

ARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2019

SAMOA

Explanatory Memorandum

1.0 Objects and Reasons:

- 1.1 The Bill seeks to amend the Arms Ordinance 1960 (“principal Act”). It will clarify the authority that is required to grant a permit for the importation of unlawful weapon that will be used during the Pacific Games 2019 that Samoa is hosting. It will also allow athletes under the age of 21 years to compete in shooting games during the Pacific Games 2019.
- 1.2 The objects of the Bill are to:
- (a) clarify that only the Minister may grant the issue of a permit for the import of unlawful weapon into Samoa; and
 - (b) allow a person under the age of 21 years to be in possession or use firearms or ammunitions when preparing or participating in an approved shooting sport competition.

Clauses:

- Clause 1:** - provides for the short title and commencement date of the Bill.

- Clause 2:** - amends section 2 of the principal Act by inserting a new definition of “approved sporting competition”.
- Clause 3:** - amends section 6 of the principal Act to clarify that the Minister may grant the issue of a permit for the import of unlawful weapon.
- Clause 4:** - substitutes section 8 of the principal Act to allow a person under the age of 21 years to have possession of any firearm or ammunition for the purpose of participating in an approved sport competition.
- Clause 5:** - amends section 9 of the principal Act to repeal provision allowing the inclusion of other persons other than the owner in the registration of a firearm.

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