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In the Notice published in **Gazette No. 52** dated 16th July, 2021, **Notice No. 530 of 2021** in column 1 for the word "IMMPRESSION" read "IMPRESSION".

No. 532 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

Sections 272(1)(a)(i) and 272(2)(b)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 272(2)(b) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act), that **IMPERIAL GRAIN LTD No. 126546** will be struck off the register at the expiration of 60 days from the date of this publication, pursuant to section 272(1)(a)(i) of the Act.

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 533 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

Sections 272(1)(a)(i) and 272(2)(b)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 272(2)(b) of the International Business

Companies Act, 2016 (the Act), that **Shoreline Capital International Ltd No. 126546** will be struck off the register at the expiration of 60 days from the date of this publication, pursuant to section 272(1)(a)(i) of the Act.

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 534 of 2021

### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

**Section 272(4)** 

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 272(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 that the following companies have been struck off the register with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Company Name	IBC No.
Silver Box Investments Limited	160760
SUFERTU INVESTMENTS LIMITED	146380

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 535 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

**Section 272(4)** 

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 272(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 that the following companies have been struck off the register with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

Company Name	IBC No.
Cleantech Advisor Limited	217171
Vitis Trading Ltd	208297
FOCUS OPERATIONS LTD.	179738
Virgil Stone International Limited	158503

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 536 of 2021

#### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

<b>Company Name</b>	IBC No.
Yaoji Healthcare Investment Limited	223159
RADIANT HONESTY LIMITED	207129
Plutusve INC	202681

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 537 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

## Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

Company Name	IBC No.
Genki International Limited	189397
Pro Troops Investment Inc.	160654
Land Gold Limited	158572
	Financial Services Authority

No. 538 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

Company Name	IBC No.
IPM (INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT) LTD	035175
DALTON INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., LIMITED	115464

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 539 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

<b>Company Name</b>	IBC No.
Alf Management Group Ltd	217916
Web Visitor Ltd	71579
AVA GEO Ltd.	164074
TF Limited	221641
7Devz Ltd.	220174
In The World's Jungle Limited	206697
V P Inc.	213626

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 540 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

## Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

Company Name	<u>IBC No.</u>
THOUSAND SUCCESS LIMITED	197801
LEOMAX MARITIME LIMITED	213459
RISING GRACE CO., LTD.	202663
Helios Investment Holdings Limited	103374

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 541 of 2021

#### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

## Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

<b>Company Name</b>	IBC No.
Meridien Enterprises S.A.	39877
GRAND GREAT LIMITED	159670
Fusiontech Solutions Ltd.	189255

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 542 of 2021

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Act 15 of 2016)

# Sections 297(3)(a) and 297(5)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297(5) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016 (the Act) that the following companies have been struck off the register owing to dissolution, with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in accordance with Section 297(3)(a) of the Act.

<b>Company Name</b>	IBC No.
OT Investment International Ltd	213304
Garvey Holders Corp.	130258
Global Venture Int'l Ltd.	175684
Niavista Buisness Corp.	170815
Prosnav Family Wealth Limited	174715
LAELIA LTD	101243
AURONEX LTD.	135799
STEMULASIA LIMITED	138790

**Financial Services Authority** 

No. 543 of 2021

## JUDICIAL SALE

Warning is hereby given that on the **05th August**, **2021 at 09.30 a.m.** at Ile Du Port, Mahe, Seychelles shall take place the **sale and final adjudication**, before the Supreme Court of Seychelles of land situated at Anse Royale, Mahe, Seychelles registered as parcels **C.10617** to the extent of 1,096 square meters and **C.10618**, to the extent of 4,781 square meters (being sub-divided parcels of C1815), together with all plantations, dependencies and appurtenances thereto generally whatsoever. The property is seized against Mr. Samuel Fred and Mrs. Maryse Fred at the request of the **Development Bank of Seychelles**.

All parties claiming a right to take inscription of legal mortgage upon the said property are warned that they must do before the Transcription of the Judgment of Adjudication, failing which they shall be debarred of such right.

Dated this 28th day of June 2021.

#### S. RAJASUNDARAM

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No. 544 of 2021

## JUDICIAL SALE

Warning is hereby given that on the **06th August**, **2021 at 3 p.m.** at Ile Du Port, Mahe, Seychelles shall take place the **sale and final adjudication**, before the Supreme Court of Seychelles of land situated at Anse Boileau, Mahe, Seychelles registered as parcel **C.2266** to the extent of 805 square meters, together with all plantations, dependencies and appurtenances thereto generally whatsoever. The property is seized against Mrs. Maria, Theresia Celestine at the request of the **Development Bank of Seychelles**.

All parties claiming a right to take inscription of legal mortgage upon the said property are warned that they must do before the Transcription of the Judgment of Adjudication, failing which they shall be debarred of such right.

Dated this 05th day of July 2021.

## S. RAJASUNDARAM

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No. 545 of 2021

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that **ALMONTE INVESTMENTS LIMITED (IBC No. 128987)** of 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Allied Building Annex, Francis Rachel Street, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles is being dissolved and the dissolution commenced on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Whoever has any claims against the company must lodge their claims with the liquidator within 1 month hereof.

Vasilios Paraskevas of 9 Kafkasou Street, Treppides Tower, 4th floor, office/flat 401, 2112 Aglantzia, Nicosia, Cyprus, has been appointed as liquidator of the company.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2021.		Vasilios Paraskevas LIQUIDATOR
No. 546 of 2021	CHANGE OF NAME	
Notice is hereby given that I have my name from Michael Gino agreeable with sections 94-99 of 0 by filing a protest in writing setting.	Jean-Claude Baron to Mi Cap. 34. Any person interest	chael Gino Jean-Claude Savy and may oppose such application
		Mr Michel Gino Jean-Claude C/o Mr Frank Elizabeth Suite 212B, Premier Building Albert Street Victoria Mahe, Seychelles
No. 547 of 2021		
	CHANGE OF NAME	
Notice is hereby given that I have my name from Zoey Anne Karen 94-99 of Cap. 34. Any person intwiting setting forth his/her groun	Baron to Zoey Anne Kare terested may oppose such a	en Savy agreeable with sections
		Ms Zoey Anne Karen Baron C/o Mr Frank Elizabeth Suite 212B, Premier Building Albert Street Victoria Mahe, Seychelles
No. 548 of 2021	CHANCE OF NAME	
Notice is hereby given that I have my name from Eilish Charlette to Cap. 34. Any person interested r setting forth his/her grounds of objections.	e Eilish Charlette Jumaye a may oppose such application	greeable with sections 94-99 of
No. 549 of 2021	CHANGE OF NAME	
Notice is hereby given that I have my name from Marie Claire Allise Cap. 34. Any person interested r setting forth his/her grounds of objections.	e applied to the Chief Offic op to Marie Claire Alissop a nay oppose such applicatio	agreeable with sections 94-99 of

Ms Marie-Claire Alissop Port-Glaud Mahe Seychelles No. 550 of 2021

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that I have applied to the Chief Officer of the Civil Status to change my children's name from Pria Christal Mary Banane to Pria Christel Mary Mein and Ky-Maya Alex Kathleen Marchaterre to Ky-Maya Alex Kathleen Mein and Ariel Joya Lourdes Hoareau to Ariel Joya Lourdes Mein agreeable with sections 94-99 of Cap. 34. Any person interested may oppose such application by filing a protest in writing setting forth his/her grounds of objections.

Mr. Alexander Regis Mein C/o Mr. Bryan Julie Barrister and Attorney-At-Law Suite 206 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Premier Building P.O. Box 219 Victoria Mahe Seychelles

No. 551 of 2021

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP OF SEYCHELLES

Notice is hereby given that I, Mrs. Lucy Ahono Asba of Cap Sami, Baie Ste Anne, Praslin whose further particulars appear below, being a person eligible to apply for citizenship under \*Article 10/12 of the Constitution / Section 5(2)/5A/5B/5C and 6 of the Citizenship Act (Cap 30) have applied for \*Registration/Naturalisation as a citizen of Seychelles and any person who knows any lawful reasons why the application should not be granted may forward a written and signed statement of the reasons within 28 days of the last publication of this notice to the Citizenship Officer, Immigration Division, Independence House, Victoria.

## Further particulars:

- a) My present nationality is Kenyan.
- b) The date of my first entry into Seychelles is 05.11.2006.
- c) The date of my last entry into Seychelles before the present application is 19th August 2019.
- d) I am gainfully employed as responsible cleaner at Oceane Yacht Charter in Seychelles since 1st January 2017.
- e) The special circumstance which qualifies me to make this application is I'm married to a Seychellois and have Seychellois child Ocean Yacht Charter.

No. 552 of 2021

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP OF SEYCHELLES

Notice is hereby given that I, Luna Pilz born 6 April 2013 of Munchengladbach, Germany whose further particulars appear below, being a person eligible to apply for citizenship under \*Article 10/12 of the Constitution / Section 5(2)/5A/5B/5C and 6 of the Citizenship Act (Cap 30) have applied for \*Registration/Naturalisation as a citizen of Seychelles and any person who knows any lawful reasons why the application should not be granted may forward a written and signed statement of the reasons within 28 days of the last publication of this notice to the Citizenship Officer, Immigration Division, Independence House, Victoria.

## Further particulars:

a) My present nationality is German.

- b) The date of my first entry into Seychelles is 10th October 2016.
- c) The date of my last entry into Seychelles before the present application is 6th July 2021.
- d) The special circumstance which qualifies me to make this application is family background from Seychelles.

No. 553 of 2021

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP OF SEYCHELLES

Notice is hereby given that I, Luis Pilz born 7 December 2008 of Munchengladbach, Germany whose further particulars appear below, being a person eligible to apply for citizenship under \*Article 10/12 of the Constitution / Section 5(2)/5A/5B/5C and 6 of the Citizenship Act (Cap 30) have applied for \*Registration/Naturalisation as a citizen of Seychelles and any person who knows any lawful reasons why the application should not be granted may forward a written and signed statement of the reasons within 28 days of the last publication of this notice to the Citizenship Officer, Immigration Division, Independence House, Victoria.

## Further particulars:

- a) My present nationality is German.
- b) The date of my first entry into Seychelles is January 2010.
- c) The date of my last entry into Seychelles before the present application is 6th July 2021.
- d) The special circumstance which qualifies me to make this application is family background from Seychelles.

No. 554 of 2021

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP OF SEYCHELLES

Notice is hereby given that I, Jonas Pilz born 15th June 2006 of Munchengladbach, Germany whose further particulars appear below, being a person eligible to apply for citizenship under \*Article 10/12 of the Constitution / Section 5(2)/5A/5B/5C and 6 of the Citizenship Act (Cap 30) have applied for \*Registration/Naturalisation as a citizen of Seychelles and any person who knows any lawful reasons why the application should not be granted may forward a written and signed statement of the reasons within 28 days of the last publication of this notice to the Citizenship Officer, Immigration Division, Independence House, Victoria.

## Further particulars:

- a) My present nationality is German.
- b) The date of my first entry into Seychelles is January 2010.
- c) The date of my last entry into Seychelles before the present application is 6th July 2021.
- d) The special circumstance which qualifies me to make this application is family background from Seychelles.

(Bill No. 29 of 2021)

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The object of this Bill is to increase the term of imprisonment and monetary penalties for the unlawful possession or control of any firearm or ammunition. Guns and ammunitions do not play part in civilian society. Any person in possession of any firearm or ammunition contrary to the laws of Seychelles will now run the risk of being liable to a maximum term of imprisonment for 15 years and liable to a maximum fine of one million rupees.

Gun-related violence threatens our most fundamental human right, the right to life. Notwithstanding the fact that Seychelles has high levels of safety and security, the Government seeks to maximize the protection of human rights, creating the safest possible environment for Seychellois and visitors to this beautiful country. As such, the Government is imposing harsher penalties and will implement stricter gun possession laws and gun violence prevention measures.

The Bill seeks to deter any unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by imposing harsher penalties. For instance, under section 9 of the Firearms and Ammunition Act of 1973, if a person unlawfully manufactures any firearm or ammunition in Seychelles, that person is liable on conviction to a maximum of 5 years imprisonment and SCR 10, 000. This Bill proposes that the penalty is changed to 10 years imprisonment and SCR 500, 000.

The Bill seeks to make consequential amendments to section 84 of the Penal Code, Cap. 158, by increasing the terms of imprisonment and monetary penalties thereunder. For example, under section 84(1) of the Penal Code, a person who unlawfully carries or has in that person's possession or control any firearm, ammunition or explosive is liable on conviction to imprisonment for 7 years. It is being proposed that the penalty is changed to 15 years.

If the National Assembly of Seychelles approves this Bill, the President of the Republic intends to make a proclamation to prohibit the carrying, use, or keeping of firearms or ammunition throughout Seychelles. A person who unlawfully has in his or her possession any firearm or ammunition will be given an opportunity to hand over the firearm or ammunition to the Police. The Bill introduces a provision that makes it clear no proceedings can be instituted against any person who delivers up any firearm or ammunition within the period specified in the proclamation. Further, the Bill gives the Commissioner of Police power to destroy the firearms and ammunitions delivered up during the period of amnesty. Thereafter, any person found in possession or control of any firearm, ammunition or explosive will be subjected to the hasher penalties that this Bill seeks to impose.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

FRANK D.R. ALLY ATTORNEY-GENERAL

(Bill No. 29 of 2021)

#### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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(Bill No. 29 of 2021)



## A BILL

## **FOR**

AN ACT to revise the monetary penalties and the terms of imprisonment imposed under the law for unlawful activities in relation to firearms and ammunitions; and for matters incidental thereto.

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

#### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms and Ammunition (Amendment) Act, 2021, and is hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act".

- 1. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in the definition of "ammunition"
    - (i) in paragraph (i) by inserting immediately after the words "hand grenade," the words "bullet or like missile,";
    - (ii) in paragraph (ii) by inserting immediately after the words "hand grenade" wherever they appear, the words ", bullet or missile,";
    - (iii) in paragraph (iii) by inserting immediately after the words "hand grenade" the words ", bullet";
  - (b) by repealing the definition of "customs officer";
  - (c) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order the following new definitions —
  - **""Commissioner of Police"** means the Commissioner of Police appointed in accordance with article 160 of the Constitution;
  - "customs officer" means a person appointed under section 8 of the Customs Management Act, 2011;".

#### Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 3 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **4.** Section 5 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (8) by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 4 on the standard scale":

(b) in subsection (9) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

## Amendment of section 9

5. Section 9(3) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 10 years or to a fine of level 6 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 10

**6.** Section 10(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 3 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 11

7. Section 11(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 3 on the standard scale".

## Amendment of section 12]

**8.** Section 12(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 13

**9.** Section 13(5) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### **Amendment of section 14**

**10.** Section 14(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 3 on the standard scale".

11. Section 15(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 16

12. Section 16(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 17

13. Section 17(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 18

14. Section 18(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 20

15. Section 20(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 21

**16.** Section 21(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

17. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 25

- **18.** Section 25 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (2) by repealing the words "not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 5 years or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale":
  - (b) in subsection (3) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale":
  - (c) in subsection (4) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **19.** Section 26 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (3) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or a fine of level 4 on the standard scale";
  - (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

**20.** Section 27(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 28

21. Section 28(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 30

**22.** Section 30(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 31

23. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **24.** Section 34 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (6) by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 4 on the standard scale";
  - (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

**25.** Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **26.** Section 45 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following
    - "(1) It shall be lawful for the President by proclamation to —
    - (a) prohibit the carrying, use, or keeping of firearms or ammunitions in any district or part of the Republic for either a definite or an indefinite period, and to order that within such district or part all firearms or ammunitions shall be delivered up on demand to such person or persons as the President may appoint; or
    - (b) order that any person in possession of firearms or ammunitions without any lawful authority or a valid licence to surrender the firearms or ammunitions within a specified period and time to such person or persons as the President may appoint."
  - (b) by renumbering subsection (2) as subsection (4);
  - (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections
    - "(2) Notwithstanding any law, no proceedings shall be instituted against a person who delivers up any firearm or ammunition in accordance with subsection (1).
    - (3) Notwithstanding any written law, any firearm or ammunition delivered up in accordance with subsection (1) is

deemed to be confiscated and shall be destroyed on the directions of the Commissioner of Police."

(d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words "imprisonment for five years or to a fine of Rs. 5, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale".

## **Amendment of section 46**

- 27. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended—
  - (a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1);
  - (b) in subsection (1) by repealing paragraph (h);
  - (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following as subsection (2)
    - "(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may create offences and provide that contravention of or failure to comply with any such regulations shall be an offence and prescribe for offences maximum penalties not exceeding 5 years imprisonment or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale."

## **Consequential amendments**

**28.** The Penal Code, Cap. 158, is amended to the extent specified in Schedule 1 to this Act.

#### SCHEDULE 1

(Section 28)

## **CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS**

#### Amendment of section 84 of the Penal Code

- 1. Section 84 of the Penal Code is amended—
  - (a) in subsection (1) by repealing the words "imprisonment for seven years" and substituting therefor the words

- "imprisonment for 15 years and a fine of level 7 on the standard scale";
- (b) in subsection (2) by repealing the words "imprisonment for five years" and substituting therefor the words "imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale";
- (c) in subsection (3) by repealing the words "imprisonment for five years" and substituting therefor the words "imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale";
- (d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words "a fine of one thousand rupees and to imprisonment for one year" and substituting therefor the words "imprisonment for 3 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

(Bill No. 29 of 2021)

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The object of this Bill is to increase the term of imprisonment and monetary penalties for the unlawful possession or control of any firearm or ammunition. Guns and ammunitions do not play part in civilian society. Any person in possession of any firearm or ammunition contrary to the laws of Seychelles will now run the risk of being liable to a maximum term of imprisonment for 15 years and liable to a maximum fine of one million rupees.

Gun-related violence threatens our most fundamental human right, the right to life. Notwithstanding the fact that Seychelles has high levels of safety and security, the Government seeks to maximize the protection of human rights, creating the safest possible environment for Seychellois and visitors to this beautiful country. As such, the Government is imposing harsher penalties and will implement stricter gun possession laws and gun violence prevention measures.

The Bill seeks to deter any unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by imposing harsher penalties. For instance, under section 9 of the Firearms and Ammunition Act of 1973, if a person unlawfully manufactures any firearm or ammunition in Seychelles, that person is liable on conviction to a maximum of 5 years imprisonment and SCR 10, 000. This Bill proposes that the penalty is changed to 10 years imprisonment and SCR 500, 000.

The Bill seeks to make consequential amendments to section 84 of the Penal Code, Cap. 158, by increasing the terms of imprisonment and monetary penalties thereunder. For example, under section 84(1) of the Penal Code, a person who unlawfully carries or has in that person's possession or control any firearm, ammunition or explosive is liable on conviction to imprisonment for 7 years. It is being proposed that the penalty is changed to 15 years.

If the National Assembly of Seychelles approves this Bill, the President of the Republic intends to make a proclamation to prohibit the carrying, use, or keeping of firearms or ammunition throughout Seychelles. A person who unlawfully has in his or her possession any firearm or ammunition will be given an opportunity to hand over the firearm or ammunition to the Police. The Bill introduces a provision that makes it clear no proceedings can be instituted against any person who delivers up any firearm or ammunition within the period specified in the proclamation. Further, the Bill gives the Commissioner of Police power to destroy the firearms and ammunitions delivered up during the period of amnesty. Thereafter, any person found in possession or control of any firearm, ammunition or explosive will be subjected to the hasher penalties that this Bill seeks to impose.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

FRANK D.R. ALLY ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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## A BILL

## **FOR**

AN ACT to revise the monetary penalties and the terms of imprisonment imposed under the law for unlawful activities in relation to firearms and ammunitions; and for matters incidental thereto.

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

#### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms and Ammunition (Amendment) Act, 2021, and is hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act".

- 1. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in the definition of "ammunition"
    - (i) in paragraph (i) by inserting immediately after the words "hand grenade," the words "bullet or like missile,";
    - (ii) in paragraph (ii) by inserting immediately after the words "hand grenade" wherever they appear, the words ", bullet or missile,";
    - (iii) in paragraph (iii) by inserting immediately after the words "hand grenade" the words ", bullet";
  - (b) by repealing the definition of "customs officer";
  - (c) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order the following new definitions —
  - **""Commissioner of Police"** means the Commissioner of Police appointed in accordance with article 160 of the Constitution;
  - "customs officer" means a person appointed under section 8 of the Customs Management Act, 2011;".

#### Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 3 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **4.** Section 5 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (8) by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 4 on the standard scale":

(b) in subsection (9) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

## Amendment of section 9

5. Section 9(3) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 10 years or to a fine of level 6 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 10

**6.** Section 10(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 3 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 11

7. Section 11(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 3 on the standard scale".

## Amendment of section 12]

**8.** Section 12(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 13

**9.** Section 13(5) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### **Amendment of section 14**

**10.** Section 14(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 3 on the standard scale".

11. Section 15(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 16

12. Section 16(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 17

13. Section 17(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 18

14. Section 18(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 20

15. Section 20(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 21

**16.** Section 21(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

17. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 25

- **18.** Section 25 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (2) by repealing the words "not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 5 years or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale":
  - (b) in subsection (3) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale":
  - (c) in subsection (4) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **19.** Section 26 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (3) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or a fine of level 4 on the standard scale";
  - (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

**20.** Section 27(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 28

21. Section 28(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 30

**22.** Section 30(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

#### Amendment of section 31

23. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **24.** Section 34 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) in subsection (6) by repealing the words "a fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000" and substituting therefor the words "a fine of level 4 on the standard scale";
  - (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words "not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

**25.** Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words "not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".

- **26.** Section 45 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following
    - "(1) It shall be lawful for the President by proclamation to —
    - (a) prohibit the carrying, use, or keeping of firearms or ammunitions in any district or part of the Republic for either a definite or an indefinite period, and to order that within such district or part all firearms or ammunitions shall be delivered up on demand to such person or persons as the President may appoint; or
    - (b) order that any person in possession of firearms or ammunitions without any lawful authority or a valid licence to surrender the firearms or ammunitions within a specified period and time to such person or persons as the President may appoint."
  - (b) by renumbering subsection (2) as subsection (4);
  - (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections
    - "(2) Notwithstanding any law, no proceedings shall be instituted against a person who delivers up any firearm or ammunition in accordance with subsection (1).
    - (3) Notwithstanding any written law, any firearm or ammunition delivered up in accordance with subsection (1) is

deemed to be confiscated and shall be destroyed on the directions of the Commissioner of Police."

(d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words "imprisonment for five years or to a fine of Rs. 5, 000" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale".

## **Amendment of section 46**

- 27. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended—
  - (a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1);
  - (b) in subsection (1) by repealing paragraph (h);
  - (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following as subsection (2)
    - "(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may create offences and provide that contravention of or failure to comply with any such regulations shall be an offence and prescribe for offences maximum penalties not exceeding 5 years imprisonment or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale."

## **Consequential amendments**

**28.** The Penal Code, Cap. 158, is amended to the extent specified in Schedule 1 to this Act.

#### SCHEDULE 1

(Section 28)

## **CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS**

#### Amendment of section 84 of the Penal Code

- 1. Section 84 of the Penal Code is amended—
  - (a) in subsection (1) by repealing the words "imprisonment for seven years" and substituting therefor the words

- "imprisonment for 15 years and a fine of level 7 on the standard scale";
- (b) in subsection (2) by repealing the words "imprisonment for five years" and substituting therefor the words "imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale";
- (c) in subsection (3) by repealing the words "imprisonment for five years" and substituting therefor the words "imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale";
- (d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words "a fine of one thousand rupees and to imprisonment for one year" and substituting therefor the words "imprisonment for 3 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale".