



ADVISORY TO FILIPINOS TRAVELLING TO SINGAPORE IN RESPECT TO GUNS, ARMS, EXPLOSIVES, ETC.

The Philippine Embassy in Singapore wishes to inform Filipinos travelling to Singapore that under the Singapore Arms and Explosives Act, possession of any arm or ammunition shall only be allowed for the following:

- A member of any visiting force lawfully present in Singapore or of the police force or of a volunteer force or local force constituted under any written law for the time being in force in Singapore, when the member is carrying any arm in, or in connection with, the performance of his duty;
- Any person who carries an arm as part of his official or ceremonial dress on any official or ceremonial occasion;
- Any person licensed or authorised to carry or possess an arm under or by virtue of any written law relating to arms for the time being in force in Singapore; or
- A member of any organisation or association specially authorised by the Minister by notification in the Gazette, when the member is carrying any arm in, or in connection with, the performance of his duty.

Possession of arms, explosives, poisonous or noxious gas or substances including air pistol that does not fall under the categories enumerated above shall be accorded with guilt of an offence under the Singapore Arms and Explosives Act and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and to imprisonment for a period which may extend up to three years.

In addition, the Arms Offences Act of Singapore also defines arm as “any *firearm, air-gun, air-pistol, automatic gun, automatic pistol and any other kind of gun or pistol* (underscoring supplied) *from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or noxious liquid, flame or fumes can be emitted, and any component part thereof and includes any bomb or grenade and any component part thereof.*”

Considering the severity of the penalties imposed by these Acts and in order to avert any violation thereof, Filipinos travelling to Singapore must ensure that they are not in possession of any of these types of arm or ammunition in their belongings/luggage.

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