

Customs Act 1901 - CEO Directions No. 1 of 2012

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PJCHR comments: [Report 3/12](#), tabled on 19 September 2012

Ministerial response dated: 16 October 2012

Committee view

3.1 The committee thanks the Minister his response and for undertaking to publish an edited version of CEO Order 1 (2010) on the agency's website to promote its accessibility.

Background

3.2 These directions extend the requirements relating to the use of force, including for the deployment of firearms that apply to mainland Customs officers to officers in the Indian Ocean Territories. The applicable standards and procedures are contained in CEO Order 1 (2010) – Use of Force, which is a classified document.

3.3 The committee obtained and reviewed a copy of CEO Order 1 (2010). The committee was satisfied that the relevant requirements were consistent with human rights standards for the use of force but asked the Minister to clarify why CEO Order 1 (2010) was not a publicly available document and how this was considered to meet the requirement for laws authorising limits on rights to be publicly accessible.

3.4 The Minister's response is attached.