

**No. S 357****GUNS, EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS CONTROL ACT 2021****GUNS, EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS CONTROL  
(TRANSPORTING FOR ANIMAL MANAGEMENT —  
CLASS LICENCE) ORDER 2025****ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS****Paragraph**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 56 of the Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Act 2021, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control (Transporting for Animal Management — Class Licence) Order 2025 and comes into operation on 1 July 2025.

**Definitions**

2. In this Order —

“animal” means —

- (a) any fish;
- (b) any reptile;
- (c) any bird;
- (d) any amphibian; or

(e) any mammal (other than man);

“animal management authorisation” means —

- (a) an authorisation granted by an authorised officer under section 37(5), 40(6) or 45(1) of the Animals and Birds Act 1965 to destroy an animal in any place in Singapore; or
- (b) an approval granted under section 5C(1) of the Wildlife Act 1965 to kill, trap, take or keep any wildlife in any place in Singapore;

“animal management purpose” means —

- (a) to destroy an animal in any place in Singapore pursuant to an authorisation granted by an authorised officer under section 37(5), 40(6) or 45(1) of the Animals and Birds Act 1965, including to sedate an animal preparatory to, or consequential on, carrying out this animal management purpose;
- (b) to kill, trap, take or keep any wildlife in any place in Singapore pursuant to an approval granted under section 5C(1) of the Wildlife Act 1965, including to sedate an animal preparatory to, or consequential on, carrying out this animal management purpose; or
- (c) to exercise a power conferred by any of the following provisions, which involves the removal, seizure, detention, impounding, examination or destruction of an animal, including to sedate an animal preparatory to, or consequential on, carrying out this animal management purpose:
  - (i) section 19(2)(a)(i) or (b), 35(4)(a) or (b), 38(1)(a), (2) or (3), 39(2) or 51(1) of the Animals and Birds Act 1965;
  - (ii) section 13(3)(b) of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976;
  - (iii) section 11B(1)(a) or (2)(a) of the Wildlife Act 1965;

(iv) rule 22(1) or (2) or 24(1) of the Animals and Birds (Licensing and Control of Cats and Dogs) Rules 2024 (G.N. No. S 683/2024);

“authorised officer” means an employee of the National Parks Board who is —

- (a) appointed under section 3(2) of the Animals and Birds Act 1965 as an authorised officer; or
- (b) appointed under section 4(2) of the Wildlife Act 1965 as an authorised officer;

“current”, for a licence, means in effect, and includes not suspended;

“defined gun” means a gun that —

- (a) is not a firearm; and
- (b) is handheld, and designed to be carried by an individual or is reasonably capable of being carried concealed about the person of an individual;

“defined weapon” means —

- (a) a blow gun or blow pipe, being a hollow tube or similar device out of which an arrow or a dart or hard pellet or projectile is shot by use of breath expelled from the mouth; or
- (b) a dart designed to be shot out of a blow gun or blow pipe by use of breath expelled from the mouth;

“Director-General” means —

- (a) the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare appointed under section 3(1) of the Animals and Birds Act 1965;
- (b) the Director-General, Wildlife Management appointed under section 4(1) of the Wildlife Act 1965; or
- (c) the Director-General of Health or a Deputy Director-General of Health;

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“entity” means —

- (a) a body corporate (including a limited liability partnership);
- (b) an unincorporated association;
- (c) a partnership;
- (d) a business trust;
- (e) a body of individuals who together form a body; or
- (f) a person other than an individual;

“firearm” means a gun that —

- (a) is designed or adapted to fire bullets, shots or other projectiles by means of burning propellant; and
- (b) if used in the way for which it is designed or adapted, is capable of being aimed at a target and causing hurt or injury by propelling a bullet, shot or other projectile;

“goods vehicle” means any of the following motor vehicles:

- (a) a motor vehicle that is constructed or adapted for use on any road for the carriage of goods, or a trailer so constructed or adapted;
- (b) a goods-cum-passengers vehicle,

but excludes any construction equipment, engineering plant, trivan, recovery vehicle and any vehicle used as a mobile canteen or mobile bank;

“goods-cum-passengers vehicle” has the meaning given by rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5);

“holder”, of a licence or an animal management authorisation, means the person to whom the licence or authorisation is granted;

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“licensed user” —

- (a) for a defined gun, means a holder of a current licence to possess or use the defined gun; or
- (b) for a defined weapon, means a holder of a current licence to possess the defined weapon;

“motor car” means a motor vehicle with 4 wheels which is constructed to carry a load or passengers and the weight of which unladen —

- (a) does not exceed 3,000 kilograms in the case of a vehicle which is —
  - (i) constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects; and
  - (ii) adapted to carry not more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver; or
- (b) in any other case, does not exceed 2,500 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means a vehicle that is propelled wholly or partly by a motor or by any means other than human or animal power and is intended or adapted for use on any road, but excludes any of the following:

- (a) a motor vehicle that is constructed to drive itself;
- (b) a lorry crane;
- (c) a forklift, scissor lift or boom lift;
- (d) a motor tractor or track laying vehicle;
- (e) a motorcycle (with or without a sidecar attached to it);
- (f) a motor vehicle that is authorised for use as a public service vehicle by a licence issued under Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1961;

“unmanned vessel” means a vessel equipped wholly or substantially with an autonomous system (such as an unmanned surface vehicle and a saildrone) and includes a barge drawn by an unmanned vessel;

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“vessel” means any vessel which is used or capable of being used in navigation by water without regard to method or lack of propulsion, and includes —

- (a) a craft designed, used or capable of being used, solely or partly for navigation at sea or on an inland waterway or a body of water;
- (b) an air-cushioned vehicle (such as a hovercraft) or a submersible craft;
- (c) a single-hulled boat propelled solely by paddle or oars; and
- (d) a kayak, canoe, raft or other small boat which is propelled solely by paddle or oars and is not designed or adapted to carry any passenger,

but excludes any unmanned vessel, and any vessel that seats 8 or more passengers and is used to provide sightseeing tours, or a ferry service according to regular routes to and from Singapore, between islands of Singapore or along Singapore’s rivers, inland waterways or inland bodies of water.

### **Application**

3.—(1) This Order does not extend to an individual who is exempt by or under section 87 or 88 of the Act.

(2) The application of paragraph 4 or 5 to a person is subject to section 66(1) and (2)(c) of the Act.

### **Transport class licensee for defined guns**

4.—(1) Every licensed user of a defined gun who is —

- (a) a Director-General; or

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- (b) an authorised officer with authority to exercise any power conferred by or under the Animals and Birds Act 1965, the Wildlife Act 1965 or the Animals and Birds (Licensing and Control of Cats and Dogs) Rules 2024, for an animal management purpose,

is subject to a class licence authorising the licensed user to convey any defined gun to any place within Singapore to use at that place for an animal management purpose mentioned in paragraph (c) of the definition of “animal management purpose” in paragraph 2.

(2) Every licensed user of a defined gun who —

- (a) is the holder of a current animal management authorisation; or
- (b) is an employee of an entity holding a current animal management authorisation, and employed or required to work with or for the entity in a capacity connected with discharging that animal management authorisation,

is subject to a class licence authorising the individual to convey any defined gun to any place within Singapore to use the defined gun for an animal management purpose mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of “animal management purpose” in paragraph 2.

(3) To avoid doubt, a class licensee under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) may or may not be an authorised examiner within the meaning of the Animals and Birds Act 1965.

### **Transport class licensee for defined weapons**

5. Every licensed user of a defined weapon who —

- (a) is the holder of a current animal management authorisation; or
- (b) is an employee of an entity holding a current animal management authorisation, and employed or required to work with or for the entity in a capacity connected with discharging that animal management authorisation,

is subject to a class licence authorising the individual to convey any defined weapon to any place within Singapore to use the defined

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weapon for an animal management purpose mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of “animal management purpose” in paragraph 2.

### **Conditions of transport class licence**

6.—(1) A class licensee by virtue of paragraph 4(1) or (2) or 5 may convey a defined gun or defined weapon subject to all the following conditions:

- (a) the class licensee ensures that the defined gun or defined weapon is conveyed only on a journey wholly within Singapore and only by using any one or a combination of the following conveyances:
  - (i) a vessel;
  - (ii) a motor car;
  - (iii) a goods vehicle;
- (b) the class licensee packs, or arranges for the packing of, the defined gun or defined weapon for conveying in such a way —
  - (i) that the defined gun is in an inoperable state when being conveyed; and
  - (ii) that no individual (other than those involved in packing, loading or unloading it) can see the defined gun or defined weapon from inside or outside the vessel, motor car or goods vehicle used to convey it;
- (c) the class licensee takes all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that the vessel, motor car or goods vehicle conveying the defined gun or defined weapon is not parked, moored or left unattended in any public place within Singapore at any time while the defined gun or defined weapon (as the case may be) is on board;
- (d) before starting each journey conveying the defined gun or defined weapon, the class licensee gives advance notice, in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), of the address of every place within Singapore to which the defined gun or defined

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weapon is to be conveyed for the animal management purpose concerned;

- (e) the class licensee takes all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that —
  - (i) the vessel, motor car or goods vehicle carrying the defined gun or defined weapon travels directly to every place notified under sub-paragraph (d), taking the shortest route and as far as practicable without stopping en-route; and
  - (ii) the defined gun or defined weapon conveyed is not unpacked or opened in any way while it is being conveyed;
- (f) the class licensee must not convey the defined gun or defined weapon for a purpose other than to use it for the animal management purpose concerned.

(2) The advance notice required by sub-paragraph (1)(d) in respect of each journey conveying a defined gun or defined weapon must be given by sending an email to the email address `SPF_PRD_GEWD@spf.gov.sg` —

- (a) at any time before the start of the journey in an emergency situation; or
- (b) at least 12 hours before the start of the journey in any other case.

(3) In this paragraph —

“emergency situation” means a situation where —

- (a) an animal has escaped from its cage or enclosure where it was lawfully kept, or a wildlife habitat; and
- (b) the animal must be captured or recaptured without delay to prevent injury to the public or the animal;

“inoperable state”, for a defined gun, includes being not loaded with any projectile that may be fired or shot using the gun.

Made on 26 May 2025.

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