

Australian Capital Territory

Major Events Security Declaration 2008 (No 1)*

Disallowable instrument DI2008—58

made under the

Major Events Security Act 2000, s 4 (Declaration of major events)

1. Under section 4 of the *Major Events Security Act 2000* (the Act) the 2008 Beijing Olympic Torch Relay (specified in Schedule 1) at the venue (specified in Schedule 3) is a major event for the purposes of the Act.
2. This declaration is in force for the period commencing at 10 am on 23 April 2008 and concluding at 6pm on 23 April 2008.
3. Under section 7 of the Act the statutory conditions of entry to the venue are stated to be as follows:
 - (a) a person seeking to enter or remain in the venue shall, if asked by a police officer, permit a search to be made of his or her personal property;
 - (b) a person seeking to enter or remain in the venue shall, if asked by a police officer, permit a frisk search to be made of his or her person; and
 - (c) a person shall not take into or possess in the venue a prohibited item.
4. For the purposes of this declaration:
 - (a) the description of the event is specified in Schedule 1;

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60

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- (b) the proposed times and date of the event are specified in Schedule 1;
- (c) the prohibited items are those specified in Schedule 2; and
- (d) the location of the venue is specified in Schedule 3:

5. The venue contains a restricted area.

Declared by us, the Executive of the Australian Capital Territory:

Simon Corbell
Attorney General
15 April 2008

Jon Stanhope
Minister
15 April 2008

Schedule 1 –

Declaration made under s. 4 of the *Major Events Security Act 2000*

1. *Description of the event*

Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay

2. *Times and dates of the event*

The proposed times and dates of the event:

(i) Date: 23 April 2008

Events Planned: Briefing session for Chinese media at 2pm
Media briefing session at 3pm
Torchbearer briefing session at 4pm

Declaration sought for period: 10am – 6pm on 23 April 2008

It is requested that the inside of the National Convention Centre be declared a restricted area during the period of the declaration.

Schedule 2 –

Declaration made under s. 4 of the *Major Events Security Act 2000*

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Glass items, other than optical lenses and items containing food or beverages for infants;

Cans, other than those containing food or beverages for infants;

Prohibited weapons and prohibited articles under the *Prohibited Weapons Act 1996*;

Knives, including knives under the *Crimes Act 1900*;

Firearms under the *Firearms Act 1996* excepting those carried lawfully by law enforcement officers performing duties at, or as part of the event;

Fire extinguishers and any other material contained within a receptacle that is likely to be used as a fire retardant except those lawfully in the possession of emergency services personnel;

Paint stored in any type of container (including balloons, tins and aerosol cans);
Flares, fireworks, explosives, smoke bombs, petrol and dangerous goods under the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* excepting those fireworks authorized lawfully by those persons contracted to participate in formal proceedings relating to the event;
Controlled drugs and plants under Schedules 1 & 2 of the *Criminal Code Regulations 2005* that includes prohibited substances, plants and drugs of dependence; and
Balls, eggs, paint bombs and any similar item that is likely to be used as a projectile.

Schedule 3 –

Declaration made under s. 4 of the *Major Events Security Act 2000*

Venue

National Convention Centre, 27 Constitution Avenue, Canberra City (Block 14, Section 65), including a perimeter of 40 metres around the centre and to the corner of Constitution Avenue and Coranderrk Street.