

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 16 of 1986

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An Act to amend the Firearms Act

[19th September, 1986

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Act, 1986, and shall be read as one with the Firearms Act, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

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2. The principal Act is amended by the insertion, immediately after section *six* of the following new sections:

Insertion of
sections 6A
and 6B

6A. (1) The provisions of section *six* shall not apply to a public officer who imports one firearm and a reasonable amount of ammunition—

Import of
firearms or
ammunition
by public
officers

- (a) in respect of which he produces a certificate, signed by an officer of or above the rank of permanent secretary in the foreign country, certifying that the same has been received by the public officer as an official gift during an official visit to that foreign country; or
- (b) which, in the case of a Zambian diplomat returning to Zambia after serving abroad, has been purchased abroad by him;

provided that the same is declared as such to a customs officer at the time of such importation and is surrendered for deposit in accordance with the provisions of section *seven*.

(2) If any firearm or ammunition imported under subsection (1) is of a type normally used for military purposes, the same shall be deemed to be the property of the Republic.

(3) A public officer wishing to obtain possession of any firearm or ammunition which he has imported under this section shall, unless the same has become the property of

the Republic under subsection (2), cause the same to be registered in accordance with the provisions of section *eight* and shall apply for a firearm licence in respect thereof in accordance with the other provisions of this Act.

(4) Any firearm or ammunition in respect of which the provisions of subsection (3) have been complied with shall be released to the public officer and shall become his property.

(5) Any firearm or ammunition imported under this section which has not been released in accordance with subsection (4) shall be deemed to be the property of the Republic.

(6) Any person to whom this section applies and who fails to comply with its provisions shall be guilty of an offence.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "public officer" includes a member of the National Assembly.

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or
ammunitions
by foreign
diplomats.
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6B. (1) The provisions of section *six* shall not apply to any diplomatic agent of a foreign government or organisation who is entitled to diplomatic immunity or privileges under the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act if at the time of his first arrival in Zambia he imports any firearm or ammunition provided that the same is declared as such to a customs officer at the time of importation and is surrendered for deposit in accordance with the provisions of section *seven*.

(2) The Minister may, by statutory instrument, prescribe—

- (a) the firearm or ammunition which may be released from deposit for use in Zambia;
- (b) the procedures for their registration and release from deposit;
- (c) the conditions applicable to such release from deposit; and
- (d) the procedures for their re-export.

(3) Any firearms or ammunition imported under subsection (1) and not dealt with under subsection (2) shall be dealt with in accordance with subsection (3) of section *fifty-three*.

Amendment
to section 58

3. Section *fifty-eight* of the principal Act is amended by the insertion after subsection (3), of the following new subsection:

(4) The Minister may, by regulations made under subsection (1)—

- (a) provide for the establishment, composition,

functions and procedures of a Firearms Committee to make recommendations to the Inspector-General on such matters as may be prescribed therein;

- (b) provide that where the Inspector-General considers it undesirable to follow the recommendations of the Firearms Committee, he shall refer the matter to the Minister for ruling; and
 - (c) provide for such matters relating to the Firearms Committee as he considers necessary.
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