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**THE ANTIQUITIES LAW**  
**Regulations under sections 34B AND 35**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 34B and 35 of the Antiquities Law, the Council of Ministers hereby makes the following Regulations:

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Amendment  
of the  
principal  
Regulations by  
the addition  
of a new Part VI  
and new  
Regulations 22  
to 28.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Antiquities (Amendment) Regulations, 2012 and shall be read as one with the Antiquities Regulations, 1956 to 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations") and the principal Regulations and these Regulations may together be cited as the Antiquities Regulations, 1956 to 2012.

2. The principal Regulations are hereby amended by the addition immediately after Part V thereof, of the following new PART VI and new Regulations 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28:

## «PART VI – METAL DETECTORS

Possession permit for metal detectors or and instruments.

Part I  
Fourth  
Annex.

22. (a) (i) The possession of metal detectors and/or instruments shall be under the control of the Department of Antiquities.

(ii) During the sale of metal detectors and/or instruments in the Republic of Cyprus, the private buyers are required to complete a form of possession of metal detectors and/or instruments, according to the form specified in Part I of the Fourth Annex to these Regulations.

(iii) Those who manufacture or import into the Republic of Cyprus detectors and instruments acquired abroad are also obliged to complete and send the above form.

(b) (i) The form referred to in paragraph (a) above shall be sent by the buyer or holder of the detector or instrument to the Director and shall be entered in a special register to be called the "Register of Detectors".

(ii) The Director, provided that the provisions of Regulation 26 of these Regulations are complied with, shall then issue a possession permit which shall be notified in writing to the person concerned and the locally competent police or port authorities.

(c) A possession permit contains the necessary terms of use which should be met by the users of the metal detectors and/or instruments.

(d) The metal detectors and/or instruments possession permit is valid for a period of 5 years and may be renewed upon request of the licensee in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and the form set out in Part I of the Fourth Annex to these Regulations.

Part I  
Fourth  
Annex

Placing on the market.

23. For the placing of metal detectors or instruments on the market it is necessary to be written on the packaging and in the instructions of use

thereof, in a clearly visible and legible manner, that the use of those instruments is only permitted under a permission from the Director of the Department of Antiquities and in accordance with the terms of the Department of Antiquities.

Transfer of possession.

24. In case of transfer, in any way, of the detectors and/or instruments held, the transferor shall within 15 days declare the transfer to the Director of the Department of Antiquities, as well as the details of the new holder, who is obliged to complete and submit to the Director of Antiquities the form as set out in Part II of the Fourth Annex to these Regulations.

Part II  
Fourth  
Annex.

Existing possession.

25. Every person in possession of detectors and/or instruments on the date of the coming into force of these Regulations, shall, within a period of two months from the date of publication, complete and submit to the Director of the Department of Antiquities the form on possession of metal detectors or instruments according to the type prescribed in Part I of the Fourth Annex to these Regulations.

Part I  
Fourth  
Annex.

Revocation or rejection of a possession permit for detectors or instruments.

26. A permit to possess a detector or an instrument may be revoked or not issued to persons who do not provide the guarantees for the fulfillment of the obligations required by the Law and these Regulations, in particular, to those who have been convicted for the violation of the law or of a felony or breach of the law relating to the protection of cultural heritage or of forgery, bribery, stealing, unlawful possession, use, possession for the purpose of supplying controlled drugs or psychotropic substances, misappropriation or receipt of proceeds of crime. The impediment applies for as long as the criminal proceedings for any of the above acts are pending. The application may also be rejected or revoked if the suspension of the sentence imposed for any of the above acts has been ordered or the criminal prosecution in relation thereto has been permanently terminated. If the applicant is a legal

entity, the above impediment must apply to those persons who exercise or have exercised its administration.

Use of metal detectors or/and instruments.

27. Use of metal detectors and instruments:

(a) is allowed only to persons who have obtained a permit to possess detectors and/or instruments from the Director of the Department of Antiquities;

(b) may be allowed in areas designated by the Minister by a notification published in the Official Gazette of the Republic:

Provided that the above areas shall not include archaeological sites (Ancient Monuments) or sites with antiquities or protected areas or areas near monuments.

Accidental discovery of antiquities by the use of metal detectors and/or instruments.

28. In case of accidental discovery of antiquities by the use of detectors and/or instruments, the provisions of sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Antiquities Law shall be applied.”.

Amendment of principal Regulations by the addition of a new Annex.

3. The principal Regulations are hereby amended by the addition at the end of the Third Annex thereof, of the following new Fourth Annex:

«FOURTH ANNEX  
PART I (Regulation 22)  
The Antiquities Law

TA10α

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
The Antiquities Law  
and the Antiquities Regulations

FORM OF POSSESSION OF METAL DETECTORS AND DETECTING OR  
PROSPECTING INSTRUMENTS OF THE SUBSTRATUM OR/AND THE SEABED  
OR/AND THE BOTTOM OF RIVERS AND LAKES

FOR OFFICIAL USE

APPLICATION NO.		RECEIPT DATE		RECORD NO.	
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1. OWNER (FULL NAME):

POSTAL ADDRESS:

OWNER'S ID NO.:		E-MAIL ADDRESS:		TELEPHONE NO.:	
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2. CHARACTERISTICS OF METAL DETECTOR OR OTHER DETECTING OR PROSPECTING INSTRUMENT:

MODEL DESCRIPTION:

SELLER/MANUFACTURER INFORMATION:		DATE OF PURCHASE:	
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3. APPLICABLE ONLY FOR RENEWAL:

RECORD NO.:		ISSUE DATE OF POSSESSION PERMIT:	
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4. SOLEMN DECLARATION: I the undersigned being personally responsible and fully aware of the penalties provided by the Antiquities Law hereby declare that the information provided above is true and that I have not been irrevocably convicted for any of the offences referred to in Regulation 26 of the Antiquities Regulations.

SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
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THE PRESENT FORM OF POSSESSION TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Director of the Department of Antiquities, 1 Museum St., P.O. Box 22024, 1516 Nicosia, Cyprus



PART II (Regulation 24)  
The Antiquities Law

TA10β

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
The Antiquities Law  
and the Antiquities Regulations

FORM OF TRANSFER OF POSSESSION OF METAL DETECTORS AND DETECTING OR  
PROSPECTING INSTRUMENTS OF THE SUBSTRATUM OR/AND THE SEABED OR/AND  
THE BOTTOM OF RIVERS AND LAKES

FOR OFFICIAL USE

APPLICATION  
NO.

RECEIPT  
DATE

RECORD  
NO.

1. OWNER (FULL NAME):

POSTAL ADDRESS:

OWNER'S ID NO.:

E-MAIL  
ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE  
NO.:

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF METAL DETECTOR OR OTHER DETECTING OR  
PROSPECTING INSTRUMENT:

MODEL DESCRIPTION:

3. DETAILS OF PREVIOUS OWNER:

FULL NAME:

IDENTITY  
CARD NO.:

RECORD NO.:

DATE OF  
TRANSFER:

ISSUE DATE  
OF POSSESSION  
PERMIT:

4. SOLEMN DECLARATION: I the undersigned being personally responsible and fully aware of the penalties provided by the Antiquities Law hereby declare that the information provided above is true and that I have not been irrevocably convicted for any of offences referred to in Regulation 26 of the Antiquities Regulations.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

THE PRESENT FORM OF POSSESSION TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:  
Director of the Department of Antiquities, 1 Museum St., P.O. Box 22024, 1516 Nicosia,  
Cyprus