

L.N. 9 of 1970

FIREARMS ACT

(CAP. 69)

Firearms Prohibition (Eastern States of Nigeria) Order 1970

Commencement : 15th January 1970

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Firearms Act, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Major-General Yakubu Gowon, Head of the Federal Military Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, hereby make the following Order—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms Prohibition (Eastern States of Nigeria) Order 1970, and shall apply to the Central-Eastern State, the Rivers State and the South-Eastern State.

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ment.

(2) This Order shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment or law, have effect and be deemed to have come into operation on 15th January 1970.

2. The possession of or dealing in any firearms or ammunition in the Central-Eastern State, the Rivers State and the South-Eastern State is hereby absolutely prohibited for a period of twelve months from the date of publication of this Order in the Federal Gazette.

Prohibition.

3. All firearms and ammunition in possession of any person within the area specified in the foregoing paragraph 2 of this Order shall be surrendered to the nearest military unit or police station within fourteen days from the date of publication of this Order.

Surrender.

4. Any person neglecting to make such surrender or being in possession of or dealing in any firearms or ammunition during the period that this Order is in force, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of five hundred pounds or imprisonment for two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

MADE at Lagos this 12th day of February 1970.

MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,
*Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*