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Committee on Import Licensing

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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>

TONGA

The following notification, dated 28 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Tonga.

**1 ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT [CAP.7.01]**

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Tonga
2	Title of new legislation/ procedure	Arms and Ammunition Act [Cap.7.01]
3	Date of Publication	29 November 1968
4	Date of entry into force	29 November 1968
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	<a href="http://ago.gov.to">Arms and Ammunition Act (ago.gov.to)</a>
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)  <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	<b>Ammunition:</b> bullets, cartridges, shells or anything designed or adapted for or capable for use with any arm, or designed or adapted to contain any noxious liquid, gas or other thing but does not include spears discharged from an arm solely for the purpose of killing fish.  <b>Arm:</b> any lethal barrelled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile, and any weapon of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing dangerous to persons; and includes any component part of any such weapon, and any accessory to any such weapon designed or adapted to diminish the noise or flash caused by firing the weapon, but

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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		does not include articles or adapted solely to discharge spears for spearing fish.
9	<b>Nature of licensing</b>	Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	<b>Administrative purpose/measure being implemented</b>	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties ( <i>i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.</i> ) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ ( <i>please specify</i> )
11	<b>Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: Minister's Office/Tonga Police Address: Tonga Police Headquarters, Maui Kisikisi Rd, Longolongo, Tongatapu, Tonga Website: NA Telephone: (+676) 7401611 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:folola.vaikona@police.gov.to">folola.vaikona@police.gov.to</a>
12	<b>Contact point for information on eligibility</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: Armoury/Tonga Police Address: Tonga Police Training College, Maui Kisikisi Rd, Longolongo, Tongatapu, Tonga Website: NA Telephone: (+676) 7401600 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:eliki.tomu@police.gov.to">eliki.tomu@police.gov.to</a>
13	<b>Expected duration of licensing procedure</b>	Ongoing
14	<b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>	This Act is to repeal the Arms and Ammunition Act and to make better provisions for controlling the possession, manufacture, sale, repair, storage, import and export of arms and ammunition.
15	<b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b> (c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);

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	<b>Category</b>	<b>Notification details</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
<b>16</b>	<b>Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)</b>	

**2 ARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATIONS [CAP.7.01.01]**

	Category	Notification details
1	<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>Tonga</b>
2	<b>Title of new legislation/ procedure</b>	Arms and Ammunition Regulations [Cap.7.01.01]
3	<b>Date of Publication</b>	28 February 1969
4	<b>Date of entry into force</b>	28 February 1969
5	<b>Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure</b>	<a href="http://ago.gov.to">Arms and Ammunition Regulations (ago.gov.to)</a>
6	<b>Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.
7	<b>Type of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>3</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)  <input type="checkbox"/> b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	<b>List of products subject to licensing</b>	<b>Ammunition:</b> bullets, cartridges, shells or anything designed or adapted for or capable for use with any arm, or designed or adapted to contain any noxious liquid, gas or other thing but does not include spears discharged from an arm solely for the purpose of killing fish.  <b>Arm:</b> any lethal barrelled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile, and any weapon of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing dangerous to persons; and includes any component part of any such weapon, and any accessory to any such weapon designed or adapted to diminish the noise or flash caused by firing the weapon, but does not include articles or adapted solely to discharge spears for spearing fish.
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<b>13</b>	<b>Expected duration of licensing procedure</b>	Ongoing
<b>14</b>	<b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>	This regulation covers the licence only on the use, carry and import of arms and ammunition. Private persons (not being licensed dealers) must obtain the relevant Arms License before the arm/ammunition can be withdrawn from Customs.
<b>15</b>	<b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b></p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b></p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
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