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What's New

Transfer of Paintball to NSW Fair Trading

On 1 July 2019 the *Paintball Act 2018* (the Act) and *Paintball Regulation 2019* (the Regulation) will commence and make various amendments resulting in the removal of paintball regulation from the *Firearms Act 1996*.

The regulation of paintball will be transferred from NSW Police Force to NSW Fair Trading in the Department of Customer Service which will establish a separate system for permits for the regulation of paintball markers, paintball venues and paintball activities.

Some of the notable changes include:

- Paintball markers will no longer be considered prohibited firearms.
- A permit issued by NSW Fair Trading will still be required for the possession of paintball markers.
- A permit issued by NSW Fair Trading will still be required for the operation of a paintball venue.
- The responsibility for the administration and oversight of these permits rests with NSW Fair Trading.
- Permits to Acquire issued by NSW Police Force are no longer required for paintball markers.
- Firearm Dealers who are currently authorised to supply paintball markers and paintball venue operators will be authorised to supply paintball markers and have recording and reporting responsibilities to NSW Fair Trading.
- Paintball venues are permitted to supply paintball markers to participants for use at the venue
- The minimum age for participants has been reduced to 12 years old

NSW Fair Trading will commence the distribution of information to all venue holders, industry bodies and individual permit holders.

NOTE: A paintball permit holder who is also the holder of a firearms licence may store their paintball marker and firearms in the same safe storage arrangement as long as it meets the higher safe storage threshold (being the standards established under the *Firearms Act 1996*). Owners of firearms must ensure that no unauthorised access is given to paintball marker holders to the firearms and/or safe storage facilities that contain firearms that the paintball marker holder is not authorised to possess/use.

Further information can be obtained on the [NSW Fair Trading website](#).