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Amnesty extension from 1 September 2004 to mid 2005

Dear licence holder,

This letter is to inform you that the amnesty in regards to registering pre 1900 percussion/post-percussion handguns and the installation of monitored alarms has been extended to mid 2005.

Amnesty in respect of the registration of pre-1900 percussion/post-percussion handguns

An amnesty applies to the registration of previously exempt handguns. All handguns other than pre-percussion handguns manufactured before 1900 must be registered before mid 2005.

Amnesty in respect of monitored alarms

The *Firearms Act 1996* requires that the premises of all firearm collectors where more than 5 firearms (one of which is a handgun) are stored, be fitted with a monitored alarm of a class approved by the Chief Commissioner. Please note that this requirement does not apply to a person who only possesses 15 or less category A or B longarms under a Firearms Collectors Licence and where no other firearms are stored on the premises. (Note: The Chief Commissioner's delegate has approved an intruder alarm system connected to a 24 hour back to base monitoring centre, installed and maintained to Australian Standards (AS2201 Intruder Alarms, Part 1: Systems installed in client's premises) to be the class of monitored alarm for the purposes of the *Firearms Act 1996*.)

The amnesty in respect to the installation of monitored alarms has been extended to mid 2005.

Should you have any queries, please contact the Licensing Services Division on 1300 651 645 between the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Further details will be sent to confirm the exact dates.