

Explanatory memorandum

MSER Certificate of Exemption No 1 of 2012 exempts any person who stores shooter's powders within the quantity permitted in the certificate from the requirement of regulation 10(1) of MSER in relation to that storage.

Points to note

The exemption certificate **does not** replace the existing provisions of regulation 10(2)(b) of MSER, it is an alternative and is subject to certain conditions. Where the exemption is used, it is in substitution for the provisions provided in regulation 10(2)(b), not in addition to them.

Persons storing shooter's powders **under the exemption** can store **up to a total** of 15kg of black powder, smokeless powder or a mixture of both. They can also store up to 15kg of percussion caps, small arms ammunition or a mixture of both.

The exemption only permits the combination and quantities of explosives specified in the exemption certificate. **It does not permit the storage of any other explosives at the site, including those articles in Schedule 1 of COER**

If a person requires explosives other than in the quantities and combination specified in the exemption, they cannot use the exemption and must comply with the provisions of regulation 10 of MSER e.g. register their premises

All shooter's powder (whether stored under the exemption or not) should be stored safely and securely in accordance with the guidance in the MSER Approved Code of Practice. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l139.pdf>

For information Regulation 10(2)(b) of MSER allows the storage of: -

- (i) No more than 10 kilograms of black powder;
- (ii) No more than 5 kilograms of —
 - (a) shooters' powder;
 - (b) any explosive or combination of explosives listed in Schedule 1 to the Control of Explosives Regulations 1991; or
 - (c) a combination of shooters' powder and any one or more of the explosives listed in Schedule 1 to those Regulations;