

DECISION

No. 348, date 29.04.2015

FOR

**PROCEDURES OF ENTRY/EXIT, MARKING OF ARMS AND
REGISTRATION OF ALBANIAN CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS
CARRYING CATEGORY “B” AND “C” ARMS IN THE TERRITORY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

Pursuant to article 100 of the Constitution and to article 9, point 7, of Law no. 74/2014, “For Arms”, with the proposal of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Council of Ministers,

DECIDED:

I. REGIME FOR ENTRY/EXIT AND THE REGISTRATION OF ARMS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

1. The control, regulations of entry/exit, and registration of arms at the Albanian border-crossing points is carried out by the customs service, the Authority of the State Export Control (AKSHE) and the State Police.

2. For the procedure of entry/exit with arms at the border-crossing points, licensed subjects for import/export, trade or arms transport, the valid documents below must be presented to the customs service and border police employees:

- a. The license issued by the Directorate of the State Police “for import/export and trade of arms” of categories “B1”, “B4”, “C”, and “D”.
- b. The identification document.
- c. The authorization of AKSHE for the import/export of arms, of categories “B1”, “B4”, except as provided for in point 4 of this decision.
- d. The purchasing document of arms, arms components, and ammunition. The arms are registered by serial numbers, caliber, type, and the factory of production.

3. The physical examination and documentation of the arms of subjects with licenses that enter the crossing points is carried out by the customs employees, border police employees, and AKSHE.

4. For the procedure of entry/exit with arms at the border-crossing points for Albanian citizens, foreign persons, and Albanians residing outside of Albania, one of the valid documents below is required to be presented to the border police:

- a. Authorization for purchase/sale of hunting or collection arms outside of the country;
- b. Temporary authorization for hunting;
- c. Temporary authorization for sport shooting competitions;
- ç. Authorization or a valid document from foreign authorities, allowing them to enter with arms, as defined by article 40 of law no. 74/2014, “For Arms”

5. The physical examination and registration of arms of citizens who enter/exit with authorization for purchasing/selling according to letter “a” of point 4 of this decision, is done by the border police at the crossing points. The purchase document is initialed by the employee that carries out the examination and registration.

6. In the cases when the border police employee finds arms, arms components, and ammunition during the search and the licensed/physical subject does not have documents or these are arms and ammunition which are not included in the license/authorization, the police/customs employee must seize the arms and ammunition.

7. The employee of the border police carries out the necessary penal procedural activities and when the violation constitutes a criminal offense it is referred to the competent authority of the prosecutor’s office. As material evidence, seized arms are administered in accordance with the rules of the Criminal Procedural Code and the legal and regulative acts in force.

8. The registration of arms that enter and exit the border-crossing points is done in the “Register of the entry/exit of arms at the border-crossing points of the Republic of Albania”, register 1, of which is attached to this decision.

The detailed registration of arms in the register is done by the border police officer according to the document of arms purchasing, as mentioned in point 2 of letter “ç” of this decision.

The registration of data on hunting and sportive firearms for exhibition of citizens with temporary authorization, (as arms that enter temporarily) is done by the border police officer.

II ARMS MARKING PROCEDURE

9. The import marking is an additional mark that is applied on the firearms of categories “B” and “C”, which are imported to the Republic of Albania. The marking is a requirement for the subject licensed for the import/export of firearms and their components and ammunition.

10. The marking of arms of categories “B” and “C” is done for imported arms from all countries with Albania as destination, despite the marking they have from the country of origin.

Arms imported from EU countries are excluded from this procedure.

11. Marking is carried out by engraving letters and numbers. The stamp of Albania is marked “AL” in a circle of 6 mm. The import year is indicated outside the circle with a size of 3 mm. The minimal depth of the groove is at least 0.1 mm if it is located on a metal piece, and at least 0.3 mm if it is done on polymer piece.

12. Every marking must be placed on the main visible part of the arm. The marked part cannot be substituted in any circumstance, in cases of breakage.

13. The standards specified in points 11 and 12 of this decision are examined by the State Police. After examination a marking certificate is issued.

14. Arms that enter and exit in transit, with temporary authorizations are not marked.

15. The process of marking is also carried out for deactivated arms. This process is done for arms of categories “A”, “B”, and “C”. After the technical process of deactivation, the arms are marked with letter “D”. Marking of these arms is carried out by state subjects licensed for arms production or repair.

16. Arms of categories “A” and “B” used for study or laboratory purposes by the scientific police are also marked. Those are marked with letters “LB”. Marking is done as in point 15 of this decision.

17. Arms marked according to the definition of this decision, are controlled prior to their issue for use by the responsible police organ, which issues the marking certificate.

18. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Defense are in charge of following the required procedures for the implementation of this decision.

This decision enters into force after being publishing in the “Official Journal”.

PRIME MINISTER

EDI RAMA

In absence and with request

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

NIKO PELESHI

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