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**GENERAL**

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Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Mildura) Arms & Militaria Collectors Guild  
 Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Military Collectors Club  
 Token Society of Great Britain  
 Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Collectors Group

**Control of Weapons Act 1990**  
 EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 8B TO POSSESS SWORDS FOR  
 HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT  
 Order in Council

The Governor in Council, under section 8B of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, exempts from the operation of section 5(1) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, in relation to swords, a person who is of a class of persons set out in an item in Column 1 of the following Table, to the extent specified opposite that item in Column 2 of the following Table:

TABLE

Column 1 Purpose	Column 2 Exemption
A member of an historical re-enactment organisation listed in Schedule 1.	Bringing a sword into Victoria, causing a sword to be brought or sent into Victoria, selling or purchasing a sword, displaying or advertising a sword for sale, possessing using or carrying a sword for the purposes of studying and participating in the re-enactment of historical events.

A person seeking to rely on this Order is subject to the following conditions:

1. when not being used in accordance with the purpose specified in this Order, swords must be stored safely and securely; and
2. a person seeking to rely on this exemption must permit a member of the police force to inspect his or her storage arrangements at any reasonable time.

In this Order –

“**Act**” means the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**;

“**stored safely and securely**” means:

- (a) stored in a manner calculated to ensure that the sword:
  - (i) is not readily accessible to a person other than the person seeking to rely on the exemption;
  - (ii) is not available for possession, carriage or use by a person who is not himself a holder of an approval issued by the Chief Commissioner of Police or who does not fall within another class of exempt persons;
- (b) when being transported between the usual place of storage of the sword and places at which the sword is legitimately used, the purpose of which is the subject of this exemption, stored in a manner calculated to ensure that the sword is not readily accessible to a person other than the person seeking to rely on the exemption and that the sword is concealed from plain sight during any such transportation;

“**participating**” includes receiving instruction in, practising, training, teaching or competing.

For the purposes of this Order, a class or classes of persons specified in Column 1 of the Table set out above does not include any person who is a prohibited person as defined in the Act.

This Order comes into operation on 1 July 2004.

Dated 16 June 2004

Responsible Minister

ANDRÉ HAERMEYER

Minister for Police and Emergency Services

DIANE CASEY  
Clerk of the Executive Council

SCHEDULE 1

1066 The Mediaeval Society  
21eme Regiment de Ligne  
42nd Royal Highland Regiment 1815 (Australia) Inc  
59th Battalion Historical Group  
62nd New York State Volunteers “Anderson Zouaves”  
73rd Regiment of Foot  
95th Rifles Inc. of Australia  
Australian Historical Swordplay Federation  
Australian Living History Foundation  
Australian Napoleonic Association  
Australian Primitive Rendezvous Association Inc.  
“Bydland Forever” (Australian Detachment) – The Gordon Highlanders  
Corangamite Light Horse Re-Enactment Troop  
Europa Re-enactment Association  
Fire and Steel Dark Age Re-Enactment Society  
Fröjel Gotlandica Viking Re-enactment Society  
Guardians of Time, Society of Cultural Lore  
Historical Re-enactment Society of Australia  
Knight Hostitaller  
La Trobe University Historical Re-enactment Society  
Living History Australia  
Macquarie University Dark Ages Society  
Mansfield Colonial Re-enactment Society Incorporated  
Mount Alexander Rifles  
Nelson's Navy  
New South Wales Corps of Marines  
New Varangian Guard Incorporated  
Nordmannia  
NVG Mountains Garrison, Re-enactment Society  
Ordo Equester de Aureus Cervus Inc.  
Queensland Living History Federation (Inc.)  
Society for Creative Anachronism (Australia) Inc.  
Sydney Ancients Association