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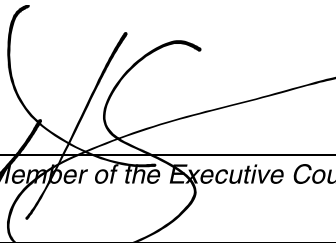
Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective October 1, 2026, the attached Firearm Violence Prevention General Regulation is made.



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*, S.B.C. 2021, c. 7, ss. 79, 80, 81 and 85

Other: _____

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FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION GENERAL REGULATION

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PART 1 – INTERPRETATION

Definitions

- 1** In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*;

“**Canadian Forces**” means the Canadian Forces as defined in section 2 of the *Criminal Code*;

“**police service**” means any of the following within the meaning of the *Police Act*:

- (a) the provincial police service;
- (b) a municipal police department;
- (c) a designated policing unit.

Descriptors for federal enactments

- 2** In this regulation, if a reference to a federal enactment is followed by italicized text in square brackets that describes the subject matter of the federal enactment, the text in square brackets
- (a) is not part of this regulation, and
 - (b) is to be considered to have been added editorially for convenience of reference only.

PART 2 – MATTERS PRESCRIBED FOR PROVISIONS OF ACT

Devices prescribed as vehicles

- 3** The following devices are prescribed as vehicles for the purposes of paragraph (h) of the definition of “vehicle” in section 1 of the Act:
- (a) a designated motorized device as defined in section 1 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
 - (b) a sleigh or wagon that is not a vehicle as defined in section 1 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Requirements for transporting, carrying or storing in vehicles or boats

- 4** (1) For the purposes of section 4 (2) of the Act and unless subsection (2) of this section applies, if a low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm is being transported, carried or stored in or on a vehicle or boat,
- (a) the low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm must be inside a trunk or compartment, and
 - (b) the trunk or compartment must be locked.
- (2) If the vehicle or boat does not have a trunk or compartment that can be locked, or if the low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm cannot, because of its size, be transported, carried or stored in the trunk or compartment, the low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm must be inside an opaque container that is locked.

Persons prescribed as wildlife officers

- 5** For the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of “wildlife officer” in section 10 (1) [*exemptions for designated officials and prescribed exemptions*] of the Act, the prescribed officers or employees of the government are as follows:
- (a) biologists, veterinarians, licensed science officers and scientific technical officers described in section 1 (a) [*officers in fisheries, habitat or wildlife programs under Wildlife Act*] of the Designation of Officers Regulation, B.C. Reg. 305/2002;
 - (b) managers described in section 1 (c) [*managers in offices of fisheries, habitat or wildlife programs administered under Wildlife Act*] of the Designation of Officers Regulation.

Requirements for credible false identification

- 6** For the purposes of the exemption set out in section 12 (1) [*exemption if minor produces credible false identification*] of the Act, 2 pieces of identification must be produced, as follows:
- (a) one piece must be in the form of
 - (i) a passport,
 - (ii) a driver's licence that displays a photograph and date of birth, or
 - (iii) an identification card, issued by a government of any jurisdiction, that displays a photograph and date of birth;
 - (b) the other piece of identification must display
 - (i) a name, and
 - (ii) a signature or photograph.

PART 3 – EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL JURISDICTION

Division 1 – Federal Officials, Business Employees and Non-Residents

Exemptions for federal officials

- 7** (1) In this section, “**federal official**” means any of the following persons:
- (a) an employee of the government of Canada;
 - (b) a person who provides services under contract to the government of Canada;
 - (c) an officer or a non-commissioned member of the Canadian Forces;
 - (d) a member of the armed forces of a state other than Canada who is attached or seconded to the Canadian Forces;
 - (e) a member of a visiting force as defined in section 2 of the *Visiting Forces Act* (Canada);
 - (f) a designated officer, as defined in section 2 of the *Integrated Cross-border Law Enforcement Operations Act* (Canada) and referred to in paragraph (c.1) of the definition of “peace officer” in section 2 of the *Criminal Code*;
 - (g) any of the following persons under the federal Act:
 - (i) the Commissioner;
 - (ii) a chief firearms officer or firearms officer;
 - (iii) the Registrar;
 - (iv) a person designated under section 100 of that Act to perform duties and functions of the Registrar.
- (2) A federal official who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in section 9 is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the action is lawful for the purposes of exercising or performing the federal official's powers or duties.

Exemptions for business employees and non-residents

- 8** (1) In this section:
- “**business employee**” means an employee described in section 97 (3) [*power of provincial ministers to exempt employees of authorized business*] of the federal Act;
- “**federal Act exemption**” means an exemption under section 97 [*exemptions by Governor in Council, federal minister or provincial minister*] of the federal Act;
- “**non-resident**” means a non-resident as defined in section 2 (1) of the federal Act.
- (2) A business employee or non-resident who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in section 9 is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if, because of a federal Act exemption, the action does not contravene any of the following:
- (a) the federal Act or a regulation under that Act;
 - (b) the *Criminal Code*.

Provisions of Act to which exemptions apply

- 9** This Division applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 3 [*prohibition against using, transporting, carrying or storing firearm in unsafe manner*];
 - (b) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (c) section 5 (1) [*prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*];
 - (d) section 6 (2) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*];
 - (e) section 8 (2) [*prohibition against causing public disturbance with low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*];
 - (f) section 14 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*].

Division 2 – Health of Animals Regulations (Canada)

Exemptions from sections 4 (1) and 5 of Act

- 10** (1) A person who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken for the purposes of complying with a requirement under the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada), C.R.C., c. 296;
 - (b) the person has the licences, permits and authorizations required, if any, under the federal Act.
- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (1) [*prohibition against loaded firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 5 (1) [*prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*].

Exemption from section 6 of Act

- 11** A person who takes an action referred to in section 6 (2) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken for the purposes of complying with a requirement under the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada);
 - (b) the person or another occupant of the vehicle has the authorizations referred to in section 7 (a) and (b) [*authorization under federal Act to possess, transport and carry certain firearms, ammunition or devices*] of the Act.

Exemptions from sections 4 (2), 8 and 14 of Act

- 12** (1) A person who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the action is taken for the purposes of complying with a requirement under the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada).
- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (2) [*requirements for transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 8 (2) [*prohibition against causing public disturbance with low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*];
 - (c) section 14 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*].

Division 3 – Other Exemptions Relating to Federal Jurisdiction

Exemptions for Parks Canada volunteers

- 13** (1) In this section, “**Parks Canada volunteer**” means a volunteer who provides services under a written agreement to the Parks Canada Agency.
- (2) A Parks Canada volunteer who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (3) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken with the permission and under the close personal supervision of an employee of the Parks Canada Agency;
 - (b) the Parks Canada volunteer has the licences, permits and authorizations required, if any, under the federal Act;
 - (c) the Parks Canada volunteer does not carry ammunition while taking the action.
- (3) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (2) [*requirements for transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 6 (2) (a) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms in vehicle*];
 - (c) section 8 (2) [*prohibition against causing public disturbance with low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*];

- (d) section 14 (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*].

**Exemptions for persons
acting under *Fisheries Act* (Canada)**

- 14** (1) A person who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the action is taken for the purposes of carrying out an activity required or authorized under the *Fisheries Act* (Canada).
- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 5 (1) [*prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*];
 - (c) section 14 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*].

Exemptions for preclearance officers

- 15** (1) In this section:
- “**Criminal Code exemption**” means the exemption set out in section 117.071 (a) [*preclearance officer exemption for possession of firearms, prohibited or restricted weapons or prohibited devices or ammunition*] of the *Criminal Code*;
- “**preclearance officer**” means a preclearance officer as defined in section 5 of the *Preclearance Act, 2016* (Canada) and referred to in section 117.071 of the *Criminal Code*.
- (2) A preclearance officer who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (3) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if, because of the *Criminal Code* exemption, the preclearance officer would not by reason of the action be guilty of an offence under the federal Act or the *Criminal Code*.
- (3) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 3 [*prohibition against using, transporting, carrying or storing firearm in unsafe manner*];
 - (b) section 4 (1) [*prohibition against loaded firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (c) section 6 (2) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*].

**Exemptions relating to
section 117.07 of *Criminal Code***

- 16** (1) In this section:
- “**Criminal Code exemption**” means the exemption set out in section 117.07 (1) (a) [*public officer exemption for possession of firearms, prohibited or restricted weapons, prohibited devices or ammunition or explosive substances*] of the *Criminal Code*;

“public officer” means a person who, for the purposes of section 117.07 (2) (g) [*prescribed employees of federal, provincial or municipal governments*] of the *Criminal Code*, is prescribed as a public officer under any of the following provisions of the Regulations Prescribing Public Officers (Canada), SOR/98-466:

- (a) section 1 (1) (a) [*employees having responsibilities for court exhibits and evidence*];
 - (b) section 1 (1) (b) [*police force or public agency employees having responsibilities for firearms, prohibited or restricted weapons, prohibited devices or ammunition or explosive substances*];
 - (c) section 1 (1) (c) [*employees at forensic or research laboratories*];
 - (d) section 1 (1) (d) [*certain armourers and firearms instructors*].
- (2) A public officer who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (3) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if, because of the *Criminal Code* exemption, the public officer would not by reason of the action be guilty of an offence under the federal Act or the *Criminal Code*.
- (3) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 6 (2) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*].

Exemptions relating to section 117.09 of *Criminal Code*

- 17** (1) In this section, **“*Criminal Code* exemption”** means the exemption set out in 117.09 [*exemption for employees of business having licence in relation to prohibited firearms, weapons, devices or ammunition*] of the *Criminal Code*.
- (2) A person who takes an action referred to in section 6 (2) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) because of the *Criminal Code* exemption, the person would not by reason of the action be guilty of an offence under the federal Act or the *Criminal Code*;
 - (b) the firearm, ammunition or device is transported, carried and stored in compliance with the requirements referred to in section 7 (c) [*firearm, ammunition or device transported, carried or stored in manner compliant with federal Act*] of the Act.

Exemption relating to authorization to carry

- 18** (1) In this section, **“authorization to carry”** means an authorization to carry as defined in section 2 (1) of the federal Act.

- (2) A person who takes an action referred to in section 4 (1) [*prohibition against loaded firearm in vehicle or boat*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the person's possession of the firearm is authorized under an authorization to carry.

PART 4 – EXEMPTIONS FOR GAME FARMERS, LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND VETERINARIANS

Definitions for Part 4

19 In this Part:

“authorized purpose” means any of the following purposes:

- (a) in relation to a game farmer, euthanizing, immobilizing, medicating, sedating or vaccinating the game farmer's fallow deer, bison or reindeer;
- (b) in relation to a livestock farmer, euthanizing, immobilizing, medicating, sedating or vaccinating the livestock farmer's alpacas, cattle, equines, goats, llamas, sheep or swine;
- (c) in relation to a veterinarian,
 - (i) euthanizing, immobilizing, medicating, sedating or vaccinating an animal, or
 - (ii) conducting research in respect of an animal;

“game farmer” means a licensed game farmer within the meaning of the Game Farm Regulation, B.C. Reg. 5/2015;

“livestock farmer” means a person who operates a farm or ranch on which alpacas, cattle, equines, goats, llamas, sheep or swine are kept;

“veterinarian” means any of the following:

- (a) a person who is registered under the *Veterinarians Act*;
- (b) a person who is exempt by reason of any of the following provisions of the *Veterinarians Act* from the prohibition set out in section 46 (2) [*prohibition against non-registrants practicing veterinary medicine*] of that Act:
 - (i) section 46 (3) (d) (ii) [*enrolled student employed by registrant*];
 - (ii) section 46 (3) (e) [*non-resident veterinarian employed or engaged by registrant*];
 - (iii) section 46 (3) (g) [*authorized certified technician*].

Exemptions from sections 4 (1) and 5 of Act for game farmers, livestock farmers and veterinarians

- 20** (1) A game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (3) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken for an authorized purpose;
 - (b) the firearm to which the action relates is a non-restricted firearm or low-velocity firearm;

- (c) the game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian has the licences, permits and authorizations required, if any, under the federal Act;
 - (d) in the case of an action taken with a firearm that is in or on a vehicle, and subject to subsection (2), the action is taken while the vehicle is not in motion.
- (2) The action described in subsection (1) (d) may be taken while the vehicle is in motion if
- (a) the firearm is a low-velocity firearm, and
 - (b) the game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian is not operating the vehicle.
- (3) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (1) [*prohibition against loaded firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 5 (1) [*prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*].

**Exemptions from sections 4 (2) and 14 of Act
for game farmers, livestock farmers and veterinarians**

- 21** (1) A game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the action is taken for an authorized purpose.
- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (2) [*requirements for transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*] of the Act;
 - (b) section 14 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*].

**Exemption from section 6 (2) (a) of Act
for game farmers, livestock farmers and veterinarians**

- 22** A game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian who operates a vehicle if there is a non-restricted firearm in or on the vehicle is exempt from section 6 (2) (a) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms in vehicle*] of the Act, as that provision relates to a non-restricted firearm, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the non-restricted firearm is in or on the vehicle for an authorized purpose;
 - (b) the game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian, or another occupant of the vehicle, has the authorization referred to in section 7 (a) [*authorization under federal Act to possess firearm*] of the Act.

**Exemption from section 8
of Act for veterinarians**

- 23** A veterinarian who takes an action referred to in section 8 (2) [*prohibition against causing public disturbance with low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the action is taken for an authorized purpose.

**Exemptions for persons working under direction of
game farmer, livestock farmer or veterinarian**

- 24** (1) The exemptions in this Part for a game farmer also apply to a person acting under the direction of the game farmer.
- (2) The exemptions in this Part for a livestock farmer also apply to a person acting under the direction of the livestock farmer.
- (3) The exemptions in this Part for a veterinarian also apply to a person acting under the direction and close personal supervision of the veterinarian.

**PART 5 – EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VEHICLES, FERRIES
AND FEDERALLY REGULATED BOATS**

Division 1 – Commercial Passenger Vehicles

Definitions for Division 1

- 25** In this Division:

“commercial passenger vehicle” means any of the following:

- (a) a motor vehicle operated under an authorization issued under any of the following provisions of the *Passenger Transportation Act*:
- (i) section 25 (1) [*authorization for general passenger vehicle*];
 - (ii) section 29 (1) [*authorization for inter-city bus, passenger directed vehicle or transportation network services*];
 - (iii) section 37 [*temporary operating permit*];
 - (iv) section 38 [*temporary operating permit to increase fleet size*];
- (b) a motor vehicle exempted, under any of the following provisions of the Passenger Transportation Regulation, B.C. Reg. 266/2004, from the application of the *Passenger Transportation Act*:
- (i) section 5 (a) [*motor vehicle operated by federal or provincial government of Canada or federal or state government of U.S.*];
 - (ii) section 5 (b) [*motor vehicle operated by municipality or regional district*];
 - (iii) section 5 (c) [*motor vehicle operated by BC Transit or South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority*];
 - (iv) section 5 (d) [*ambulance*];
 - (v) section 5 (k) [*school bus*];

“operator”, in relation to a commercial passenger vehicle, means the driver or a person having care or control of the commercial passenger vehicle;

“owner”, in relation to a commercial passenger vehicle, means an owner as defined in section 83 [*liability of owner for contravention of Act*] of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

**Exemptions from sections 3 and 4 of Act
for commercial passenger vehicle**

- 26 (1) An owner or operator of a commercial passenger vehicle that is being operated in the normal course of the operator's duties does not contravene a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) by reason only that a passenger is in contravention of the listed provision.
- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 3 [*prohibition against using, transporting, carrying or storing firearm in unsafe manner*];
 - (b) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*].

**Exemption from section 6 of Act
for commercial passenger vehicle**

- 27 An operator of a commercial passenger vehicle that is being operated in the normal course of the operator's duties does not contravene section 6 (2) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*] of the Act by reason only that a passenger possesses a firearm, ammunition or device referred to in that section.

Division 2 – Ferries and Federally Regulated Boats

Definitions for Division 2

- 28 In this Division:
- “**federally regulated boat**” means a vessel to which the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* applies, but does not include a ferry;
- “**ferry**” means a boat, when the boat is doing any of the following:
- (a) providing ferry transportation services as defined in section 1 of the *Coastal Ferry Act*;
 - (b) transporting passengers or goods as part of a regional transportation system as defined in section 1 (1) of the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act*;
 - (c) providing ferry services by or on behalf of the government;
 - (d) being operated by a ferry operator as defined in section 1 of the *Coastal Ferry Act*.

**Exemptions from sections 3 and 4 of Act
for ferry and federally regulated boat**

- 29 (1) An owner, operator or crew member of a ferry does not contravene a provision of the Act listed in subsection (3) by reason only that a passenger is in contravention of the listed provision.
- (2) An owner, operator or crew member of a federally regulated boat does not contravene a provision of the Act listed in subsection (3) by reason only that a passenger, as defined in section 2 the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, is in contravention of the listed provision.

- (3) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 3 [*prohibition against using, transporting, carrying or storing firearm in an unsafe manner*];
 - (b) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*].

PART 6 – EXEMPTIONS FOR ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

Definitions for Part 6

30 In this Part:

“**artistic activity**” means an activity carried out in creating a film, painting, photograph or similar artistic work, but does not include an activity carried out in providing or performing in a performing arts event as defined in section 32 of the Firearm Violence Prevention (Designated Property) Regulation;

“**firearm safety coordinator**”, in relation to an artistic activity, means a person who is responsible for the safe use, transportation and storage of firearms, imitation firearms or prohibited devices used for the purposes of the artistic activity;

“**local police service**”, in relation to an artistic activity, means the police service that is responsible for policing and law enforcement in the area in which a firearm, imitation firearm or prohibited device is to be used for the purposes of the artistic activity.

Exemptions from sections 4 (2) and 14 of Act for artistic activity

- 31** (1) A person who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken for the purposes of an artistic activity;
 - (b) a firearm safety coordinator has given written notice to the local police service in accordance with section 33 of this regulation.
- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (2) [*requirements for transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 14 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearms or imitation firearm*].

Exemption from section 6 (2) (a) and (c) of Act for artistic activity

- 32** A person who operates a vehicle if there is, in or on the vehicle, a firearm or prohibited device referred to in section 6 (2) (a) or (c) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms or prohibited devices in vehicle*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken for the purposes of an artistic activity;

- (b) a firearm safety coordinator has given written notice to the local police service in accordance with section 33 of this regulation;
- (c) in the case of a vehicle operated when there is a firearm in or on the vehicle, the firearm is not loaded;
- (d) the person or another occupant of the vehicle has the authorizations referred to in section 7 (a) and (b) [*authorizations under federal Act to possess, transport and carry certain firearms, ammunition or devices*] of the Act.

Giving notice to local police service

- 33** (1) This section sets out the requirements for giving notice to a local police service under section 31 (1) (b) [*exemptions from sections 4 (2) and 14 of Act for artistic activity*] or 32 (b).
- (2) The notice must set out or describe the following:
- (a) the artistic activity that will be taking place, including the dates on which it will be taking place;
 - (b) the firearm, imitation firearm or prohibited device proposed to be used for the purposes of the artistic activity, including the dates on which the firearm, imitation firearm or prohibited device will be used;
 - (c) the location where the firearm, imitation firearm or prohibited device is proposed to be used, including the names of relevant streets;
 - (d) the name and telephone number of the firearm safety coordinator.
- (3) The notice must be given within 5 to 10 days before the first date on which the firearm, imitation firearm or prohibited device will be used

PART 7 – EXEMPTIONS FOR PAINTBALL, LASER TAG, AIRSOFT AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

Exemptions from sections 4 and 5 of Act for paintball, laser tag, airsoft or similar activity

- 34** (1) A person who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken in or on a vehicle that is in or on the premises of a facility that provides paintball, airsoft, laser tag or a similar sporting or recreational activity involving the use of low-velocity firearms or imitation firearms;
 - (b) in the case of an action taken with a firearm, the firearm is a low-velocity firearm;
 - (c) the owner or operator of the facility permits persons to take the action while using vehicles;
 - (d) in the case of an action taken with a low-velocity firearm,
 - (i) the firearm is not discharged in, on or from the vehicle when that vehicle is in motion, and
 - (ii) the firearm is not discharged at another vehicle when that other vehicle is in motion.

- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (b) section 5 (1) [*prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*].

Exemptions from section 14 of Act for paintball, laser tag, airsoft or similar activity

- 35** A minor who takes an action referred to in section 14 (1) or (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if
- (a) the action is taken in or on the premises of a facility that provides paintball, airsoft, laser tag or a similar sporting or recreational activity involving the use of low-velocity firearms or imitation firearms, and
 - (b) the minor is participating in the sporting or recreational activity described in paragraph (a).

PART 8 – PERMITTED DEVICES AND OTHER EXEMPTIONS

Division 1 – Permitted Devices

Meaning of “permitted device”

- 36** In this Division, “permitted device” means any of the following:
- (a) a starter pistol or similar device designed to fire blank cartridges at athletic events;
 - (b) a bear banger, bird banger or similar device designed to produce a loud sound to scare wildlife away from persons or property;
 - (c) a captive bolt pistol, captive bolt rifle, free bolt stunner or similar device designed for use in slaughtering livestock;
 - (d) a flare gun or similar device designed to send distress signals;
 - (e) a pneumatic line thrower, pyrotechnic line thrower or similar device designed to project lines or ropes to distant positions or to positions that cannot be safely reached by other means;
 - (f) a nail gun, pneumatic tool, power-actuated tool or similar device designed for use in construction or manufacturing to fasten or join materials.

Exemptions for permitted devices

- 37** (1) A person who takes an action referred to in a provision of the Act listed in subsection (2) is exempt from the listed provision, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken with a firearm or imitation firearm that is a permitted device;
 - (b) the action is taken for the purposes of using the permitted device exclusively for the purposes for which it is designed.

- (2) This section applies in relation to the following provisions of the Act:
- (a) section 3 [*prohibition against using, transporting, carrying or storing firearm in unsafe manner*];
 - (b) section 4 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (c) section 5 (1) [*prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*];
 - (d) section 6 (2) (a) [*prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms in vehicle*];
 - (e) section 8 (2) [*prohibition against causing public disturbance with low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*];
 - (f) section 9 (2) [*prohibition against possessing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm if subject to federal prohibition*];
 - (g) section 11 (1), (2) and (3) [*prohibition against selling, renting or supplying low-velocity firearm, imitation firearm or ammunition to minor*];
 - (h) section 14 (1) and (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*];
 - (i) section 74 (1) [*duty to provide information about low-velocity firearms*].

Division 2 – Other Exemptions

Exemptions from section 11 (3) of Act for designated officials

- 38** (1) In this section and section 39, “**designated official**” means a designated official as defined in section 10 (1) [*exemptions for designated officials and prescribed exemptions*] of the Act and, for certainty, includes a person prescribed as a wildlife officer under section 5 of this regulation.
- (2) A designated official who supplies, or offers to supply, an item listed in section 11 (3) [*prohibition against supplying low-velocity firearm, imitation firearm or ammunition to minor*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the action is lawful for the purposes of exercising or performing the designated official’s powers or duties.

Exemptions from section 14 of Act for designated officials and trainees

- 39** (1) A minor who is a designated official and who takes an action referred to in section 14 (1) or (2) [*prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm*] of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the action is lawful for the purposes of exercising or performing the designated official’s powers or duties.

- (2) A minor who is not a designated official and who takes an action referred to in section 14 (1) or (2) of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) the action is taken for the purposes of participating in a training program to become a designated official;
 - (b) the action is taken under the close personal supervision of a designated official.

**Exemptions from section 11
of Act for toy guns**

- 40** (1) In this section, “**toy gun**” means an object, other than an object produced in whole or in part from a 3-dimensional printer, that
- (a) is an imitation firearm,
 - (b) is designed and produced for children 13 years of age or younger for use in learning or play, and
 - (c) has not been altered since the date of manufacture.
- (2) A person who sells or offers to sell a toy gun to a minor is, in relation to that action, exempt from section 11 (1) *[prohibition against selling or offering to sell low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm to minor]* of the Act, as that section relates to imitation firearms.
- (3) A person who rents or offers to rent, or supplies or offers to supply, a toy gun to a minor is, in relation to that action, exempt from section 11 (3) (b) *[prohibition against renting, offering to rent, supplying or offering to supply imitation firearm to minor]* of the Act.

**Exemptions from section 14
of Act for cadet programs**

- 41** (1) In this section, “**cadet program**” means a cadet program or cadet activity of any of the following organizations:
- (a) the Air Cadets, Army Cadets, Junior Canadian Rangers or Sea Cadets, as operated by the Canadian Forces;
 - (b) the Navy League of Canada;
 - (c) a police service.
- (2) A minor who takes an action referred to in section 14 (1) or (2) *[prohibition and requirements respecting minor transporting, carrying or storing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm]* of the Act is exempt from that section, in relation to that action, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the action is taken for the purposes of participating in a cadet program;
 - (b) the action is taken under the close personal supervision of an adult who is a member, employee, contractor or volunteer of,
 - (i) in the case of a cadet program of an organization referred to in subsection (1) (a), the Canadian Forces,
 - (ii) in the case of a cadet program of the Navy League of Canada, the Navy League of Canada, or

- (iii) in the case of a cadet program of a police service, the police service;
- (c) the minor does not carry ammunition, other than ammunition for a low-velocity firearm, while taking the action.

PART 9 – ENFORCEMENT OF ACT

Persons prescribed as peace officers

- 42** For the purposes of section 56 (b) of the Act, the following persons are prescribed as peace officers:
- (a) conservation officers as defined in section 1 (1) of the *Environmental Management Act*;
 - (b) persons appointed as park rangers under section 4 (2) [*directors, officers, employees and park rangers*] of the *Park Act*;
 - (c) persons designated as park wardens under section 18 of the *Canada National Parks Act*.

Form of application for search and seizure warrant

- 43** An application for a warrant under section 58 [*search and seizure with warrant*] of the Act may be made by submitting information on oath or affirmation in the form set out as Form 1 of the Schedule to this regulation.

Form of search and seizure warrant

- 44** A warrant under section 58 of the Act may be issued in the following forms set out in the Schedule to this regulation:
- (a) Form 2, if the application for the warrant is made in person;
 - (b) Form 3, if the application for the warrant is made by telephone or other means of telecommunication.

Power to arrest without warrant – prescribed offence

- 45** For the purposes of section 62 (1) [*power to arrest without warrant*] of the Act, section 63 [*prohibition against obstructing inspection, search, seizure or arrest*] of the Act is prescribed.

Court orders prohibiting possession – prescribed offences

- 46** For the purposes of section 68 (1) [*court order to prohibit possession*] of the Act, the offences established under the following provisions of the Act are prescribed:
- (a) section 65 (1) (a) [*offence for contravening section 3 – prohibition against using, transporting, carrying or storing firearm in unsafe manner*];
 - (b) section 65 (1) (b) [*offence for contravening section 4 (1) or (2) – prohibition and requirement respecting firearm or imitation firearm in vehicle or boat*];
 - (c) section 65 (1) (c) [*offence for contravening section 5 (1) – prohibition against discharging firearm from vehicle or boat*];
 - (d) section 65 (1) (d) [*offence for contravening section 6 (2) – prohibition against operating vehicle if certain firearms, ammunition or devices in vehicle*];

- (e) section 65 (1) (e) *[offence for contravening section 8 (2) – prohibition against causing public disturbance with low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm];*
- (f) section 65 (1) (f) *[offence for contravening section 9 (2) – prohibition against possessing low-velocity firearm or imitation firearm if subject to federal prohibition];*
- (g) section 65 (1) (h) *[offence for contravening section 18 – prohibition against possessing firearm or imitation firearm in or on designated property];*
- (h) section 65 (1) (j) *[offence for contravening section 57 – duty to permit peace officer to inspect certain weapons and things].*

Court orders prohibiting possession – permitted devices

- 47** (1) In this section, “**permitted device**” means a permitted device as defined in section 36.
- (2) The court may exclude a permitted device from a prohibition imposed by an order made under section 68 (1) *[court order to prohibit possession]* of the Act.

SCHEDULE

(sections 43 and 44)

Form 1 Information for Warrant

Information to Obtain a Search Warrant by
☐ Telecommunication that Produces a Writing
☐ In Person
☐ Telephone

Canada: Province of British Columbia
Form 1

This is the information of:

_____ (name of informant), in _____ (name of location), British
Columbia, a _____ (occupation), called "the informant", taken before me.

- ☐ Submitted by a form of telecommunication that produces a written document, because it is
impracticable for the informant to appear personally for the following reasons:

The Informant has reasonable grounds to believe that an offence under section(s) _____
of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* has occurred or is occurring and the following things (describe
things to be searched for):

are to be found in the following place (describe real or personal property to be searched), or on a person
(name the individual)

The reasonable grounds for belief are:

The Informant asks that a warrant be issued authorizing peace officer(s) in the Province of British
Columbia to:

- ☐ enter _____ (location described above) to search for and seize
the thing(s) listed above, or
☐ search _____ (name of person) and seize the thing(s) listed above.

The informant requests a search warrant be granted to search the premises for the things

- ☐ by day, or
☐ by night, because _____

SWORN/AFFIRMED before me on _____ (date), at _____ (location), British
Columbia.

Signature of Informant

Print Name

Form 2
Warrant to Search

Warrant to Search

Canada: Province of British Columbia
Form 2

To the Peace Officers in the Province of British Columbia:
In regard to a peace officer in the Province of British Columbia applying for a warrant pursuant to section 58 of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* ("the Act")

I am satisfied, on the basis of the sworn/affirmed information of:

Name of peace officer _____

a peace officer in the Province of British Columbia that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an entry and search are likely to provide evidence that an offence under section(s) _____ of the Act has occurred or is occurring, and the following things (describe things to be searched for):

Real Property: _____

Personal Property: _____

are to be found in the following place or on the following person (describe place or person to be searched),

This authorizes you, and other peace officers in the Province of British Columbia, within ____ days of this warrant's issuance, between the hours of:

_____ hours on _____ (date) to _____ hours on _____ (date)

to:

- ☐ enter and search the real or personal property specified above;
- ☐ search _____ (name of person), whom the peace officer reasonably believes has possession of anything that is likely to provide evidence of an offence under this Act;
- ☐ seize and remove anything that the peace officer reasonably believes is evidence of an offence under the Act; and
- ☐ take the following other actions: _____

This also requires a peace officer to report on the execution of the warrant as soon as practicable after but within a period not more than 7 days after the execution of the warrant to the clerk of the court for the _____ (court location and address).

Issued at _____ (hours) on _____ (date), at _____ (location), British Columbia.

A Judge or Justice of the Peace in and for the Province of British Columbia

Print Name

To the Person/Occupant: if you wish to know the basis on which this warrant was issued, you may apply to the clerk of the court for the territorial division in which the warrant was executed, at (address):

_____ to obtain a copy of the information.

You may obtain from the clerk of the court a copy of the report filed by the peace officer who executed this warrant. That report will indicate the things, if any, that were seized and the location where they are being held.

Form 3
Telewarrant

Warrant to Search Issued by
☐ Telecommunication that Produces a Writing
☐ Telephone

Canada: Province of British Columbia
Form 3

To the Peace Officers in the Province of British Columbia:
In regard to a peace officer in the Province of British Columbia applying for a warrant pursuant to section 58 of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* ("the Act")

I am satisfied, on the basis of the sworn/affirmed information of:

Name of peace officer _____

a peace officer in the Province of British Columbia that there are reasonable grounds for dispensing with an information presented personally and in writing, and that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an entry and search are likely to provide evidence that an offence under section(s) _____ of the Act has occurred or is occurring, and the following things (describe things to be searched for):

Real Property: _____

Personal Property: _____

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