotgun</i>	<i>Sporting Rifles</i>	<i>Air Rifles</i>	<i>Air Pistols</i>

FORM 18

[Regulation 45.]

Permit to carry on a business for the repair of firearms

1. Permission is hereby granted to of
to open and carry on the business of repairer of the firearms referred to in Part II of the Schedule

to the Firearms Act, at the premises
..... subject to the provisions of the Act and the
Regulations.

2. The permit is issued subject to the following terms and conditions-

3. The armoury is licensed to store the firearms mentioned in the Schedule on the reverse
of this
Form.

DATED this day of 20

FORM 18-continued

Reverse of Form 18

SCHEDULE

PART II

Personal firearms

<i>Shotgun</i>	<i>Sport Rifles</i>	<i>Air Rifles</i>	<i>Air Pistols</i>

FORM 19
[Regulation 45.]

Application for permit to carry on a business for the manufacture and repair of firearms
The Licensing Authority,

-
1. I,of
hereby make application for a permit to carry on a business for the manufacture and repair
of the
firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule to the Firearms Act, at
2. I estimate that my monthly output of Part III firearms will be
3. I enclose the certificate of registration of the above premises as a factory issued under
section 9
of the Factories Act.
4. I have/ I have not* constructed a proper armoury at the above premises in accordance
with the
requirements of the Regulations.
DATED thisday of 20

.....
Signature of applicant

*Delete if not applicable

FORM 20
[Regulation 45.]

Permit to carry on a business for the manufacture and repair of firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule

1. Permission is hereby granted to
..... of
to open and carryon the business of manufacturer and repairer of the firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule to the Firearms Act, at the premises
..... subject to the provisions of the Act and the Regulations.
2. This permit is granted subject to the following terms and conditions-
.....
3. The armoury is licensed to store the firearms in the quantities stated in the Schedule hereunder.
- DATED this day of 20

.....
Authorised Police Officer

Reverse of Form 20

SCHEDULE

Part II			Remarks
Muzzle-loading firearms			
Dane Gun	Flint Lock Gun	Cap Gun	

SECOND
SCHEDULE
[Regulation 46.]

Fees payable for licences, permits and registration, and renewals thereof

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1. For a licence to import arms or ammunition-
- (a) For any firearm of category 6, 7 or 8 in Part I of the Schedule to the Act.... 2 00
(b) For any firearm of category 1 and 2 in Part II of the Schedule to the Act ... 1 00
(c) For any air-rifle 1 00
(d) For every 100 cartridges or part thereof

N K

2. For a licence to bear -		
(a) Any firearm of category 6, 7 or 8 in Part I of the Schedule to the Act	6	00
(b) Any firearm of category 1 and 2 in Part II of the Schedule to the Act	2	00
(c) Any air-rifle		
.....		50
3. For a permit granted in respect of arms in transit –		
(a) For any firearm		26
.....		
4. For a permit to carry on a business for the manufacture and repair of firearms specified in Part III of the Schedule to the Act in premises which constitute a factory within the meaning of Factories Act (Cap F1)		
100 00		
5. For registration as a registered firearms dealer		
50 00		
6. For a permit to carry on the business of repairing firearms referred to in Part II and III of the Schedule to the Act		
20 00		
7. For a permit carry on the business of manufacture and repair of firearms specified in the Part III of the Schedule to Act in premises which do not constitute a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act (Cap F1)		10
00		

THIRD SCHEDULE
[Regulation 47.]

Prescribed towns

IDIROKO

KANO

MAIDUGURI

YOLA

**PUBLIC ARMOURIES AND CHARGE OFFICERS
NOTICE**

[L.N. 147 of 1961.]

under section 14

[16th November, 1961]

[Commencement.]

1. Short title

This notice may be cited as the Public Armouries and Charge Officers Notice.

2. Establishment of Public Armouries etc.

The armouries located at the places specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto are hereby established as public armouries for the purposes of the Firearms Act; and the police officers specified in the second column opposite each armoury is prescribed as the officer-in-charge of that public armoury.

SCHEDULE
[L.N. 148 of 1961.]

Public Armouries

The Divisional Headquarters
Police Station-
Sapele,
Ibadan,
Oyo-Ilesha,
Uyo,
Owerri,
Mubi.

Officer in Charge

The Police Officer in charge of-
Bendel State,
Oyo State,
Oyo State,
Akwa Ibom
State,
Imo State,
Gongola State.

**FIREARMS (PUBLIC ARMOURIES)
NOTICE**

[L.N. 46 of 1968.]

under section 14

[1st April, 1968]

[Commencement.]

1. Short title

- (1) This notice may be cited as the Firearms (Public Armouries) Notice.
- (2) The Firearms (Public Armouries) Notice 1959 is hereby cancelled.
[L.N. 31 of 1959.]

2. Establishment of public armouries, etc.

The armouries listed in the first column of the Schedule hereto are hereby established

as public armouries for the purposes of the Firearms Act and the officer specified in the second column opposite each armoury is prescribed as the officer in charge of that armoury.

[Cap. F28.]

SCHEDULE

Officer in Charge

Public Armouries

The Divisional Headquarters	The Police Officer in charge of-
Police Station-	
Aba	Imo State
Abakaliki	Anambra
Abeokuta	Ogun State
Akure	Ondo State
Asaba	Delta State
Bauchi	Bauchi State
Benin	Edo State
Calabar	Cross River State
Enugu	Enugu State
Ibadan	Oyo State
Ijebu-Ode	Ogun State
Ikeja	Lagos State
Ikot-Ekpene	Akwa Ibom State
Ilorin	Kwara State
Jos	Plateau State
Kaduna	Kaduna State
Kano	Kano State
Lokoja	Kogi State
Maiduguri	Borno State
Makurdi	Benue State
Minna	Niger State
Nubi	Adamawa State
Ogoja	Cross River State
Onitsha	Anambra State
Owerri	Imo State
Oyo	Oyo State
Port Harcourt	Rivers State
Sokoto	Sokoto State
Ubiaja	Edo State
Umuahia	Imo State
Uyo	Akwa Ibom State
Warri	Delta State
Yola	Adamawa State
Zaria	Kaduna State
'B' Warehouse, Customs Wharf, Lagos	Lagos Police Area
Katsina	Katsina State

FIREARMS (DELEGATION OF POWERS OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL)

NOTICE

[L.N. 47 of 1968.]

under section 35

[1st April, 1968]

[Commencement.]

1. Short title

(1) This notice may be cited as the Firearms (Delegation of Powers of Inspector-General) Notice.

(2) The Firearms (Delegation of Powers of Inspector-General) Notice 1959 and the Firearms (Delegation of Powers of Inspector-General) (No.2) Notice 1959 are hereby cancelled.

[L.N. 30 of 1959. L.N. 94 of 1959.]

2. Delegation of powers of the Inspector-General under the Firearms Act

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this section, the functions conferred on the Inspector-General by the enactments listed in the first column of Parts I, II, III and IV of the Schedule hereto are hereby as respects those functions listed in each Part of the said Schedule delegated to the officers specified in the third column of that Part of the said Schedule.

[Schedule.]

(2) Any power hereby delegated shall not be exercised except with the approval of the Inspector-General of Police which may be either general or for any particular case.

SCHEDULE

PART I

<i>Enactment</i>	<i>Function delegated</i>	<i>To whom delegated</i>
<i>Firearms Act (Cap. F28)</i>		
1. Section 4	To grant licences for personal firearms under the section.	
2. Section 8 (3)	To seize firearms or ammunition of deceased persons under the section.	As respects each enactment mentioned in this Part, the Police Officer in charge of the following, that is to say-
3. Section 10 (3)	To keep and enter particulars in registers of firearms dealers under the section.	Imo State, Anambra State, Ogun State Adamawa State, Edo State
		Akwa Ibom State, Edo State, Edo State

PART I--*continued*

<i>Enactment</i>	<i>Function delegated</i>	<i>To whom delegated</i>
4. Section 20 (d)	To grant import licences for personal and muzzle-loading firearms under the section and impose terms and conditions in respect thereof.	Edo State, Benue State, Borno State, Cross River State, Edo State, Anambra State
5. Section 24	To grant permits to repairing of personal firearms under the section.	Oyo State, Ogun State, Lagos State
6. Section 25	To grant permits to manufacture and repair muzzle-loading firearms under the section.	Bendel State, Kwara State, Kaduna Police Area, Kano State, Katsina State
7. Regulation 5 (1)	To issue permits for the withdrawal of firearms and the purchase and withdrawal of ammunition from an armoury under the regulation.	Lagos Police Area, Niger State, Ondo State, Anambra State, Imo State
8. Regulation 14	To require persons in charge of registered dealers' armouries to employ watchmen under the regulation and to detail the hours of duty of such watchmen.	Oyo State, Plateau State, Rivers State, Adamawa State, Sokoto State, Imo State, Akwa Ibom State, Kaduna State
9. Regulation 17 (1) (a)	To authorise the withdrawal of personal firearms and ammunition therefor from registered dealers' armouries under the regulation.	
10. Regulation 20 (1) (a)	To authorise the withdrawal of personal firearms and ammunition therefor from public armouries under the regulation.	

PART II

<i>Enactment</i>	<i>Function delegated</i>	<i>To whom delegated</i>
<i>Firearms Act (Cap. F28)</i>		
11. Section 6	To grant licences for muzzle-loading firearms within the Lagos Area Command.	The police officer in charge of the Area Command.

PART II - *continued*

<i>Enactment</i>	<i>Function delegated</i>	<i>To whom delegated</i>
12. Section 11 (4)	To issue to police officers written authority to inspect business premises and records of registered firearms dealers.	Deputy Commissioner of Police "A" Department, Force Headquarters. Deputy Commissioner of Police "D" Department, Force Headquarters. Commissioner of Police, Lagos Area Command. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Lagos Area Command.
13. Section 20 (b)	To issue permits for temporary possession of firearms and ammunition under the section.	Officer in charge, Licensing and records, Lagos Area Command. All the Police officers listed in respect of Part I of this Schedule. The Senior Police Officer detailed to perform immigration duties at-

Calabar, Idiroko, Ikeja Airport, Kano, Katsina, Koko, Lagos Maiduguri, Port Harcourt, Sapele, Sokoto, Yola, Warri.

FIREARMS (RESTRICTION) (LAGOS STATE) ORDER

under section 36

[19th October, 1971]

[Commencement.]

1. Surrender of firearms, etc.

All firearms and ammunition in possession of any person in Lagos State shall be surrendered to the nearest police station within fourteen days from the date of publication of this Order in the Federal *Gazette*.

2. Return of firearms

The Commissioner of Police of Lagos State or any police officer authorised by him may on the application of the owner of any firearm or ammunition surrendered in

compliance with section I of this Order, return such firearm or ammunition to the owner if he is satisfied that such firearm or ammunition was legally acquired by that person.

3. Penalty

Subject to the provisions of section 2 of this Order, any person having any firearm or ammunition in his possession or under his control in contravention of this Order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding seven years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

4. Short title and extent

This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Restriction) (Lagos State) Order and shall apply to Lagos State.

