



Firearms (General) Amendment (Extension of Buyback and Amnesty Periods) Regulation 2004

under the

Firearms Act 1996

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

JOHN WATKINS, M.P.,
Minister for Police

Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are:

- (a) to extend, until 30 June 2004, the operation of the compensation scheme under sections 78 and 78A of the *Firearms Act 1996* for surrendering pistols and certain associated items, and
- (b) to extend, until 30 June 2004, the general amnesty for surrendering (without compensation) illegally held firearms to the police.

This Regulation is made under the *Firearms Act 1996*, including section 78 (1) and 88 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Firearms (General) Amendment (Extension of Buyback and Amnesty Periods) Regulation 2004*.

2 Amendment of Firearms (General) Regulation 1997

The *Firearms (General) Regulation 1997* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

[1] Clause 120 Temporary general amnesty for illegally held firearms that are surrendered to the police

Omit “6 months later” from the definition of *general amnesty period* in clause 120 (1).

Insert instead “on 30 June 2004”.

[2] Clause 122

Insert after clause 121:

122 Extension of “buyback period”

For the purposes of the definition of *buyback period* in section 78 (1) of the Act, the period starting on 1 October 2003 and ending on 30 June 2004 is prescribed.