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AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT AND TO MAKE BETTER PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLING THE POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, REPAIR, STORAGE, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION¹

Commencement [29th November, 1968]

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Arms and Ammunition Act.

2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears —

“**ammunition**” means ammunition for any arm as hereinafter defined and includes bullets, cartridges, shells or anything designed or adapted for or capable for use with any arm, or designed or adapted to contain any noxious liquid, gas or other thing but does not include spears discharged from an arm solely for the purpose of killing fish;

“**arm**” means any lethal barrelled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged, or which can be adapted for the discharge of any such shot, bullet or other missile, and any weapon of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing dangerous to persons; and includes any component