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DETERMINATION NO. 158 of 1992

I, Christopher John LATHBURY, Registrar of Weapons, pursuant to paragraph 13(1)(b) of the *Weapons Act 1991*, **REVOKE** the *GUIDELINES for the security of premises in or on which dangerous or restricted weapons are kept and for the safe custody of those weapons* which were determined by me by notice published in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No 23 on 10 June 1992 and I **DETERMINE** *GUIDELINES for the security of premises in or on which dangerous weapons or restricted weapons are kept and for the safe custody of those weapons* as set out in the attached schedule. .

Date: 26.10.92

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. J. Lathbury', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Christopher John LATHBURY
Registrar of Weapons

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2. Weapons Act 1991

**GUIDELINES FOR THE SECURITY OF PREMISES AND
FOR THE STORAGE OF WEAPONS**

1. LONGARMS (LESS THAN 10) AND RESTRICTED WEAPONS

The minimum specifications for a security container for

- (i) Longarms (Rifles and Shotguns)
- (ii) All restricted weapons

are as follows:-

- A metal lockable container ("Brownbuilt" or similar style manufacturer) with a separate lockable metal drawer or container (external or internal) suitable for the storage of ammunition and, where possible, firing mechanism/s (bolts).
- The weapons container should be affixed to floor and/or wall with a minimum of two (2) suitable bolts.
- Where ammunition and firing mechanisms are stored in a lockable metal container which is not suitable for the storage of weapons, the weapon itself shall be secured in such a fashion that it is incapable of being discharged by an unauthorised person, or by the employment of a commercially available and key operated trigger locking mechanism or device.

2. LONGARMS (10 OR MORE)

The minimum specifications for a security container for ten (10) or more longarm weapons are the same as those required for less than ten (10) pistols, as described in the succeeding section.

3. PISTOLS (LESS THAN 10) AND TRANQUILLISING PISTOLS

The minimum specifications for a security container for

- (i) pistols (less than ten), and
- (ii) tranquilliser pistols

are as follows:-

The security container must:

- be constructed of structural grade mild steel conforming with AS1204 grade 250, not less than three (3) millimetres thick;
- be constructed with continuous welding of all edges;
- be fitted with a door constructed of the same minimum thickness grade steel, swung on either concealed pivots, or externally mounted sealed end hinges welded to the door and body of the container, and door being flush fitting with a clearance around the door of no more than one (1) millimetre;
- if hinged, have a fixed locking bar or dogging bolts, welded to the inside face of the door near the hinge edge, which engages in a rebate in the container body when the door is closed;

- be fitted with a five lever key deadbolt, or locking mechanism providing at least equivalent security. Any such lock is to be securely affixed to the rear face of the door by retaining screws and a metal strap overlapping, or enclosing, the locking case with each end welded to the rear door face;

- be constructed with a full length steel rebate welded to the side of the container body. The locking edge is to receive the deadbolt of the locking mechanism.

- The container shall be mounted on a wall or on the floor in the following manner:-

- when mounted onto brick, it shall be attached by at least two (2) Loxin anchor type 52mm x 16mm(diameter) 10mm thread high tensile bolts;

- when mounted onto concrete or stone, it shall be attached by at least two (2) 70mm x 12mm(diam) 10mm thread Dyna type bolts and expanding anchors; or

- when mounted onto wall studs or floor joists it shall be attached, flush against such timber and plaster surfaces, by two (2) zinc plated hexagonal head coach screws, not less than 8mm in diameter x 50mm in length. Provision must also be made for recessing of containers where necessary (eg into skirting board) so as to avoid air space between the container and the floor/wall surface, to enable the container to be secured by the minimum required two bolts, one in a wall stud and one in a floor joist;

- all of the above shall be internally fitted through holes in the rear and/or bottom of the container, which must conform with the manufacturer's specifications.

4. PISTOLS (10 OR MORE)

The minimum specifications for a security container for

- Ten (10) or more pistols
- Pistols held by licensed dealers
- Pistols held by pistol club armourers

are as follows:-

- for the purpose of this specification, an approved safe will include standing, under-the-floor and wall types, of commercially recognised standards of manufacture and security performance. This specification DOES NOT include fire-resistant only cabinets and filing drawers.

- free-standing and wall safes shall be constructed of at least eight (8) millimetre thickness structural grade mild steel with continuous welding, fixed locking bar or dogging bolts on the hinge edge and fitted with a five lever lock or other locking mechanism providing at least equivalent security, or a keyless combination lock. The door should be fitted with a maximum clearance of one (1) millimetre on all sides.

- under-the-floor safes shall consist of a container of structural grade mild steel, not less than three (3) millimetres in thickness, a substantial closure equipped with with a five lever key lock or other locking mechanism providing at least equivalent security, or a keyless combination lock. The container and neck of the safe shall be embedded in reinforced concrete of a minimum compressive strength of 1360 kilograms and be of a minimum 495mm x 622mm dimensions.

- with the exception of under-the-floor safes, all other safes shall be affixed by at least two (2) 70mm x 12mm (diam) 10mm thread Dyna type bolts and expanding anchors, internally fitted through holes in the rear and/or bottom of the container, into concrete or stone, which must conform with the manufacturer's specifications.

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5. DISPLAY OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS (LONGARMS & ANTIQUE PISTOLS)

• Dangerous weapons may be displayed in a lockable cabinet of solid construction. Any glass panelling within that structure must meet a minimum grade requirement of 7.5mm laminated. A suitable strength stainless steel cable of minimum 3mm diameter is to be securely affixed at one end, to the side or bottom of that cabinet, and the other end is to be affixed with a suitable strength padlock. The steel cable shall be employed so as to secure the weapon/s, in the cabinet, through the trigger guard.

• When the owner of the weapon/s thus displayed, or the lawful occupier of the premises in which they are displayed, is intending to be absent from the premises for a period of more than seventy two (72) hours the dangerous weapon/s shall not be so displayed but shall be secured in accordance with the specifications, applicable to each type of weapon, as described in Sections 1 - 4 of these Guidelines.

6. DEALERS, ARMOURERS AND CORPORATE LICENCE HOLDERS

The minimum specifications for the security of premises required for the storage of Dangerous or Restricted Weapons for

- (i) Dangerous or Restricted Weapons Dealers
- (ii) Armourer - Pistol Club
- (iii) Armourer - Firearms Range
- (iv) Corporate Dangerous Weapons Licensee (10 or more pistols)

are as follows:-

- All perimeter doors must be of solid construction, securely hinged in stout framework and fitted with mortice or deadlocks.
- All perimeter windows and roof skylights must be fitted with security grilles
- All longarm weapons, which are stored overnight, shall be securely locked in padlocked racks which are permanently attached to side walls. A suitable strength stainless steel cable, of minimum 3mm diameter, shall be securely affixed at one end to the side or bottom of the rack and the other end shall be affixed with a suitable strength padlock. The steel cable shall be employed so as to secure the weapons, in that rack through the trigger guard.
- All pistols shall be secured in accordance with the specifications described in Section 4 of these Guidelines.
- An intruder alarm shall be installed and must incorporate the following:-
 - (a) a space movement detector similar to microwave, passive infra-red or ultrasonics, is to be installed so as to detect movement irrespective of an intruder's method of entry;
 - (b) the proposed alarm system is to be connected to the mains power with a battery standby in case of power failure;
 - (c) in the case of shopfront premises, monitoring of the system shall be achieved by an appropriate communication landline to a private security company; and
 - (d) the alarm system shall incorporate an external noise maker which should provide the required reaction of the local residents in the event of the alarm being activated