

Registered Game Site Name <small>*Your Trading Name</small>				
Name of Site Owners / Directors <small>*Only Names and Signatures listed here will be accepted as a validated signature on the player registration form.</small>	Name		Signature	
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Registered Postal Address	Address 1			
	Address 2			
	Town			
	County			
	Post Code			
Company Number <small>*if applicable</small>				
VAT Number <small>*if applicable</small>				
Website URL				
Contact Email Address				
Contact Phone Number				

Desired 3 Digit Prefix for Membership Numbers i.e. Free Fire Zone = FFZ

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Declaration

I, _____ confirm that my Airsoft game site holds appropriate and current third party liability insurance for Airsoft war games, and **a copy of my insurance certificate** is attached for the purposes of validating this statement.

I further confirm that I am familiar with current UK legislation and I shall, having been approved by UKARA to validate my members attendance at my game site, do so in a legitimate and professional manner. Should any details above or my circumstances regarding the game site named above change, I shall notify a member of UKARA in writing immediately.

Signed: _____ **Print Name:** _____

UKARA Use only: _____ **Date of application** _____

Approved by: **Signed:** _____ **Name:** _____

The Violent Crime Reduction Act.

The Law

From the 1st of October 2007 it will be illegal to sell, manufacture or import realistic imitation firearms within the UK.

Furthermore, selling an imitation firearm to, or the purchase of an imitation firearm by, anyone under the age of 18 years is illegal under Section 40 of the Act. Contravening this is a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment, a fine or both. In blunt terms it will not be legal to sell imitation firearms (of which realistic imitation firearms should be seen as a sub-set) to anyone under 18.

A realistic imitation firearm is defined thus in the Act:

38 Meaning of “realistic imitation firearm”

(1) In sections 36 and 37 “realistic imitation firearm” means an imitation firearm which—

- (a) has an appearance that is so realistic as to make it indistinguishable, for all practical purposes, from a real firearm; and
- (b) is neither a de-activated firearm nor itself an antique.

(2) For the purposes of this section, an imitation firearm is not (except by virtue of subsection (3)(b)) to be regarded as distinguishable from a real firearm for any practical purpose if it could be so distinguished only—

- (a) by an expert;
 - (b) on a close examination; or
 - (c) as a result of an attempt to load or to fire it.
- (ci)

(3) In determining for the purposes of this section whether an imitation firearm is distinguishable from a real firearm—

- (a) the matters that must be taken into account include any differences between the size, shape and principal colour of the imitation firearm and the size, shape and colour in which the real firearm is manufactured; and
- (b) the imitation is to be regarded as distinguishable if its size, shape or principal colour is unrealistic for a real firearm.

The Statutory instrument entitled “arms and ammunition” which includes the Defence says the following about ‘unrealistic imitation firearms’

Imitation firearms which are to be regarded as unrealistic for a real firearm

—For the purposes of section 38(3)(b) of the 2006 Act, the size of an imitation firearm is to be regarded as unrealistic for a real firearm only if the imitation firearm has dimensions that are less than the dimensions specified in paragraph (2).

The dimensions specified in this paragraph are a height of 38 millimetres and a length of 70 millimetres.

—For the purposes of section 38(3)(b) of the 2006 Act, a colour is to be regarded as unrealistic for a real firearm only if it is a colour specified in paragraph (2).

The colours specified in this paragraph are—

- bright red;
- bright orange;
- bright yellow;
- bright green;

bright pink; and
bright purple.

The Defence

This should be read in conjunction with Section 38 of the Act and is included for reference. It would be legal to sell an Airsoft gun conforming to these specifications to a person over the age of 18 regardless of whether or not they were a registered skirmisher.

The defence granted by the Home Secretary allows for the continuing purchase of Airsoft guns by those participating in, holding or organising Airsoft skirmishes.

It is understood that in order to abide by the defence, the Airsoft community within the UK will become self-regulating. It is therefore of the ultimate importance that everyone involved takes their responsibilities seriously. Failure to do so could, in the worst case, see the defence being revoked.

There will inevitably be cases where the Act will either be contravened or ignored. Should any of us be aware of such instances, it is in our own interest to ensure that such acts are brought to the attention of the relevant bodies or authorities and that law-abiding Airsofter's distance themselves from those involved.

Sites.

The Government has determined that a 'legitimate' site is one that holds third-party insurance. This is important, because only members of a site or club with valid third party insurance can claim to be "Airsoft skirmishers" for the purposes of the defence.

It is expected that in order to differentiate the casually interested from the committed Airsoft skirmisher, that sites will maintain a minimum standard with regards to new players. UKARA will require that any site applying to register under the scheme should ensure that a new entrant into Airsoft should play a **minimum** of three times in a period of **not less than** two months before being offered membership of a site. This is important, as the main objective of the VCRA is to reduce the supply of imitation firearms within the UK, and the defence granted is aimed at assisting only legitimate skirmishers.

Procedure

If your skirmish site would like to participate in the UKARA scheme, we will need to collect some details about your skirmish site. Please fill in the form.

When you have completed the form below, please return it to any registered UKARA member who will enter your details on a fully secure database which will only be used for the purpose of confirming your membership to the UKARA scheme.

Your skirmish site name and web address will also be displayed on the UKARA website for the customers benefit, so they know what sites they can attend and obtain validation.

Failure to follow procedure will mean an immediate termination of your approved status and throw your existing members approved status into doubt.

