

**THE FIREARMS (PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION AND  
REGULATION) ACT, 2022**

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**The Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation)  
(Firearms Amnesty) Order, 2022, Resolution**

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**WHEREAS** section 19 of the Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) Act, 2022, provides that the Minister may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, declare a firearms amnesty if the Minister is satisfied that -

- (a) the amnesty may result in the reduction in the number of illegally possessed firearms or ammunition in Jamaica; and
- (b) it is in the public interest to declare the amnesty:

**AND WHEREAS** on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022, the Minister made the Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) (Firearms Amnesty) Order, 2022:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by this Honourable House as follows:-

1. This Resolution may be cited as the Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) (Firearms Amnesty) Order, 2022, Resolution.
2. The Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) (Firearms Amnesty) Order, 2022, is hereby affirmed.

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**WHEREAS** the Minister is satisfied that a firearms amnesty may result in a reduction in the number of illegally possessed firearms or ammunition in Jamaica, and that it is in the public interest to declare the amnesty:

**NOW THEREFORE:**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister by section 19 of the Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) Act, 2022, the following Order is hereby made:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Prohibition, Restriction and Regulation) (Firearms Amnesty) Order, 2022.
2. - (1) During the period commencing on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, and ending at 12:00 am on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, an amnesty is declared whereby any person may, in respect of any firearm or ammunition that satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph 2 (2) of this Order, be granted the relief specified in section 19(3) of the Act (hereinafter referred to as the amnesty).
  - (2) The conditions are that, during the period specified in sub-paragraph (1), the firearm or ammunition (as the case may be) is surrendered –
    - (a) at any police station, to the sub-officer in charge or the senior sub-officer on duty; or
    - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (3), at any office of the Firearm Licensing Authority to an officer of the Authority designated by the Authority for

that purpose.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2)(b) shall not apply to the surrender of any firearm or ammunition by or on behalf of the person seeking the amnesty, in any case where no licence or other authorisation in respect of the firearm or ammunition (as the case may be) was ever issued to the person under the laws of Jamaica.

(4) An attorney-at-law may, on behalf of the person seeking the amnesty, surrender the firearm or ammunition (as the case may be) in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), if the attorney-at-law complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (5).

(5) The requirements referred to in sub-paragraph (4) are that the attorney-at-law shall -

- (a) effect the surrender of the firearm or ammunition in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) forthwith upon taking possession of the firearm or ammunition or, if any circumstances occur to prevent such surrender, shall forthwith notify the sub-officer in charge of, or the senior sub-officer on duty at, the nearest police station and make arrangements for the firearm or ammunition to be surrendered without any further delay;
- (b) until the surrender is effected, keep the firearm or ammunition (as the case may be) in a safe place; and
- (c) make a record of –
  - (i) the quantity of the firearms or ammunition (as the case may be) concerned; and
  - (ii) to the extent possible, in the case of –
    - (A) each such firearm, the serial number, type, make and model of the firearm;



(B) all such ammunition, the type and make of the  
ammunition,

and shall make a copy of the record available to the Firearm Licensing Authority or to the police, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

3. The relief specified in section 19(3) of the Act shall apply to each person who surrenders a firearm or ammunition in accordance with this Order (that is to say, for the avoidance of doubt, the person shall not be prosecuted for having been in possession of the firearm or ammunition (as the case may be) contrary to the Act).

4. To facilitate the surrender of any firearm or ammunition pursuant to this Order, the person making the surrender is encouraged to call ahead to any of the following numbers, prior to travelling with the firearm or ammunition, to inform the appropriate authorities of the proposed surrender or to make arrangements for the surrender (as the case may require) –

(a) 811;

(b) 876-838-3084;

(c) 876-968-9533.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.



Minister of National Security