

Reprint  
as at 20 December 2019



**Arms (Prohibited Ammunition) Order 2019**  
(LI 2019/137)

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

**Order in Council**

At Wellington this 19th day of June 2019

Present:

The Hon Grant Robertson presiding in Council

This order is made under section 74A(e) of the Arms Act 1983—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Police.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.  
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

**This order is administered by the New Zealand Police.**

## Order

### 1 Title

This order is the Arms (Prohibited Ammunition) Order 2019.

### 2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 21 June 2019.

Order: confirmed, on 20 December 2019, by section 9 of the Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2019 (2019 No 82).

### 3 Prohibited ammunition

The ammunition specified in the first column of the Schedule and described in the second column of the Schedule is declared to be prohibited ammunition.

## Schedule

### Ammunition declared prohibited ammunition

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Ammunition	Description
Tracer ammunition	Projectiles containing an element that enables the trajectory of the projectiles to be observed
Enhanced-penetration ammunition	Projectiles that have a steel or tungsten carbide penetrator intended to achieve better penetration
Armour-piercing ammunition	Projectiles intended to penetrate or perforate armour plate and ceramic armours, typically achieved through the use of hardened or specialised core materials
Incendiary ammunition (excluding flares for flare guns)	Projectiles designed to provide an incendiary effect on impact with the target
Explosive ammunition	Projectiles containing a high-explosive charge that detonates on impact with or in close proximity to the target
Multi-purpose ammunition	Armour-piercing incendiary ammunition in which the incendiary compound is replaced by a high-explosive charge to provide a blast, fragmentation, and incendiary effect as well as an armour-piercing effect
Discarding-sabot ammunition (excluding shotgun cartridges)	Small-diameter projectiles designed to pierce armour that are placed into a supporting plug (a sabot) and then pushed down the bore as an assembly; the sabot is stripped off when the assembly leaves the barrel
Multi-projectile ammunition (excluding shotgun cartridges and rimfire cartridges loaded with shot)	Ammunition that has the ability to fire multiple projectiles in a single shot (for example, duplex ammunition)
Chemical or biological carrier ammunition (excluding projectiles for any device designed and intended solely for any medical, surgical, veterinary, scientific, agricultural, industrial, or other similar lawful purpose)	Projectiles that have the ability to carry a chemical or biological agent

**Ammunition**

Flechettes (excluding projectiles designed and intended solely for any bolt gun, stud gun, humane killer, deer net gun, nail gun, or a pistol that is part of rocket-throwing or line-throwing equipment)

**Description**

Lightweight, fin-stabilised projectiles, fired from a sabot, with an aerodynamic shape and small frontal area to minimise air resistance

Schedule: amended, on 18 October 2019, by clause 4 of the Arms (Prohibited Ammunition) Amendment Order 2019 (LI 2019/248).

Michael Webster,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.  
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 20 June 2019.

## Reprints notes

### **1** *General*

This is a reprint of the Arms (Prohibited Ammunition) Order 2019 that incorporates all the amendments to that order as at the date of the last amendment to it.

### **2** *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

### **3** *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

### **4** *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2019 (2019 No 82): section 9  
Arms (Prohibited Ammunition) Amendment Order 2019 (LI 2019/248)