



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2021

Portfolio Police

On 30 September 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that following the entry by New Zealand into COVID-19 Alert Level restrictions from 17 August 2021, there are a significant number of people who have not been, or will not be, able to renew their firearms licence or endorsement before the expiry of their current licence or endorsement;
- 2 **noted** that section 74(1)(ea) of the Arms Act 1983 enables regulations to be made extending the expiry date of licences and endorsements in the event of a pandemic or epidemic;
- 3 **noted** that the Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2021 provide for extending by a further 12 months:
 - 3.1 any firearms or dealer's licence or endorsement that expired on or before 16 August 2021 provided the licence holder applied for a new licence or a new endorsement before their licence or endorsement expired (which will cover those in the current renewal backlog);
 - 3.2 any licence or endorsement expiring during the period commencing on 17 August 2021 and ending on 30 November 2021 provided the licence holder has applied for a new licence or a new endorsement within 4 months of the original expiry date;
- 4 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the attached Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2021 [PCO 24117/8.0];
- 5 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
 - 5.1 so the regulations can come into force as soon as possible;
 - 5.2 on the grounds that it is important to minimise the time licence holders are without current licences and endorsements when they have applied for new licences and to make them compliant with the Act as soon as possible;
- 6 **agreed** to a waiver of the 28-day rule so that the Regulations can come into force on 8 October 2021.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Kiri Allan
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Phil Twyford

Officials present from:

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