

TASMANIA

FIREARMS AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2024
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FIREARMS AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2024

I, the Lieutenant-Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

Dated 18 November 2024.

A. M. BLOW
Lieutenant-Governor

By His Excellency's Command,

FELIX ELLIS
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Firearms Amendment Regulations 2024*.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on
1 December 2024.

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3. Principal Regulations

In these regulations, the *Firearms Regulations 2016** are referred to as the Principal Regulations.

4. Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations is amended as follows:

- (a) by inserting the following definition after the definition of *captive bolt device*:

gel blaster means an air gun designed to fire or propel hydrated superabsorbent polymer balls or other similar gel-like projectiles by means of compressed air or compressed gas;

- (b) by inserting the following definition after the definition of *line thrower*:

modified toy firearm means a toy firearm that has been modified from its original manufactured state to fire a projectile that has the potential to cause bodily harm to a person;

- (c) by omitting the definition of *phasor* and substituting the following definitions:

phasor means a device that –

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(a) is fitted with a transmitter or receiver of infrared electromagnetic waves; and

(b) cannot easily be modified to fire a projectile;

toy foam blaster means a toy firearm, including a device known as a NERF gun, that –

(a) uses springs, levers or compressed gas or compressed air to propel a foam bullet or dart; and

(b) has not been modified from its manufactured state.

5. Regulation 4 amended (Prescribed firearms)

Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations is amended as follows:

(a) by omitting from paragraph (b) “person.” and substituting “person;”;

(b) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (b):

(c) a gel blaster;

(d) a modified toy firearm.

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6. Regulation 5 amended (Devices prescribed not to be firearms)

Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting paragraph (e) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- (e) a toy foam blaster;
- (f) a phaser.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations amend the *Firearms Regulations 2016* by –

- (a) prescribing gel blasters and modified toy firearms as firearms; and
- (b) declaring toy foam blasters not to be firearms.