Republic of Serbia

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I Basic Provisions

Article 1

Firearms, ammunition, ammunition components, devices as well as alternated firearms and device are subject, before traded, to testing, marking and labeling pursuant to this Law.

Article 2

For the purpose of this Law firearms are: rifle, pistol, revolver – all types – as well as all types of devices which, under the pressure of gun powder gases, throw through the barrel bullet, round, pellet or signal charge.

For the purpose of this Law ammunition is: fully labored ammunition for all types of firearms and devices, as well as ammunition components (cartridges, caps, gun powder, stoppers, pellets and rounds of all types and shape, etc).

For the purpose of this Law devices are: any type of device which use gun powder gases’ energy as propellant, such as: devices for connecting hard materials, pistols for cattle stunning, devices for treating metal by deformation, signal pistols and similar (hereinafter referred to as devices).

For the purpose of this Law alternated firearms and devices are: firearms and devices with which key construction components have been replaced or alternated.

Article 3

The following firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices shall not be subject to testing, marking and labeling:

1) those imported from abroad which are known to be tested, stamped and labeled in a manner
and procedure defined by the international agreement on establishing unified procedures for mutual recognition of the official labels of tested firearms;
2) those imported from abroad for research and court purposes exclusively;
3) aimed at exclusive use by the Army of Yugoslavia and Ministry of Interior;
4) in transition over Republic of Serbia territory;
5) for which obligation on issuing attestation has been proscribed by regulations on protection at work.

**Article 4**

Trade of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components, devices, alternated firearms and devices which have not been tested, stamped and labeled shall be banned.

**Article 5**

Testing, marking and labeling of the firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices shall be done for the purpose of checking i.e. confirming their functionality and quality according to standards, technical regulations and quality standards.

**II Testing of Firearms, Ammunition and Devices**

**Article 6**

Testing firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices means to test their safety and proper functioning, working order of particular components and longevity of barrel and other components under defined pressure.

**Article 7**

Firearms testing includes control of weapons before and after tormentation

Tormentation of weapons, for the purpose of this Law means testing resistance of weapons under pressure at least 30% higher than the pressure achieved by use of standard ammunition

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with strongest charge by firing specially charged tormentation ammunition.

In the procedure of control of firearms, from paragraph 1 of this Article, their visual, dimensional and functional aspects are checked.

**Article 8**

Testing of ammunition and ammunition components shall be done by checking samples from each produced series in order to prove their working order and quality, pursuant to the prescribed standards.

Ammunition and ammunition components tested pursuant to the paragraph 1 of this Article shall be subject to control in the process of their packing, for the safe trade or use.

**Article 9**

Testing of devices includes their control before and after tormentations save for some particular types of the devices for which it is proscribed they are subject to one tormentation only.

**Article 10**

Firearms and devices at which their key construction components have been replaced or alternated shall be subject to testing as follows:

1) with weapons: barrel, casing (head or frame) barrel casing, drum and safety catch components;

2) with devices: barrel and safety catch components.

**Article 11**

Testing of alternated firearms and devices shall be done in a manner and in accordance with the procedure proscribed for testing firearms and devices.
III Marking and Labeling of Firearms, Ammunition and Devices

Article 12

Firearms, ammunition, alternated firearms and devices which in the course of testing meet the proscribed requirements, shall be stamped.

Marking of the firearms and devices as well as alternated firearms and devices shall be done by imprinting proscribed stamp on specified parts of those firearms or devices (barrel, breech, etc).

Article 13

For firearms, devices, alternated firearms and devices being tested and stamped, written certificate on test results shall be issued.

The certificate shall include: type of tested and stamped weapons or device, imprint of the stamp and other proscribed marks for firearms or device, and for smooth bore firearms data on pressure under which barrel longevity has been tested shall be entered as well.

Article 14

Ammunition and ammunition components, which in the course of testing are proved to meet the proscribed prerequisites, shall be labeled.

Labeling of ammunition and ammunition components shall be done by putting written certificate on performed test in each basic package and by labeling each package of same series meeting the proscribed prerequisites in the course of testing. Certificate on performed test contains also specified mark for tested type of ammunition and ammunition components.

Article 15

Testing, marking and labeling of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices shall be entrusted to the Institute for Testing, Marking of Hand Firearms and Ammunition from Kragujevac (hereinafter referred to as Institute).
Testing, marking and labeling of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices as well as alternated firearms and devices shall be done in a manner, under the conditions and pursuant to the procedure defined by this Law and regulations made pursuant to it.

The Institute shall not entrust testing, marking and labeling to other company or other legal person.

**Article 16**

Testing of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices as well as alternated firearms and devices, their marking and labeling, when found out they meet proscribed prerequisites, shall be done by the Institute within 30 days from the day of their delivery.

**Article 17**

The Institute shall charge a defined reimbursement for testing, marking and labeling of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices.

Government of the Republic of Serbia shall give its consent to the amount of reimbursement from the paragraph 1 of this Article.

**Article 18**

Company or shop registered for repair and alternating of firearms shall deliver such firearms and devices to the Institute to be tested, stamped and labeled within 15 days from the day of accomplished repair.

**Article 19**

Minister in charge of industry and minister in charge of internal affairs shall make regulations, in mutual agreement, which shall define:

1) Way, conditions, procedures and types of tests i.e. control of fire arms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices, way of marking, labeling and control of packing;

2) Designations for marking and labeling i.e. stamp, form and contents of the certificate and label.
IV Supervision and Administrative Measures

Article 20

Ministry in charge of trade shall supervise implementation of this Law provisions regarding trade of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices as well as alternated firearms and devices via market inspector.

Article 21

Market inspector shall ban trade with firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices as well as alternated firearms and devices if in the course of supervision it finds out they do not meet prerequisites proscribed by this Law and special regulations concerning testing, marking and labeling till they meet the conditions for being traded.

Article 22

Ministry in charge of industry and ministry in charge of internal affairs shall supervise implementation of this Law provisions regarding conditions and way of testing, marking and labeling of firearms, ammunition, devices or alternated firearms and devices.

V Penalties

Article 23

Any company or other legal person shall be punished by a fine in the amount from 10,000 to 100,000 dinars if committing an offence of trading with firearms, ammunition and ammunition components or devices or alternated firearms and devices which have not been tested, stamped and labeled in a proscribed manner (Article 4).

Responsible individual from the company or other legal person shall be punished for the offence from paragraph 1 of this Article by a fine in the amount from 1500 to 10,000 dinars.
Apart from the punishment instituted for the offence from the paragraph 1 of this Article, protective measure of banning trade with firearms, ammunition and devices or alternated firearms and devices shall be instituted for the period of six months to three years and protective measure of dispossession of firearms, ammunition and devices or alternated firearms and devices which have been subject of the offense.

**Article 24**

The Institute from Article 15 of this Law shall be punished by a fine in the amount from 5000 to 50.000 dinars for the following offences:

1) If testing, marking and labeling of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices have not been done pursuant to the law and regulations made in accordance with this Law (Article 15, paragraph 2);

2) If specified works of obligatory testing marking and labeling of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices are entrusted to other legal person (Article 15, paragraph 3);

3) If testing, of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices or alternated firearms and devices and their marking and labeling, when found out they meet proscribed prerequisites, are not carried out within 30 days from the day of their delivery (Article 16);

4) if it does not keep to defined reimbursement (Article 17);

Responsible individual from the Institute shall be also punished by a fine in the amount from 1000 to 3000 dinars for an offence from paragraph 1, points 1), 2) and 4).

**Article 25**

Company or other legal person shall be punished by a fine in the amount from 10.000 to 100.000 dinars for the committed offence of not delivering alternated firearms and devices to the Institute to be tested and stamped or not delivering them in proscribed time limit (Article 18).

For the offence from paragraph 1 of this Article a responsible individual in the company or other legal person shell be punished by a fine in the amount from 1500 to 10.000 dinars.

Apart from the fine instituted for the offence from paragraph 1 of this Article, the protective
measure of banning trade with firearms, ammunition and devices or alternated firearms and devices shall be implemented for the period of six months to three years.

**Article 26**

An entrepreneur shall be punished by a fine in the amount from 500 to 5000 dinars for the following offences:

1) if trading with firearms, ammunition, ammunition components or devices or alternated firearms and devices which have not been tested, stamped and labeled in a proscribed manned (Article 4);
2) if alternated firearms and devices are not delivered to the Institute to be tested and stamped i.e. if they are not delivered in proscribed time limit (Article 18).

Apart from the punishment instituted for the offence from the paragraph 1 of this Article, protective measure of banning trade with firearms, ammunition and devices or alternated firearms and devices shall be instituted for the period of six months to three years and protective measure of dispossession of firearms, ammunition and devices or alternated firearms and devices which have been subject of offense.

**Article 27**

A fine in the amount from 500 to 1000 dinars shall be instituted against any citizen who acts contrary to the provisions from Article 4 of this Law.

Apart from the fine instituted for the offence from paragraph 1 of this Article, the protective measure of dispossession of firearms, ammunition, ammunition components and devices or alternated firearms and devices, which have been subject of the offence, shall be implemented.

**VI Transitional and Final Provisions**

**Article 28**

Until regulations from Article 19 of this Law are adopted, the provisions, not contrary to this Law,
from the Regulation on Procedure for Testing and Marking and Labeling Hand Firearms, Ammunition and Hand Devices (Official Gazette of the SRS, No. 15/73), shall be implemented.

**Article 29**

With the date of this Law enactment the Law on Testing, Marking and Labeling of Hand Firearms and Ammunition shall expire (Official Gazette of the SRS, No. 22/73).

**Article 30**

This Law shall enter in force on the eighth day from the day of its announcement in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia.