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**The Firearms and Weapons (Approved Ranges)
(Guernsey) Regulations, 2017**

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THE COMMITTEE FOR HOME AFFAIRS, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 22 and 55A of the Firearms and Weapons (Guernsey) Law, 1998^a and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Approved ranges.

1. The use of each range specified in Part I of Schedule 1, subject to the general conditions of use set out in Part II of that Schedule and to the special conditions of use set out in relation to that range in Part III of that Schedule, is approved for the purposes of section 22 of the Law.

^a Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXVIII, p. 324; as amended by Vol. XL, p. 24; Order in Council No. IV of 2016; Ordinance No. XXXIII of 2003, No. III of 2012 and No. IX of 2016. See also the Firearms and Weapons (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance No. * of 2017).

Inspection of ranges.

2. The Committee and any person authorised in writing by the Committee in that behalf may at any reasonable time, and, in the case of a person so authorised, upon production if so required of his authority so to do, enter upon and inspect any approved range.

Obstruction of inspection of ranges.

3. A person shall not obstruct the Committee or any person authorised by the Committee under regulation 2 in the exercise of the powers conferred by that regulation.

Additional requirements for Fort Le Marchant Rifle Range.

4. Schedule 2 has effect in relation to Fort Le Marchant Rifle Range.

Offences.

5. (1) A person who –
- (a) uses a range specified in Part I of Schedule 1 otherwise than in accordance with –
 - (i) the general conditions of use set out in Part II of that Schedule, or
 - (ii) the special conditions of use set out in relation to that range in Part III of that Schedule,
 - (b) fails to carry out any function assigned to him by any provision of Schedule 1, or

- (c) contravenes, or fails to comply with, regulation 3 or any provision of Schedule 2,

is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) is liable on summary conviction or conviction on indictment to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or a fine not exceeding level 4 of the uniform scale within the meaning of section 1 of the Uniform Scale of Fines (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1989^b, or to both.

Interpretation.

6. (1) In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise –

"**approved range**" means a range for the firing of firearms to which section 1 of the Law applies, being a range approved under regulation 1 for the purposes of section 22 of the Law,

"**the Committee**" means the States of Guernsey Committee for Home Affairs,

"**enactment**" includes a Law, an Ordinance and any subordinate legislation and includes any provision or portion of a Law, an Ordinance or any subordinate legislation,

"**firing point**", except in the expression, "**fixed firing point**", means

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXI, p. 278; as amended by No. XVIII of 2009; Ordinance No. XXIX of 2006.

the point or series of points approximately parallel to the butts from which, on any particular occasion, firing is actually taking place or is about to take place,

"fixed firing point", in relation to an approved range, means a point or a series of points approximately parallel to the butts and permanently marked, constructed or positioned so as to be identifiable as such to persons in the vicinity of the range,

"the Law" means the Firearms and Weapons (Guernsey) Law, 1998,

"the range", in relation to an approved range, means the fixed firing point furthest from the butts at that range and the area between that point and the butts,

"Range Officer", in relation to an approved range, means a person who is approved by the Committee, in charge of that range on a particular occasion,

"subordinate legislation" means any regulation, rule, order, rule of court, resolution, scheme, byelaw or other instrument made under any statutory, customary or inherent power and having legislative effect, but does not include an Ordinance, and

other expressions have the same meanings as in the Law.

(2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948^c applies to the interpretation of these Regulations.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to an enactment is a reference thereto as from time to time amended, re-enacted (with or without modification), extended or applied.

Citation.

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Firearms and Weapons (Approved Ranges) (Guernsey) Regulations, 2017.

Commencement.

8. These Regulations come into force on the 1st November, 2017.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2017



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For and on behalf of the Committee

^c Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 355.

SCHEDULE 1

APPROVED RANGES AND THE CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH THEIR USE IS APPROVED

Reg. 1

PART I

APPROVED RANGES

- (a) *Fort Le Marchant Rifle Range*: the 600 yard outdoor range with fixed firing points at 200 yards, 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards, the 100 yard outdoor range with a fixed firing point at 100 yards and the 50 metre outdoor range with fixed firing points at 25 metres and 50 metres, all three between Grande Hougue and Le Plomb, at La Fontenelle, Vale.
- (b) *Mont Arrivé Range*: the indoor range with a fixed firing point at 25 yards and the indoor range with a fixed firing point at 25 metres, both at Clos de Mont Arrivé, Mont Arrivé, Saint Peter Port.
- (c) *Hougue Patris Range*: the outdoor range with a fixed firing point at 50 metres and the outdoor range with a fixed firing point at 25 metres, both at Hougue Patris, Vale.
- (d) *Saints Road Range*: the indoor range with a fixed firing point at 25 yards, at "La Récule", Saints Road, Saint Martin's.
- (e) *Annemarie Range*: the outdoor range with fixed firing points at 40 metres, 25 metres and 15 metres, at Victoria Avenue, Saint Sampson's.

PART II
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF USE

Presence and responsibilities of Range Officer

1. (1) Firing shall not take place except in the presence, and under the supervision, of the Range Officer.

(2) The Range Officer shall be responsible for carrying out the functions assigned by this Schedule to the Range Officer and for ensuring that the provisions of this Ordinance are complied with.

Carrying of firearms

2. A firearm shall not be carried behind the firing point –

(a) when it is loaded, or

(b) in the case of a rifle, with its breech closed.

Loading of firearms

3. A person shall not load a firearm except –

(a) at the firing point, and

(b) with the permission of a Range Officer, and

(c) with the muzzle of the firearm pointing downwards and/or in the direction of the butts or target.

Firing

4. (1) A person shall not fire a firearm except –
 - (a) from, or from in front of, the fixed firing point furthest from the butts, and
 - (b) with the permission of a Range Officer, and
 - (c) in the direction of a target.

- (2) When firing is taking place or is about to take place –
 - (a) a Range Officer shall be present at, or in the immediate proximity of, the firing point,
 - (b) a person other than the Range Officer shall not enter or remain at the firing point except for the purpose of firing or with the permission of the Range Officer,
 - (c) a person shall not enter or remain in the area between the firing point and the butts,
 - (d) a person shall not enter or remain on or in the vicinity of the range if he is under the influence of drink or drugs or has been requested by a Range Officer not so to enter or remain.

Cease fire

5. (1) All firing shall cease –
 - (a) when the Range Officer so requires,
 - (b) in the event of an accident.
- (2) Upon cessation of firing the Range Officer shall ensure that –
 - (a) all weapons are unloaded and inspected, and
 - (b) all live ammunition and targets are removed from the range,
and
 - (c) the range is clean and tidy.

PART III

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF USE IN RELATION TO PARTICULAR RANGES

(a) *Fort Le Marchant Rifle Range*

Times of firing

1. Firearms may not be fired on the Range except between 0800 and sunset on any day other than a Sunday (provided that this condition shall not apply in respect of the Sunday which falls upon 29th June, 2003 when firearms may be fired upon the Range between 0700 and sunset on that day).

Permission for firing

- 2 Firearms shall not be fired without the permission of the States of Guernsey Committee for Education, Sport & Culture.

Places from which firing is permitted

- 3 A person shall not fire a firearm except –
 - (a) from one of the fixed firing points on a range, and
 - (b) towards the butts of that range.

Prohibition of simultaneous use of ranges

- 4 A person shall not fire or load a firearm, or carry a loaded firearm –
 - (a) on the 600 yard range when firing is taking place on the 50 metre range,
 - (b) on the 50 metre range when firing is taking place on the 600 yard range.

Signals to be displayed

- 5 (1) From at least 30 minutes before firing commences until at least five minutes after firing has ceased, signals shall be displayed of the type, in the manner, and at the places, specified in paragraph (2) of this condition.

(2) The signals required to be displayed under paragraph (1) of this condition shall be in the form, and shall be displayed, as follows –

- (a) a red flag of at least six feet square on a flagstaff at a height of not less than 30 feet from the ground at the south-east corner of Fort Le Marchant,
- (b) a red flag of at least six feet square on a flagstaff at a height of not less than 15 feet above the top of No. 4 Martello Tower,

and, in addition, as respects firing on the 600 yard range and the 100 yard range—

- (c) a red flag of at least six feet square on a flagstaff at a height of not less than 30 feet from the ground at the top of La Grande Hougue.

Permitted firearms and ammunition

- 6. Firearms may only be fired, and ammunition may only be discharged from firearms, as set out in the following table:

TABLE

Firearms which may be fired and ammunition which may be discharged on the 600 yard range and the 100 yard range	
Firearm	Ammunition
Rifle	Up to and including .600.
Light machine gun	Up to and including 9 millimetres
Sub-machine gun	Up to and including 9 millimetres
Pistol	Up to and including .455 pistol and, when discharging black powder ammunition, up to and including .75 pistol

2" Mortar	Coloured smoke, flares or illuminating stars
Musket	When discharging black powder ammunition, up to and including .75 musket
Firearms which may be fired and ammunition which may be discharged on the 50 metre range	
Firearm	Ammunition
Rifle	Up to and including .600.
Sub-machine gun	Up to and including 9 millimetres
Pistol	Up to and including .455 pistol and, when discharging black powder ammunition, up to and including .75 pistol
Musket	When discharging black powder ammunition, up to and including .75 musket

PROVIDED THAT nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as authorising the use of a light machine gun or a sub-machine gun in contravention of section 6 of the Law.

Targets

7. Targets shall be erected only at the butts and shall be removed after firing has ceased.

Look-out men

8. (1) Firing on any occasion shall not commence –
- (a) on the 600 yard range –
- (i) from the 600 yard fixed firing point, the 500 yard fixed firing point or the 300 yard fixed firing point, until a look-out man has been posted at the flagstaff on the top of La Grande Hougue,

- (ii) from the 200 yard fixed firing point, until a look-out man has been posted at the top of number 4 Martello Tower, or
- (b) on the 100 yard range, until a look-out man has been posted at the flagstaff on the top of La Grande Hougue and an additional look-out man has been posted to the north of the noticeboard at Hougue Patris in such a position as to be visible to the first-mentioned look-out man and to command an uninterrupted view of that part of the foreshore in Fontenelle Bay which is invisible to the first-mentioned look-out man, or
- (c) on the 50 metre range, until a look-out man has been posted on the top of the outcrop of rock to the east of, and immediately adjacent to, the 50 metre fixed firing point,

and each such look-out man before being posted as aforesaid shall be supplied with a copy of the Orders for look-out men set out in the Table in paragraph (2) of this condition, which Orders shall be read to him before taking up his post by the Range Officer and shall be complied with by each look-out man save that the additional look-out man referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph shall not be required to comply with the Order numbered "4".

- (2) The Orders for look-out men referred to in this condition are those set out in the following Table:

Orders for look-out men

1. You will read these Orders and retain them until you are relieved, when you will hand them to your relief, who must then read them, before you leave your post. If you are the last look-out man on duty for the day, you will return the Orders to the Range Officer.
2. You will blow your whistle and raise the hand flag in the event of an emergency and continue to do so until you have attracted the attention of the Range Officer.
3. In the event of any person or domestic animal about to enter the Danger Area in front of the firing point actually in use, or any vessel or aircraft about to enter the Danger Area, you will blow your whistle and raise your hand flag so as to draw the attention of the Range Officer to the presence of such person, animal, vessel or aircraft.
4. You will ensure that a red flag is always flying at the top of the flagstaff at your post when you are on duty.
5. Remain alert at all times: REMEMBER LIVES MAY DEPEND ON YOU.

Telephone communication.

9. (1) Firing shall not take place on the 600 yard range unless the Range Officer is in communication by telephone or radio with the butts.
- (2) On cessation of firing the Range Officer shall (in addition to carrying out his functions under general condition 5 in Part II of this Schedule) ensure that the telephone is disconnected.

Restriction on leaving butts

10. A person shall not leave the butts of any of the ranges when firing is taking place on that range.

Cease fire

11. Firing shall immediately cease (as well as in the circumstances specified in general condition 5(1) in Part II of this Schedule) –
- (a) when a look-out man blows his whistle or raises his hand flag,
 - (b) on the 600 yard range –
 - (i) from the 600 yard fixed firing point, the 500 yard fixed firing point and the 300 yard fixed firing point, when the look-out man posted at the flagstaff on the top of La Grande Hougue leaves his post,
 - (ii) from the 200 yard fixed firing point, when the look-out man posted at the top of number 4 Martello Tower leaves his post,
 - (c) on the 100 yard range, when either the look-out man posted at the flagstaff on the top of La Grande Hougue or the additional look-out man posted to the north of the noticeboard at Hougue Patris leaves his post,
 - (d) on the 50 metre range, when the look-out man posted on the top of the outcrop of rock to the east of, and immediately adjacent to, the 50 metre firing point leaves his post.

Meaning of "danger area"

12. In these conditions "the danger area" has the meaning assigned in the following Table –

TABLE

Danger Area as respects the 600 yard range and the 100 yard range

The area enclosed by imaginary lines joining the point of intersection of the following pairs of lines of latitude and longitude on Admiralty Chart 807 of Guernsey and Herm published at Taunton on 23rd March 1979 under the superintendence of Rear-Admiral D. W. Haslam, O.B.E., Hydrographer of the Navy: –

<i>Latitude</i>			<i>Longitude</i>		
49	30¢	35.5† north	2	31¢	7† west
49	31¢	5.1† north	2	31¢	12.1† west
49	31¢	34.4† north	2	31¢	10.3† west
49	31¢	33.5† north	2	30¢	36† west
49	31¢	48.7† north	2	30¢	27† west
49	31¢	22.5† north	2	29¢	16.7† west
49	30¢	37.9† north	2	30¢	8† west
49	30¢	19.2† north	2	30¢	57† west (on land)
49	30¢	17.2† north	2	31¢	1.8† west (on land)

Danger Area as respects the 50 metre range

The area enclosed by imaginary lines joining the point of intersection of the following pairs of lines of latitude and longitude on Admiralty Chart 807 of Guernsey and Herm published at Taunton on 23rd March 1979 under the superintendence of Rear-Admiral D. W. Haslam, O.B.E., Hydrographer of the Navy: –

<i>Latitude</i>			<i>Longitude</i>		
49	30ç	35.5† north	2	31ç	7† west
49	31ç	5.1† north	2	31ç	12.1† west
49	31ç	34.4† north	2	31ç	10.3† west
49	31ç	33.5† north	2	30ç	39.5† west
49	31ç	3.5† north	2	30ç	42† west
49	30ç	35† north	2	30ç	54† west
49	30ç	24.9† north	2	31ç	0.2† west (on land)

(b) *Mont Arrivé Range*

Persons who may use the Range

1. The Range may be used for firing only by members of the Guernsey Rifle Club and any other person specifically authorised to use the Range by the committee of that club.

Times of firing

2. Firearms may only be fired between 0800 and 2300 on any day.

Signals to be displayed

3. When firing is taking place, or is about to take place, on either range –
 - (a) a red light shall be illuminated, and

- (b) the name of the Range Officer shall be displayed, outside that range adjacent to its entrance.

Permitted firearms and ammunition

- 4. (1) The only firearms which may be fired on either range are .22 calibre rifles and .22 calibre pistols.
- (2) The only ammunition which may be discharged on either range is a .22 calibre rim-fire cartridge.

Persons entering the danger area

- 5. (1) A person shall not enter the danger area whilst firing is in progress.
- (2) Firing shall immediately cease (as well as in the circumstances specified in general condition 5(1) in Part II of this Schedule) if any person enters the danger area.
- (3) In this condition "the danger area" means the area between the butts and an imaginary line parallel to the butts drawn through the firing point across the whole width of the butts.

(c) *Hougue Patris Range*

Persons who may use the Range

- 1. The Range may be used for firing only by members of the Guernsey Rifle Club and any other person specifically authorised by the committee of that club.

Times of firing

2. Firearms may only be fired on the Range between sunrise and sunset on any day.

Signals to be displayed

3. (1) From at least 10 minutes before firing commences until at least five minutes after firing has ceased, signals shall be displayed of the type, in the manner, and at the places, specified in paragraph (2) of this condition.
- (2) The signals required to be displayed under paragraph (1) of this condition shall be in the form, and shall be displayed, as follows –
 - (a) a red flag at least four feet square at a height of not less than 15 feet above the ground, positioned immediately to the right of the gate at the south-west corner of the Range,
 - (b) a red flag at least four feet square at a height of not less than 15 feet above the top of the cliff to the north-west of the Range.

Prohibition on simultaneous use of ranges

4. A person shall not fire or load a firearm, or carry a loaded firearm –
 - (a) on the 50 metre range, when firing is taking place on the 25 metre range,
 - (b) on the 25 metre range, when firing is taking place on the 50

metre range.

Permitted firearms and ammunition

5. Firearms may only be fired, and ammunition may only be discharged from firearms, as set out in the following table:

TABLE

Firearms which may be fired and ammunition which may be discharged on the 50 metre range and on the 25 metre range at Hougue Patris

Firearm	Ammunition
Rifle	Up to and including .600.
Pistol	Up to and including .455 pistol and, when discharging black powder ammunition, up to and including .75 pistol.
Musket	When discharging black powder ammunition, up to and including .75 musket.

Gate to be secured

6. At all times when firing on the Range is taking place or is about to take place the gate at the south-west corner of the Range shall be kept bolted so as effectively to prevent persons from entering the Range.

Targets

7. Targets shall only be erected immediately in front of the butts.

Persons entering the danger area

8. (1) A person shall not enter the danger area whilst firing is in progress.
- (2) Firing shall immediately cease (as well as in the circumstances specified in general condition 5(1) in Part II of this Schedule) if any person enters the danger area.
- (3) In this condition "**the danger area**" means the area between the butts of the range on which firing is taking place and an imaginary line parallel to those butts drawn through the firing point across the whole width of those butts.

(d) Saints Road Range

Persons who may use the Range

1. The Range may be used for firing only by members of the Small Arms Shooting Club and any other person specifically authorised by the committee of that club.

Times of firing

2. Firearms may only be fired between 0900 and 2200 on any day.

Signals to be displayed

3. When firing is taking place or is about to take place –
 - (a) a red light shall be illuminated, and
 - (b) the name of the Range Officer shall be displayed, outside the fixed firing point, adjacent to its entrance.

Permitted firearms and ammunition

4. (1) The only firearms which may be fired are –
 - (a) rifles whose calibre does not exceed .22 inch,
 - (b) pistols whose calibre does not exceed .455 inch.

- (2) The only ammunition which may be discharged is –
 - (a) in the case of rifles, .22 calibre rifle ammunition,
 - (b) in the case of pistols, pistol ammunition of a calibre up to and including .455 inch.

Persons entering the danger area

5. (1) A person shall not enter the danger area whilst firing is in progress.

- (2) Firing shall immediately cease (as well as in the circumstances specified in general condition (5)(1) in Part II of this Schedule) if any person enters the danger area.

- (3) In this condition "**the danger area**" means the area between the butts and an imaginary line parallel to the butts drawn through the firing point across the whole width of the butts.

(e) *Annemarie Range*

Persons who may use the Range

1. The Range may be used for firing only by members of the Annemarie Shooting Club and any other person who is a guest of a member and is

specifically authorised by the committee of that club or, on any occasion, by the Range Officer.

Times of firing

2. Firearms may only be fired on the Range on Sundays between 10.00 and 12.00.

Places from which firing is permitted

3. A person shall not fire a firearm except from one of the fixed firing points at 15 metres, 25 metres and 40 metres.

Signs and signals to be displayed

4. (1) From at least 10 minutes before firing commences until at least five minutes after firing has ceased, signs and signals shall be displayed of the type, in the manner, and at the places, specified in paragraph (2) of this condition.

(2) The signs and signals required to be displayed under paragraph (1) of this condition shall be in the form, and shall be displayed, as follows –

- (a) three red flags each at least four feet square of which one shall be positioned at a height of not less than 15 feet above the ground in the south-east corner of the car park in which the range is situated, one shall be positioned at least 15 feet above the ground in the south-west corner of that car park and one shall be positioned at least 15 feet above the top of the cliff to the north of the range,
- (b) two signs positioned where the road enters that car park

from the east, each bearing the words "DANGER— FIRING TAKING PLACE" in red letters not less than three inches in height.

Permitted firearms and ammunition

5. (1) The only firearms which may be fired are –
 - (a) rifles whose calibre does not exceed 11 millimetres,
 - (b) pistols whose calibre does not exceed .455 inch.
- (2) The only ammunition which may be discharged is –
 - (a) in the case of rifles, rifle ammunition of a calibre up to and including 11 millimetres,
 - (b) in the case of pistols, pistol ammunition of a calibre up to and including .455 inch.

Gate to be secured

6. At all times when firing on the range is taking place or is about to take place the gate across the roadway joining Victoria Avenue to the car park in which the range is situated shall be kept bolted so as effectively to prevent persons from entering the range by that roadway.

Targets

7. Targets shall be erected only at the butts and shall be removed after firing has ceased.

Persons entering the danger area

8. (1) A person shall not enter the danger area whilst firing is in progress.
- (2) Firing shall immediately cease (as well as in the circumstances specified in general condition 5(1) in Part II of this Schedule) if any person enters the danger area.
- (3) In this condition "**the danger area**" means the area between the cliff to the north of the car park in which the range is situated and an imaginary line parallel to that cliff drawn through the fixed firing point from which firing is taking place across the whole width of that car park.

SCHEDULE 2

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FORT LE MERCHANT RIFLE RANGE

Reg. 4

General prohibition on firing

1. A person shall not fire or attempt to fire any weapon (whether or not that weapon is a firearm for the purposes of section 22 of the Law) on or from the Range except –

(a) a firearm identified in condition (a)6 of Part III of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance, discharging the ammunition identified in respect of that weapon in that condition and in accordance with the conditions specified in that Schedule, or

(b) such other weapon, discharging such ammunition, as the Committee may in any particular case authorise in writing, and in accordance with any conditions specified in any such authorisation.

Persons in danger area

2. Subject to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, when signals are displayed as required by condition (a)5 of Part III of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance a person shall not –

(a) enter or remain in the danger area,

- (b) cause or permit an animal, vehicle or vessel of which he is in charge to enter or remain in the danger area,
- (c) cause or permit an aircraft of which he is in charge to land or remain on the surface of the water in the danger area.

Aircraft over danger area

3. (1) Subject to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person shall not cause an aircraft of which he is in charge to fly over the danger area at a height of less than 500 feet above the ground or the water, as the case may be, between 0800 and sunset on any day other than a Sunday.

(2) At least 48 hours prior to the firing of mortars on the Range the States of Guernsey Committee for Education, Sport & Culture shall inform the States of Guernsey Committee for Home Affairs of the dates on which, and the period during which, such firing is to take place.

Exemption from paragraphs 2 and 3(1)

4. Paragraphs 2 and 3(1) of this Schedule do not apply to –
- (a) a person in charge of a vessel who is compelled to cause or permit that vessel to enter or remain in the danger area by reason of factors beyond his control,
 - (b) a person in charge of a vessel employed in tending, placing or replacing buoys or other navigational aids within the danger area,

- (c) a person in charge of an aircraft compelled to alight on, or unable to leave the surface of the water in, the danger area, or compelled to fly over the danger area at a height of less than 500 feet by reason of factors beyond his control,
- (d) a person in charge of a vessel belonging to the Corporation of the Elder Brethren of Trinity House, whilst employed on any duty or service on behalf of that Corporation,
- (e) a person in charge of a vessel in which a person is undergoing an examination for the purposes of the Pilotage Ordinances, 1967 to 1987^d.

Storage and removal of weapons etc.

5. A person shall not –
- (a) cause or permit any weapon or ammunition to be stored on the Range,
 - (b) remove or attempt to remove any ammunition, whether live, spent or blank, or any projectile or part thereof, without the permission of the States of Guernsey Committee for Education, Sport & Culture.

Interpretation

6. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires –

^d Recueil d' Ordonnances Tome XV, p. 50; Tome XX, p. 161; Ordinance No. XIV of 1984; No. II of 1987

"aircraft" includes a balloon, a kite and anything made or adapted for the conveyance by air of people or property,

"the danger area" has the meaning assigned in the Table set out in condition (a)12 of Part III of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance,

"the Range" means each of the ranges specified in paragraph (a) of Part I of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance,

"vehicle" means anything made or adapted for the conveyance by land of people or property,

"vessel" means anything made or adapted for the conveyance by water of people or property, and includes a sailboard and a hovercraft.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations approve ranges at which firearms may be fired, specify the classes of firearms that may be used on such approved ranges and prescribe the regulations for such use, for the purposes of section 22 of the Firearms and Weapons (Guernsey) Law, 1998 ("the Law").

These regulations are made for the purposes of transitioning to the new statutory framework created by the Firearms (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2016, pending the making of new regulations concerning approved firing ranges and the rules applicable to the use of these ranges.

Regulation 1 approves the ranges and prescribes the general and special conditions of use of those ranges, as specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

Regulation 2 empowers the Committee for Home Affairs and any person authorised by the Committee to enter and inspect any approved range at any reasonable time.

Regulation 3 prohibits any person from obstructing the Committee or an authorised person in the exercise of powers conferred by regulation 2.

Regulation 4 gives effect to additional requirements relating to use of the Fort Le Marchant Rifle Range.

Regulation 5 creates offences relating to use of an approved range otherwise than in accordance with the general and special conditions, failure to carry out functions assigned by Schedule 1, and breach of regulation 3 or any provision of Schedule 2.

Regulations 6, 7 and 8 are the interpretation, citation and commencement provisions respectively.

In effect, these Regulations save sections 1(1), 2, 3, 4(1) and 8 of, and Schedules 1 and 2 to, the Firearms Ordinance, 1987 as regulations, despite the repeal of that Ordinance by the Firearms (Amendment) Law, 2016. The offences created by these Regulations are similar to the offences under that now-repealed Ordinance.

These Regulations come into force on the 1st November, 2017.