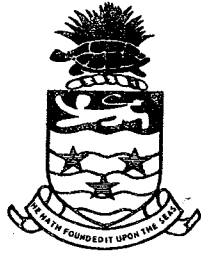


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**THE EXPLOSIVES LAW, 1975**  
(Law 28 of 1975)

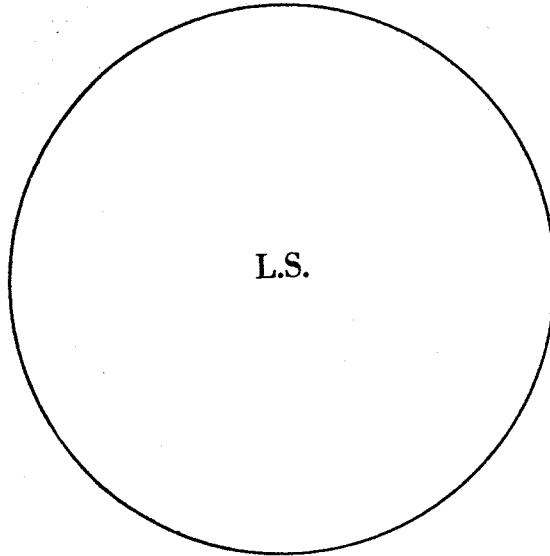
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**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

**Numerous complaints have been received regarding the use of explosives in the Islands. No regulations have ever been published although power to make such regulations was accorded by Law 7 of 1972. It now being necessary to make rules for the use of explosives, it is convenient that, at the same time, The Explosives Law should be replaced in up to date form.**

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Law 28 of 1975



I assent

T. RUSSELL  
Governor

12th January, 1976.

**A LAW TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE EXPLOSIVES LAW  
(Cap 52)**

ENACTED BY THE Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Explosives Law, 1975.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires —

“Chief Engineer” means the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department and includes any person acting under his authority;

“Collector” means the Collector of Customs;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police;

“explosive” means a substance or combination of substances which are chemically or physically unstable or are kept in a manner by which they can readily be rendered unstable so that, upon the application of heat, detonation or other triggering agent or device they are liable violently to disintegrate, chemically or physically, with shattering destructive effect, and includes any such substance or substances declared to be an explosive by Regulations made under this Law;

Law 17 of 1964.

“firearm” has the meaning ascribed to it in the Firearms Law;

“Governor” means the Governor in Council;

Law 14 of 1971

“master”, “port” and “vessel” have the meaning ascribed to them in the Customs Law.

Application.

3. Unless otherwise specifically provided, this Law has no application to —

(a) firearms;

(b) fireworks;

- (c) Her Majesty's Armed Forces;
- (d) explosives held in the control of the Customs, Police or Public Works Departments; or
- (e) explosives being cargo in any vessel held for delivery to a consignee outside the Islands, where the master of such vessel has complied with all relevant Port and Customs Regulations and any instructions issued by the Collector.

Offences and penalties.

4. Whoever, not being authorised in writing by the Chief Engineer in that behalf —

- (a) has in his possession or control;
- (b) sells;
- (c) buys;
- (d) barter;
- (e) deals in;
- (f) stores;
- (g) imports;
- (h) exports; or
- (i) uses

any explosives or aids, abets or suffers any person under his control so to do is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both, and the explosive with respect to which the offence is committed shall be forfeited to the Crown unless the court for good reasons otherwise directs.

Powers of constables.

5. Any constable may arrest without warrant any person who has committed or attempted to commit or whom he reasonably suspects has committed or attempted to commit an offence against section 4.

Regulations

6. The Governor may make Regulations —

- (a) declaring any substance or combination of substances to be an explosive;
- (b) defining fireworks;
- (c) controlling the import and export of explosives;
- (d) controlling dealings in, storage and use of explosives;
- (e) for the disposal of explosives;
- (f) providing safety precautions for the use, handling and storage of explosives; and
- (g) providing for fees to be charged where storage is undertaken by the Chief Engineer in magazines established by the Public Works Department.

Repeal of Cap. 52.

7. The Explosives Law is hereby repealed.

Passed the Legislative Assembly this 11th day of December, 1975.

**T. RUSSELL**  
President

**SYBIL McLAUGHLIN**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.