



New South Wales

Firearms Amendment (Exemptions) Regulation 2017

under the

Firearms Act 1996

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

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Minister for Police

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to exempt certain persons from the requirement to be authorised by a permit under the *Firearms Act 1996* to acquire, supply (including advertise for supply), possess or use an imitation firearm that is a biathlon or modern pentathlon laser target shooting device if the device is to be possessed or used in connection with a person's participation in the sport of biathlon or modern pentathlon.

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

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Firearms Amendment (Exemptions) Regulation 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Firearms Regulation 2006

Clause 116A

Insert after clause 116:

116A Exemption relating to imitation firearms that are laser target shooting devices for biathlons and pentathlons

- (1) A person is not required to be authorised by a permit to acquire, supply (including advertise for supply), possess or use an imitation firearm that is a biathlon or modern pentathlon laser target shooting device if:
 - (a) the person is of or above the age of 18 years, and
 - (b) the person is or has been a participant, athlete, coach or official involved in a biathlon or modern pentathlon event, training session or competition, and
 - (c) the purpose of the acquisition, supply (including the advertisement for supply), possession or use is to enable the person to participate in the sport of biathlon or modern pentathlon.
- (2) A person is not required to be authorised by a permit to possess or use an imitation firearm that is a biathlon or modern pentathlon laser target shooting device if:
 - (a) the person is under the age of 18 years, and
 - (b) the person is or has been a participant, athlete, coach or official involved in a biathlon or modern pentathlon event, training session or competition, and
 - (c) the possession or use is under the supervision of a person referred to in subclause (1), and
 - (d) the purpose of the possession or use is to enable the person to participate in the sport of biathlon or modern pentathlon.
- (3) A parent, guardian or coach of a person referred to in subclause (2) is not required to be authorised by a permit to acquire or possess an imitation firearm that is a biathlon or modern pentathlon laser target shooting device if the purpose of the acquisition or possession is to enable the other person to participate in the sport of biathlon or modern pentathlon.
- (4) In this clause, *participate*, in relation to the sport of biathlon or modern pentathlon, includes receive instruction in, practise, train, coach or compete in the sport.