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## **NOTIFICATION**

**No. L. 22012/1/2014-HMA, the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.** Pursuant to the notification of Arms Rules, 2016 on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, an individual shall be required to obtain an Arm Licence issued by competent authority to possess airguns, firearm replicas, blank firing guns and battery operated batons.

An arm licence will be required for possession of any airgun generating muzzle energy of more than 20 joules. Airguns of bigger calibre (.22 /5.5mm and above) shall now henceforth be covered under the licensing regime and restrictions on muzzle energy will also be applicable to airguns of .177 calibre. As laid down in Section 3 of the Arms Act, 1 959, any possession of airgun now being designated as a firearm shall be counted within the legal limit of three firearms an individual is allowed to possess.

All civilians, with the exception of Mizoram Rifle Association and the shooting/rifle clubs affiliated under it, should immediately report to the nearest Block Development Officer (BDO) / Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) or District Magistrate along with their airguns on such date or time as fixed by the District Magistrate concerned. Any failure to report to the designated authority will attract penalty provisions as laid down in the Arms Act. 1 959 and Arms Rules. 2016.

It is also hereby notified that henceforth a licence issued by the competent authority under the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016 shall be required for selling of airguns.

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