



MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Annual shooters safety certification 2009

Dear Branch Secretary

Following an agreement concluded between the NRA and the MOD, with effect from the 1stst January 2009 all users of MOD Ranges, including Bisley must be in possession of a Certificate of Competence (at present these are to be renewed annually) before they can make use of those ranges.

I know that this is yet one more hoop through which we shooters must jump in order to continue to enjoy our sport, and that it will impose yet more administration on you.

The Directors have had little time in which to evolve an administrative structure, which will enable all our members to obtain a certificate of competence, should they wish to use MOD ranges. One of the problems is that we are a large association, unlike many small clubs the Chairman will have no idea of the experience or competence of most of the members, and must rely on Branch or Club Officials to certify competence in respect of those members who do not fall within the criteria outlined on the application form. The Chairman of the MLAGB must sign the certificates and cannot delegate the signing but can rely on official's advice on the competence of applicants who should countersign the applications.

It is essential that officers or experienced members of Branches have first hand knowledge of the applicant and his ability to safely use the firearm or firearms to which his certificate of competence relates.

So that you may fully understand the background to this matter I have attached a full copy of the correspondence which this association has received from the NRA, together with a sample of the forms which the MLAGB will use to carry out this function. Details are also available on the MLAGB web site at www.mlagb.com and copies of the application form can be downloaded.

A batch of application forms with covering letter for member's information is also included for distribution to members of your Branch who may wish to obtain a certificate of competence from the MLAGB. Additional; copies of the form can be supplied on request from the Liaison Officer Andrew Grimmett who can be contacted on telephone number 01869 232559 or e mail - www.police@mlagb.com

Your Branch may be a Home Office Approved Club in its own right and affiliated to the NRA in which case you will already have received the documents.

Yours sincerely

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