

No. S 358**GUNS, EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS CONTROL ACT 2021****GUNS, EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS CONTROL
(ANIMAL MANAGEMENT — EXEMPTION)
ORDER 2025****ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS****Paragraph**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 87(3) 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 (Animal Management — Exemption) 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 purpose” means to exercise a power conferred by any of the following provisions, which involves the seizure, detention, impounding, examination or destruction of an animal:

- (a) section 11B(1)(a) or (2)(a) of the Wildlife Act 1965;
- (b) sections 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;
- (c) section 13(3)(b) of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976;
- (d) 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;

“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.

Application

3. This Order applies to the following individuals only:

- (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;

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- (c) the Director-General of Health within the meaning given by section 2 of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976;
 - (d) 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.

Licence not needed to possess defined weapon

4. Each of the individuals in paragraph 3 is exempt from the requirement in section 29(1) of the Act for carrying, handling or otherwise having in the individual's possession a defined weapon for the individual's use in the exercise or discharge of the individual's powers or duties under written law for an animal management purpose, including sedating an animal preparatory to, or consequential on, carrying out that animal management purpose.

Licence not needed to convey defined weapon

5. Each of the individuals in paragraph 3 is exempt from the requirement in section 32(1) of the Act for conveying a defined weapon —

- (a) to any place in Singapore on a journey wholly within Singapore; and
- (b) in a vehicle by road or a vessel by water, or both, which is driven, ridden or piloted (as the case may be) by the individual,

for and in the exercise or discharge at that place of the individual's powers or duties under written law for an animal management purpose, including sedating an animal preparatory to, or consequential on, carrying out that animal management purpose.

Made on 23 May 2025.

PANG KIN KEONG
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Singapore.*

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 92 of the Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Act 2021).