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CORAL SEA ISLANDS

Importation of Firearms Ordinance 1982

No. 1 of 1982

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Coral Sea Islands Act 1969*.

Dated 22 March 1982.

ZELMAN COWEN

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

(sgd) Ian Wilson

Minister of State for Home Affairs
and Environment

An Ordinance relating to the importation of firearms

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Importation of Firearms Ordinance 1982*.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears—

“firearm” includes any lethal weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet, or other missile can be discharged, or any part of such weapon, or from which any noxious or irritant liquid, powder, gas, chemical or substance capable of causing any bodily harm can be emitted, and includes an air gun, but does not include a spear gun or a toy gun, or an antique gun which is kept or sold as a curiosity or ornament;

“pistol” means any lethal weapon of a size ordinarily capable of being carried or concealed upon the person from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged, or from which any noxious or irritant liquid, powder, gas, chemical or substance capable of causing any bodily harm can be emitted; and

“semi-automatic firearm” means a semi-automatic firearm, not being a pistol, that incorporates a pistol grip in its design, or that incorporated a pistol grip in its original design when originally manufactured.

Exemption from operation of this Ordinance

3. This Ordinance shall not apply to firearms brought into the Territory—

(a) in the course of duty, by any member of the Defence Force;

- (b) as part of the equipment of any aircraft, vessel or other unit of the Defence Force; or
- (c) in the course of duty, with the consent of the Minister or a person authorized by the Minister by instrument in writing to give such consent, by any officer appointed to execute the laws of the Territory.

Prohibition against importation

4. (1) No person shall—

- (a) import; or
- (b) issue a licence for the importation of,
any firearm of machine gun construction or any semi-automatic firearm.

(2) A person who fails to comply with sub-section (1) is guilty of an offence and is punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

NOTE

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 4 1982.

29 March/