Republic of Serbia

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Article 1

This Set of Rules shall prescribe the terms and conditions for doing the training for handling firearms (henceforward: training), the methods of conducting the training and its Syllabus (henceforward: Syllabus), which is printed together with this Set of Rules and forms its integral part.

Article 2

The training may, in accordance with the law, be done by an authorized marksmen i.e. other organization and institution (henceforward: authorized organization), which:

1) shall provide the appropriate shooting gallery, a room for keeping the firearms and ammunition and a room for theoretical part of the training;
2) shall provide firearms for the training;
3) shall provide teaching aids for the training;
4) shall have the professional training staff available;
5) shall fulfill other terms and conditions prescribed by this Set of Rules.

Article 3

A shooting gallery, by this Set of Rules, shall be a place for firearms shooting (henceforward: shooting gallery).
Shooting galleries may be outdoors and indoors.

Training arms, by this Set of Rules, shall be firearms of that kind which is the subject of the training with the appropriate ammunition.
Teaching aids, by this Set of Rules, shall be the equipment necessary for the training according to the Syllabus (targets, school ammunition, antiphons, cleaning devices, etc.).

**Article 4**

A shooting gallery shall be constructed so as to provide protection measures which shall prevent the projectiles from flying out of the zone or place of shooting and the fired projectiles from bouncing i.e. which shall guarantee the safety of the persons inside and outside the shooting gallery as well as the application of the prescribed measures for fire and environment protection.

Indoor shooting galleries shall be constructed to provide, along with the conditions stated in Paragraph 1 of this Article, the following:

1) the minimum width of the evacuation passage and exit shall be 0.90 m;
2) the evacuation way shall be made of 90 minutes fire-resistant materials;
3) an electric lamp made of incombustible material with an independent power source shall be built in above the evacuation exit;
4) construction and interior elements shall be made of incombustible material;
5) interior elements used for ballistic practice shall be protected with paint coats providing the minimum degree of 30 minutes fire-resistance;
6) ventilation system in the rooms used for firearms shooting shall be independent, with at least five cycles of air in an hour, with electrical blockades of lighting installations and target starters functioning as ventilation and with a ventilator in anti-explosive protection;
7) a rubber band – curtain shall be built in before the bullet grab so as to prevent bullets from bouncing;
8) all protrusions, pillars, openings, ventilation pipes and electrical installations shall be protected with aperture stops;
9) bullet-proof partitions preventing the laterally fired bullet from breakthrough, the cartridge cases from uncontrolled movement and injuring and disturbing of other shooter shall be installed between firing positions on the fire line;
10) the inner walls and floor shall be flat and smooth.

Outdoor shooting galleries shall be constructed to provide, along with the conditions stated in Paragraph 1 of this Article, also the conditions stated in Paragraph 1, points 7-9 of this Article.
Article 5

The theoretical and practical parts of the training may be done by the lecturers and instructors having the appropriate level of education and experience, as follows:

1) the lecturer for the field of Legal aspects of keeping, carrying and usage of firearms - law school degree or interior affairs college and at least three years of work experience in the field of legal matters;
2) the lecturer for the field of Basics of ballistics and shooting techniques – at least a four –year high school diploma and at least three years of work experience in appropriate jobs;
3) the instructor for the field of Safe firearms handling and Firearms shooting in practice:
   (1) at least a four-year high school diploma and at least three years of work experience as an authorized officer in the competent body, a member of the military forces, a ranked marksman or a reserve military senior officer;
   (2) fire prevention evaluation exam passed.

Knowledge testing may be done by the persons who shall, along with the corresponding conditions stated in Paragraph 1 of this Article, have at least a college degree.

Article 6

The authorized organization shall provide that the layers of unburned powder particles on the shooting gallery walls and floor be removed every day after the shooting practice, whereas the cleaning of the shooting gallery ventilation pipes and ceiling as well as the replacement of ventilation filters be done after every 20,000 fired bullets.

Article 7

An application for issuing a permission for conducting the training shall be filed to the authorized body and should comprise the following:

1) name, address and professional activities of the organization i.e. institution which wants to conduct the training;
2) name, personal identification number, address and signature of the authorized person in the
organization i.e. institution stated in point 1 of this Paragraph;
3) notes on the kinds of firearms to be used for training.

Along with the application stated in Paragraph 1 of this Article, the organization i.e. institution which wants to conduct the training shall enclose the following:

1) proof that a shooting gallery, rooms, training arms and teaching aids according to this Set of Rules have been provided;
2) a list of lecturers, instructors and persons in charge of testing as well as the proof of their professional education and experience prescribed for conducting the training.

Having established that the prescribed conditions have been fulfilled, the competent body shall render a decision on permitting the conducting of the training.

If an authorized organization stops fulfilling any of the conditions prescribed for doing the training, the competent body shall render a decision on failing to fulfill the conditions for the training by that organization.

**Article 8**

The training shall comprise:

1) theoretical part for the following fields:
   (1) Legal aspects of keeping, carrying and usage of firearms,
   (2) Safe firearms handling
   (3) Basics of ballistics and shooting techniques

2) practical part for the following fields:
   (1) Safe firearms handling;
   (2) Firearms shooting in practice;

3) theoretical and practical part testing.

The training shall be done in accordance with the Syllabus.
**Article 9**

After the theoretical and practical training has completed, the authorized organization shall issue a certificate of regular attendance to the person who attended the training.

**Article 10**

The person possessing the certificate of training for one kind of firearms, when training to handle other kind of firearms, shall attend only practical lessons and shall be tested only for that kind of firearms.

**Article 11**

Persons who regularly attended the training shall be tested before a commission consisting of the president and two members (henceforward: commission members).

Commission members shall be appointed by the authorized organization and one member shall be the representative of the competent body.

**Article 12**

The authorized organization shall set the date and time of the testing and shall inform the persons who regularly attended the training classes and applied for the testing (henceforward: candidates).

Along with an application for testing, a copy of the certificate of regular attendance shall be enclosed.

A candidate who attended the training in other authorized organization may also apply to the authorized organization conducting the testing.

**Article 13**

The testing shall comprise theoretical and practical part.

During the theoretical part of the testing the candidate shall be questioned about the topics
from theoretical field, whereas the practical testing – topics from practical training.
The candidate shall be asked three questions from each field that are the topics from particular fields.

**Article 14**

The grades for each particular field as well as the total grade shall be the following: satisfactory and unsatisfactory.

The total satisfactory grade shall be given to the candidate who got such grade in all fields.

**Article 15**

A record shall be kept on each candidate’s examination comprising the following: candidate’s personal name, the number of certificate of regular attendance, the name of the authorized organization where the candidate attended the training, place and time of testing, the questions candidate was asked, grade for each field, the total grade, names and signatures of the commission members, name and stamp of the authorized organization where the testing was held.

The testing documentation with the records on candidates’ examination shall be kept for two years in an authorized organization that conducted the testing.

**Article 16**

The authorized organization shall issue a certificate of the completed firearms handling training to the candidate who passed with the total satisfactory grade.

**Article 17**

The candidate who received an unsatisfactory grade in one field may, within three months, apply again for testing the knowledge from that field without the repeated attendance.

The candidate outlined in Paragraph 1 of this Article, after the three-month deadline, as well as the candidate who receives an unsatisfactory grade in more fields as well as the candidate who receives an unsatisfactory grade in the repeated testing shall attend the complete training again and shall take the test in all fields.
Article 18

The candidate who ceases to attend the training for a justifiable reason or who fails to take the test may, within three months, continue their training i.e. take the test.

It shall be considered that the candidate who ceased to attend the training or fails to take the test did not attend the training.

Article 19

This Set of Rules shall come into effect within eight days of its publishing in The Official Gazette of the RS. The provisions stated in Article 4, Paragraph 2, points 1-6 and Article 5, point 3, sub-point (2) shall be applied from 1 July 1999.

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Minister,
Vlajko Stojiljkovic, personally signed

Syllabus for the Firearms Handling Training

I Topics and Questions for the Theoretical Part

Legal aspects of keeping, carrying and usage of firearms

The concept of arms; different kinds of arms; differentiation of arms according to its purpose and special kinds; the concept of firearms; arms for personal safety; the concept of hunting weapons; ‘prohibited’ weapons and devices; obtaining firearms, weapons parts and ammunition; persons who are not issued the licence for obtaining firearms; weapons licence; transport of weapons; the licence for carrying the arms for personal safety; keeping weapons and ammunition; carrying weapons and ammunition; prohibition of using and lending the weapons; transfer of property and replacement of weapons; change of the place of residence of the owner of the weapons; procedure for the weapons of a deceased person; seizing the weap-
ons licence, weapons and ammunition; disappearance i.e. finding the weapons; unauthorized obtaining, keeping, carrying, manufacturing, exchange or sale of firearms, ammunition or explosive materials; different offences related to weapons; the concept and elements of self-defence; exceeding the self-defence; the concept and elements of extreme necessity.

**Safe firearms handling**

Safety conditions for storing the weapons; the influence of heat on initiating ammunition; pyrotechnic devices and ammunition; initial explosives and powder dangers; explosion, detonation and deflagration; ammunition – different kinds, calibers, features and the maintenance; the description of a particular kind of weapons and their parts (the weapon the candidate wants to possess shall be described); technical features of a specific weapon, similarities and differences with other weapons of the same kind; unloading and loading the weapons; dismantling and assembling the weapons; shooting (rectification); maintenance (inspection, cleaning, lubricating, conservation); cleaning and lubricating devices; the most frequent malfunctions and repairing.

**Basics of ballistics and shooting techniques**

The process of firing the bullet; the form and elements of projectile trajectory in the air; the factors influencing the projectile trajectory in the air; the energy and penetrating power of the projectiles on the target; maximum projectile range; the ricochet; shooting positions; the kinds and descriptions of different positions; the most convenient positions for particular kinds of shooting; the proper arms carrying; the method for aiming the particular kinds of weapons and sights and the choice of aiming point; breathing, breathing pause and triggering; the most frequent mistakes in shooting.

**II Topics And Tasks For The Practical Part**

**Safe firearms handling**

Unloading and loading the weapons; dismantling and assembling the weapons; cleaning and lubricating the weapons; repairing the most frequent weapons malfunctions.

Practical shooting
1) the gun and revolver - circular target 50X50 cm from 15 m, with 5 test bullets and 10 bullets for a grade, and a silhouette target from 10 m with 10 bullets, to be graded;

2) the small caliber gun – circular target for a serial SC gun from 50 m, prone position, with 5 test bullets and 10 bullets to be graded and from 25 m, standing position, with 10 bullets to be graded;

3) the hunting carbine – circular target 50X50 cm from 100 m, prone position, with 5 test bullets and 10 bullets to be graded, and from 50 m, standing position with 10 bullets to be graded;

4) the smoothbore rifle – circular target 50X50 cm from 35 m, with 5 shots cartridges.

NOTE: The future owners of the short weapons with rifle ammunition shall take the test by the criteria for the hunting carbines.

The owners of the combined weapons shall take the test by the criteria for the hunting carbines and smoothbore rifles.

III The Number of Lessons

The number of lessons for the different fields shall be as follows:

1) Legal aspects of keeping, carrying and usage of firearms – 2 lessons;
2) Safe firearms handling (theoretical part) – 1 lesson;
3) Basics of ballistics and shooting techniques – 1 lesson;
4) Safe firearms handling (practical part) – 1 lesson;
5) Shooting in practice – 2 lessons.

One lesson shall last 45 minutes.