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**FOR PROCLAIMING THE LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON WEAPONS**

The Law amending the Law on Weapons adopted by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia at its plenary session held on 26 August 2013 is hereby proclaimed

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**LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON WEAPONS**

Article 1

In the Law on Weapons ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 7/2005, 47/2006, 42/2007, 86/2008, 72/10 and 158/11) Article 3 Paragraph 2 is amended to read as follows:

"Firearms" shall be all portable barrelled weapons (rifle, pistol and revolver) that discharges, i.e. that is designed to, under combustible fuel pressure, discharge shots, a single round or another projectile, as well as any portable barrelled weapon that could be modified to expel shots, a single round or another projectile. For the purpose of this Law, a firearm shall mean every item that could be modified to discharge shots, a single round or another projectile if the item's appearance matches firearms and if its construction or materials could be modified;"

Two new paragraphs - 3 and 4 – shall be added after paragraph 2, to read as follows:

"Firearms, parts of a firearm or items that expel i.e. which are designed to, under combustible fuel pressure expel shots, a single round or another projectile as well as parts that could be modified to expel shots, a single round or another projectile shall not be considered firearms if:

- they are rendered permanently inoperable by applying a technical procedure,

- they are manufactured for alarming, signalisation, saving lives, killing animals, harpoon fishing or for technical purposes, but only if used for those purposes;
- they are parts of an antique weapon or a replica of an antique weapon that is not covered by the weapons categorisation in Article 4 hereof.

“Parts of firearms” shall mean all main, spare and other parts of the firearms necessary for its operation (a barrel with a chamber, a frame or a receiver, a closing mechanism – a breech or a slide – a slider, a firing pin or a closed block), as well as equipment used or adapted to muffle the sound when using the firearm.”

Paragraph 25 shall become paragraph 27 and shall be amended to read as follows:

“The main parts of the firearms” are a barrel with a chamber, a closing mechanism (breech), a frame (casing) that are produced individually to be assembled i.e. placed on the firearm and they are covered in the weapons categorisation of Article 4 hereof;”

In paragraph 27 that shall become paragraph 29, after the word “company” the following wording shall be added: “without an issued permit to acquire arms”.

Paragraph 32 shall become paragraph 34, and shall be amended to read as follows:

“Ammunition” is the entire cartridge or parts of it (all types of cartridges, primers, balls and projectiles) that, by means of ignited fuel, are used for loading and action of the firearm;”.

In paragraph 40 that shall become paragraph 42, at the end of the sentence the conjunction “and” shall be replaced by a semicolon.

In paragraph 41 that shall become paragraph 43 the full stop at the end of the sentence shall be replaced with a semicolon and four new paragraphs shall be added that read as follows:

“Firearms monitoring” shall mean undertaking activities for monitoring a firearm, its main parts and ammunition from the manufacturer to the buyer for the purpose of discovering, investigation and analysing illegal manufacturing and trafficking in firearms;

“Arms broker” shall mean a natural person – a sole proprietor or a legal entity whose main activity is full or partial brokering i.e. arranging procurement, sale or transportation of weapons, which differs from the activities of the companies regulated in Article 52, paragraph 1 hereof;

“Arms dealer” shall mean a natural person – a sole proprietor or a legal entity that is fully or partially involved in the manufacture of firearms, parts or ammunition thereof or performs other activities related to the manufacture of firearms, main parts or ammunition thereof as well as activities related to trade, repair, exchange or renting of firearms, parts and ammunition thereof i.e. the companies referred to in Article 35-a, paragraph 3, 46 para. 1, Art. 52 para. 1 and Art. 59 para. 3 hereof; and

“European Firearms Pass” shall mean a document that proves the ownership and the right for the firearm to be used by the pass holder that is not transferable to another person and it shall be with the holder the entire time s/he uses the weapon.”

## Article 2

In Article 4, paragraph 2, item 11, the conjunction “and” shall be replaced by a semicolon.

In item 12, the full stop at the end of the sentence shall be replaced with a semicolon and three new items 13, 14 and 15 shall be added to read as follows:

- “13) a firearm made of the main parts of a firearm that have been acquired illegally;
- 14) a newly manufactured firearm that is not marked in compliance with the regulations on testing and stamping i.e. marking, and
- 15) a modified i.e. altered weapon.”

In paragraph 5 Item 5, the conjunction “and” shall be replaced with a semicolon.

In Item 6, the full stop at the end of the sentence shall be replaced with a semicolon and additional three new items 7, 8 and 9 shall be added to read:

- “7) pneumatic weapons with kinetic energy to or greater than 10.5 J and a projectile’s speed of 200 m/s or more and a calibre bigger than 4.5 mm;
- 8) weapons for light and sound signalisation and
- 9) string weapons with tension strength of 45 kilos and”.

In Item 3 the conjunction “and” shall be replaced with a full stop.

Item 4 shall be deleted.

#### Article 3

In Article 5, after paragraph 1, a new paragraph 2 shall be added to read as follows:

“The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued for any acquisition of a weapon.”

#### Article 4

In Article 7, paragraph 8, and in Article 8, paragraph 3, the wording: “are registered for protecting people and property or providing security services to people and property for personal needs” shall be replaced with the wording: “private security by providing security services or private protection for personal needs”.

#### Article 5

In Article 9, paragraph 1 item 7 shall be amended to read as follows:

“7) has a place of residence on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia with a valid ID, and if s/he is a foreign national s/he should have an approved stay on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia with a valid ID for a foreign national unless otherwise regulated by a ratified international agreement.”

In paragraph 2, the wording: “C category” shall be replaced with the wording “Article 4 paragraph 5 items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 hereof”.

After paragraph 2 a new paragraph 3 shall be added to read as follows:

“The permit to acquire weapons referred to in Article 4, paragraph 5 items 7, 8 and 9 of this Law shall be issued to a natural person that meets the requirements referred to paragraph 1, items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 of this Article.”

#### Article 6

In Article 14, after paragraph 10 a new paragraph 11 shall be added to read as follows:

“The members of the Commission referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be entitled to compensation for the expenditures for conducting the exam, to be covered by the authorised legal entity referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article.”

In paragraph 11 that shall become paragraph 12 the word “police” shall be replaced with the wording: “employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the police reserve that performed police duties for at least 3 years, retired officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs”.

#### Article 7

Paragraph 4 of Article 15 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Persons holding a licence for private security services shall use the licence to prove that they meet the requirement referred to in Article 9, paragraph 1, item 6 hereof.”

After paragraph 4, a new paragraph 5 shall be added to read:

“Members of the police reserve that performed police duties for at least 3 years, as well as retired officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs prove that they meet the requirement referred to in Article 9 paragraph 1 item 6 of this law with a certificate issued by the state authority where they carried out the required tasks and assignments.”

#### Article 8

In Article 16, paragraph 1, item 1, the wording: “for securing persons and property” shall be deleted.

In paragraph 2 the wording: “the protection of people and property or they provide security services to persons and property” shall be replaced with the wording: “private security”.

#### Article 9

In Article 18, paragraph 2, after the wording: “information about the weapon” the following wording shall be added: “(type, make, calibre and factory number of the weapon)”.

#### Article 10

In Article 18-a, three new paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be added to read as follows:

“Firearm test-firing is conducted using the weapon referred to in Article 4, paragraph 4 and Article 4, paragraph 5, items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 hereof.

The test-firing using the weapon referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be conducted with two pieces of ammunition adequate for that type of the weapon, that are provided without issuing a permit, certificate i.e. authorisation referred to in Article 7 paragraphs, 3 and 4 hereof.

The companies referred to in Article 52, paragraph, 1 hereof and the natural person that trade in weapons in compliance with Article 35 hereof, shall sell to the buyer of the weapon referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article three pieces of ammunition suitable for the type of weapons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, if the weapon has not been previously tested.”

Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall become paragraphs 4 and 5.

#### Article 11

In Article 19, after paragraph 1, a new paragraph 2 shall be added to read as follows:

“The competent authority shall, within 15 days, notify the country of a foreign national about the weapon licence issued to a foreign national.”

Paragraph 2 shall become paragraph 3.

#### Article 12

In Article 23, paragraph 1, the wording: “protecting people and property” shall be replaced with the words: “private security”.

#### Article 13

In Article 24, the words: “protecting people and property” shall be replaced with the words: “private security”.

#### Article 14

Paragraph 15 of Article 31 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Sports weapons, pneumatic weapons, weapons for audio-visual signalisation and string weapons may be used by a minor only at a shooting range, hunting area or other safe training area, under supervision and in the presence of a parent or another adult that holds a valid weapon licence.”

#### Article 15

In Article 35, paragraph 2, after the word “make” a comma shall be used and the following words shall be added: “factory number”.

In paragraph 3, the words “paragraph 2” shall be replaced with the words “paragraphs 2 and 5”, and the full stop at the end of the sentence shall be replaced with a comma and the wording “if no test-firing has been conducted using the weapon” shall be added.

After paragraph 3, five new paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be added to read as follows:

“If test-firing has been conducted using the weapon that was bought in compliance with paragraphs 2 and 5 of this Article, the natural persons i.e. the legal entities that purchased the weapons shall submit a weapon registration request along with the contract referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article to the competent authority within eight days.

As an exception from this Article, the firearm, parts and ammunition thereof, could be purchased by concluding a Distance Agreements in compliance with the law.

Prior to purchasing weapons referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article, a natural person i.e. a legal entity shall submit a copy of the permit referred to in Articles 9 and 16 hereof to the arms dealer.

When purchasing weapons referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article, special control of weapon procurement shall be conducted by the competent authority, unless the sale is made between arms dealers.

In the sense of paragraph 7 of this Article, special control of weapons shall mean the control performed by the competent authority in regard to meeting the requirements for procuring and importing weapons provided by this or any other laws.”

#### Article 16

After Article 35, a new Article 35-a shall be added to read as follows:

##### “Article 35-a

Weapons of the same type may be exchanged between natural persons i.e. legal entities.

Natural persons can exchange the weapons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, if they hold a weapon licence i.e. a permit referred to in Article 27, paragraph 2 hereof.

Legal entities can exchange the weapons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article if they hold a weapon licence i.e. the permit referred to Article 27, paragraph 2 hereof.

The provisions of Article 35, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 hereof shall apply to the exchange of weapons referred to paragraph 1 of this Article.”

#### Article 17

A new Article 38-a shall be added after Article 38 to read as follows:

##### “Article 38-a

The owner of a weapon falling under B, C and D category, for which a weapon licence, a licence to carry weapons i.e. a certificate is issued in accordance with Article 27, paragraph 2 hereof, may voluntarily hand over the weapon at the nearest police station.

The police station referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall notify the competent authority within 15 days about the person and the weapons that were handed over voluntarily.

A receipt shall be issued for the weapons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

The weapon licences i.e. permits to possess weapons are dealt with by the competent authority in accordance with Article 42 hereof.”

#### Article 18

In Article 42, paragraph 1, after the wording: “carrying a weapon” the following wording shall be added: “and the certificate referred to in Article 27 paragraph 2 hereof”.

In item 3, the conjunction “and” shall be replaced with a semicolon.

A new item 4 shall be added after item 3 to read as follows:

“4) when the weapon is handed over voluntarily by the owner in accordance with Article 38-a hereof and”

Item 4 shall become item 5.

In paragraph 2, after the word “weapon” the words: “and the certificate referred to in Article 27 Paragraph 2 hereof” shall be added.

In item 1 after the words “the licence” the words: “and the permit” shall be added, while the conjunction “and” shall be replaced with a semicolon.

After item 1, a new item 2 shall be added to read:

“2) when the weapon is handed over voluntarily by the owner in accordance with Article 38-a of hereof and”.

Item 2 shall become item 3.

In paragraph 6, the words: “item 4” shall be replaced with the words: “item 5”, and the words: “item 2” shall be replaced with the words: “item 3”.

In paragraph 7 the words: “number 3” shall be replaced with the words: “paragraph 1 item 4, paragraph 2 item 2 and paragraph 3”.

#### Article 19

In Article 46, a new paragraph 3 shall be added after paragraph 2 to read:

“In the sense of this Law, illegal manufacturing of firearms, parts and ammunition thereof shall mean any manufacturing or assembling of firearms, parts and ammunition thereof:

- from the main parts of firearms that have been procured illegally,
- that have not been marked at the time of their manufacture or assembly in accordance with the regulations for testing and stamping or marking of weapons, and
- that have not been tested, stamped i.e. marked in accordance with the regulations for testing and stamping i.e. marking of weapons, and when no certificate as provisioned in Article 51-a paragraph 4 of this Law has been issued, while the weapons are put into circulation.”

Paragraphs 3 and 4 shall become paragraphs 4 and 5.

#### Article 20

After Article 48 a new Article 48-a shall be added to read as follows:

##### “Article 48-a

For the purpose of full monitoring of the manufacture, repair, trade and transportation of weapons, the competent authority shall keep electronic records of the weapons.

The companies referred to in Article 46, paragraph 1, and Article 52, paragraph 1 hereof shall be electronically connected to the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, and shall enter data and submit documents related to the weapons.

The companies referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall enter the following data in the records referred to paragraph 1:

- company (name, seat, tax number and manager),
- weapons (category, make, model, calibre, factory number, weapons' manufacturer, country of export, exporter and date of importing the weapons into the Republic of Macedonia),
- weapons' buyer (a natural person or a legal entity and address or seat),
- arms dealer (natural person or legal entity),
- permit to acquire weapons (number and date), and
- the sale contract when the weapons are purchased by a natural person (number and date of the contract).

Apart from the obligation referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, the companies shall keep records for the purpose of monitoring the manufacture, repairs, trade and transportation of weapons.

In the register referred to paragraph 4 of this Article the companies shall register the data referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.

The data referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and the register referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article shall be processed for achieving the goals set in this Article and shall be kept for at least 20 years.

Upon termination of its activities, the company shall submit the register referred to in Paragraph 4 of this Article to the competent authority within eight days.

The Minister of Internal Affairs shall prescribe the contents and the manner of keeping electronic records of weapons, as well as the form, contents and the manner of keeping the registry for monitoring the manufacture, repair, trade and transportation of weapons.”

#### Article 21

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Article 49 shall be amended to read as follows:

“After the repair of the main parts of the firearm, the natural person i.e. the legal entity shall, within eight days from the day of receiving the repaired weapon, register it for test-firing and submit a request for the registration of the repaired main parts of the weapon.

The trade companies referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall, within five days from the day of the repair of the main parts of the firearm, notify the competent authority about the performed repairs.

The notification referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article shall include the data about the natural person i.e. legal entity whose weapon's main parts have been repaired, as well as the data about the weapon.”

#### Article 22

Paragraph 4 of Article 52 shall be amended to read:



“In the sense of this Law, trade in firearms, parts and ammunition thereof, shall mean any procurement, sale, supply, brokering, transportation or transfer of firearms, parts and ammunition thereof.”

A new paragraph 5 shall be added after paragraph 4 to read as follows:

“In the sense of this Law, illicit trafficking in firearms, parts and ammunition thereof shall mean any procurement, sale, supply, brokering, transportation or illegal transfer of firearms, parts and ammunition thereof on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, that is from or through the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, if the transfer of firearms, parts and ammunition thereof is not allowed by all countries through which territories it is moving, as well as procurement, sale, supply, transportation or transfer of firearm that has not been marked in accordance with the regulations on testing and stamping i.e. marking, as well as failure to issue the certificate under Article 51-a paragraph 4 hereof.”

Paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall become 6, 7, 8 and 9.

#### Article 23

In Article 53, the full stop at the end of the sentence shall be deleted and the following wording shall be added: “weapon for which the certificate provisioned in Article 51-a paragraph 4 hereof is issued.”

#### Article 24

A new article 54-a shall be added after Article 54 to read as follows:

#### “Article 54-a

An arms broker conducts arms brokering if:

- this service is registered in the trade register and
- s/he has been issued a permit by a competent authority to conduct arms brokering activities.

The permit for arms brokering is issued if an arms broker fulfils the conditions under Article 47 paragraph 2 item 1 hereof.”

#### Article 25

Article 55 shall be amended to read as follows:

“In the sense of this Law, transfer of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts shall mean any activity undertaken during import, export and transit of previously agreed upon quantities of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts among the companies referred to in Article 46, paragraph 1 and Article 52, paragraph 1 hereof and foreign trade companies.

The transfer of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts across the border crossing is conducted by the companies referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, which shall obtain a permit issued by the competent authority upon a previously obtained opinion from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Defence.

The application for the permit referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall contain:

- name and address of the consignor, the consignee and the carrier;

- name and address of the manufacturer of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts;
- data about the marking and branding of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts in accordance with the law (type, make and calibre) and
- quantity of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts.

The applicant referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall, in addition to the application, submit the following:

- an import or transit licence from the country from which the weapons, ammunition and weapon parts are exported and the countries in transit;
- an end user certificate issued by the competent authority; and
- a contract or another document stating the agreed-upon quantity of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts.

The permit referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be issued for a period of one year.

The permit referred to Paragraph 2 of this Article shall cease to be valid if restrictive measures are introduced in accordance with the regulations on international restrictive measures.

The application referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and the permit referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted i.e. issued in an electronic format.”

#### Article 26

Article 56 shall be amended to read as follows:

“A permit issued by the competent authority shall be required for transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts for import, export and transit across the state border,

The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued to trade companies referred to in Article 46 paragraph 1 and Article 52 paragraph 1 hereof.

The companies referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall submit an application for a permit to transport weapons, ammunition and weapon parts across the border, containing:

- name and address of the consignor, the consignee and the carrier;
- name and address of the manufacturer of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts;
- data about the marking and stamping of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts in accordance with the law (type, make, calibre and factory number)
- quantity of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts;
- the route (entry-exit border crossings and final destination);
- data about the means of transportation (country of origin, type, licence plate number, ADR certificate for the vehicle if ammunition or explosive substances are transported); and
- information about the driver (name, surname, country of origin, address, identification document and ADR certificate for the driver if ammunition and explosive substances are transported).

The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall contain the data indicated in the application referred to in Paragraph 3 of this Article.

When issuing the permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the competent authority may, if needed, impose a safety measure during the transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts in accordance with the law.

The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued for a period of up to two months.

The companies referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article that received weapons, ammunition and weapon parts shall notify the competent authority that issued the permit about the conducted transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts.

The notification referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article shall be submitted in electronic format or in hard copy.

The application referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article and the permit referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted i.e. they are issued electronically.

The permit under paragraph 1 of this Article shall accompany weapons, ammunition and weapon parts to their final destination.

Weapons, ammunition and weapon parts transiting through the territory of the Republic of Macedonia shall not be marked in accordance with Article 53 hereof.”

#### Article 27

A new Article 56-a shall be added after Article 56 to read as follows:

#### “Article 56-a

Transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia shall be carried out by trade companies referred to in Article 46 paragraph 1 and Article 52 paragraph 1 hereof.

The trade companies referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply for the issuance of a permit to transport weapons, ammunition and weapon parts on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia that shall contain the following:

- name and address of the consignor, the consignee and the carrier;
- data about the marking and stamping of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts in accordance with the law (type, make, calibre and factory number)
- quantity of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts;
- the route and final destination;
- data about the means of transportation (type and licence plate number; and
- information about the driver (name, surname, address of the place of residence and identification document).

The competent authority that issues the permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may, if required, impose security measures for the duration of the transportation.

The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall indicate the date of the commencement and completion of the transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts to the final destination.

The trade companies referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall, within five days, notify the competent authority that issued the permit and the competent authority at the final destination about the transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts.

The notification referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article shall be submitted in electronic format or in hard copy.

#### Article 28

Paragraph 1 of Article 59 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Shooting at a civilian shooting range may be performed by any natural person.”

Three new paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 shall be added after paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“If the natural person referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article has no weapon of his/her own, s/he may rent equipment and ammunition from the civilian shooting range to use them for shooting at that specific shooting range.

The natural person referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may practice shooting at a civilian shooting range in the presence of representatives of the legal entities referred to in Article 58, paragraph 2 hereof.

The legal entities referred to in Article 58, paragraph 2 hereof shall take measures to prevent and deal with the damage caused by unprofessional shooting at a civilian shooting range as stipulated by the Law and bylaws.”

#### Article 29

A new paragraph 3 shall be added after paragraph 2 of Article 62 to read as follows:

“The owner of the weapon for which the permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article is issued shall take the weapon outside the borders of the Republic of Macedonia upon first leaving the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.”

#### Article 30

Article 64 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Citizens of the Republic of Macedonia who reside abroad and have an intention to return and permanently reside in the Republic of Macedonia, as well as foreign nationals with approved permanent residence in the Republic of Macedonia shall, when crossing the state border, declare the weapon that they intend to bring into the Republic of Macedonia and for which they have a valid weapon licence issued by a competent authority in another state.

Following the weapon declaration at the border crossing, a permit for bringing in the weapon and the ammunition shall be issued, after which the weapon shall enter the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.

Within eight days following the day when the permit under paragraph 2 of this Article was issued, the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall submit an application to replace the weapon licence issued by the competent authority of another country, as well as to hand over the weapon for test-firing.

In the process of replacing the weapon licence issued by the competent authority of another country, its validity and authenticity shall be checked.

If the application under paragraph 3 of this Article is denied, the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall take the weapon outside of the territory of the Republic of Macedonia within eight days.

The provisions under paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article shall not apply to weapons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, procurement and possession of which shall be banned in the Republic of Macedonia and it shall not be brought into the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.”

#### Article 31

Article 65 shall be amended to read as follows:

A foreign national may purchase a firearm in the Republic of Macedonia in compliance with the weapons categorisation under Article 4 hereof based on an adequate valid weapon licence issued by a competent authority of the foreign national’s country.

The licence referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be translated into the Macedonian language using its Cyrillic alphabet, while its authenticity shall be confirmed by the diplomatic-consular office of the foreign national’s country in the Republic of Macedonia.

Following the purchase of the weapon under paragraph 1 of this Article, an arms dealer shall submit a request to the competent authority for the weapon transfer.

The request referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall contain the following information:

- name, surname and address of the dealer and, if possible, also name, surname and address of the weapon owner;
- name, surname and place of residence of the weapon buyer;
- address to which the weapon shall be sent or transported;
- number of pieces of weapons to be sent or transported;
- easier weapon identification, i.e. data on testing and stamping i.e. marking of weapon in accordance with the law;
- the manner of weapon transfer;
- date of commencement of weapon transfer i.e. shipment; and
- deadline for weapon export.

The request shall also contain the following documents:

- ID referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article and
- proof of weapon purchase.

Based on the request referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article the competent authority shall issue a permit to transfer weapons.

The permit weapon transportation shall include the information contained in the request under paragraph 3 of this Article.

Following the permission of the weapon transfer, the arms dealer shall hand over the weapon for transportation or send it by post to the foreign national.

The permit to transfer weapons shall accompany weapons during their transportation i.e. shipment to the final destination in the country of the foreign national.

The permit to transfer weapons shall be shown upon request of the competent authorities of the countries through whose territories it is transported i.e. shipped.

The country of the weapon's final destination and the country of transit of the weapon shall be notified about the permit to transport weapons.

A foreign national passing through the territory of the Republic of Macedonia may transfer the weapon s/he carries across the territory of the Republic of Macedonia if s/he holds a valid document issued by the competent authority of the foreign national's home country or a permit issued by the competent diplomatic-consular office of the Republic of Macedonia abroad.”

#### Article 32

A new Article 66-a shall be added after Article 66 to read as follows:

#### “Article 66-a

Holders of diplomatic or public official passports or members of an international organisation that legally reside in the Republic of Macedonia may bring in the weapon they possess with a valid document issued by the competent authority of another country, and which is used for hunting or sport into the territory of the Republic of Macedonia based on a permit issued for bringing in or carrying a weapon for hunting or sport.

The permit under paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued by a police officer at the border crossing where the state border is crossed.

The permit under paragraph 1 of this Article shall be valid for the duration of the legal residence of the person that brings a weapon into the country.

The weapon for which the permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article has been issued, shall be handled by the holder of the weapon in accordance with the provisions under Articles 28 to 40 hereof.

The holder of the weapon for which the permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article has been issued, shall not be obliged to take the weapon outside the Republic of Macedonia every time s/he leaves the country, except when leaving the country since the basis for his/her legal residence in the country no longer exist.”

#### Article 33

In paragraph 2 of Article 67 the wording: “The competent authority controlling the crossing of the state border” shall be replaced with the following wording: “The police officer at the border crossing where the state border is crossed”.

After paragraph 2, two new paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be added to read:

“Foreign nationals referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may bring into the Republic of Macedonia ammunition for smoothbore weapons in the amount of maximum 100 bullets i.e. ammunition for smooth-bore weapons in the amount of maximum 500 bullets.

The amount of ammunition under paragraph 3 of this Article shall apply to each entry of weapons on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia for hunting purposes.”

#### Article 34

In paragraph 1 of Article 72, the wording: “European document issued for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the issued European Firearms Pass”.

In paragraph 4, the wording: “European document for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the European Firearms Pass”.

In paragraph 6, after the wording: “if for the weapon” the following wording shall be added: “referred to in Article 4, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 hereof”, and the wording: “European document issued for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the issued European Firearms Pass”.

Two new paragraphs 7 and 8 shall be added after paragraph 6 to read as follows:

“Firearms procurement and possession of which is prohibited in the Republic of Macedonia according to paragraph 3 of Article 4 hereof shall not be brought into the Republic of Macedonia by nationals of the Member States of the European Union in compliance with paragraph 6 of this Article.

When travelling with a European Firearms Pass, the firearm holder shall not pay any fees or taxes while using the pass in the country”.

#### Article 35

In Article 73, paragraph 1 the wording: “European document issued for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the issued European Firearms Pass”.

In paragraph 2, the wording: “European document issued for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the issued European Firearms Pass”.

In paragraph 3, the wording: “European document issued for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the issued European Firearms Pass”.

#### Article 36

After Article 73, a new Article 73-a shall be added to read as follows:

##### “Article 73-a

The European Firearms Pass shall be issued to a citizen of the Republic of Macedonia by the competent authority.

All the changes and features of the firearm, as well as loss or theft of the firearm shall be contained in the permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be valid for the period of five years, and its validity can be extended for additional five years.

The permit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall contain sections to be filled in with the following information:

- personal information about the owner of the firearm,
- information about the firearm, and especially the firearm category,
- European Firearms Pass validity period,
- notes regarding the firearm (the competent authority that issued the permit),
- comments by other countries regarding the required documents for entry of weapons on their territories (entry permit, etc.),
- statement whether certain weapon-related documents issued by competent authorities of the Member States of the EU are required when travelling to a Member State of the European Union with one or more pieces of weapons falling under B, C and D category, and
- statement confirming that procurement and possession of firearms falling under B, C and D category is prohibited or subject to approval.”

#### Article 37

In Article 74, the wording: “European document issued for a weapon” shall be replaced with the wording: “the issued European Firearms Pass”.

#### Article 38

In Article 77, paragraph 3 the word “five” shall be replaced with the words: “at least 20”.

#### Article 39

In Article 78, paragraph 5 the words “the court” shall be replaced with the words: “Central Register of the Republic of Macedonia”.

#### Article 40

In Article 80, paragraph, 1 item 13 the conjunction “and” shall be replaced with a semicolon.

In item 14 the full stop shall be replaced with the conjunction “and”, and a new item 15 shall be added after this item to read as follows:

“15) does not take the weapon outside the Republic of Macedonia when leaving the territory of the country for the first time (Article 62 paragraph 3).”

#### Article 41

In Article 81, paragraph 1, a new item 2 shall be added to read:

“2) does not sell to the buyer of the weapon three pieces of ammunition suitable for the type of the given weapon;”

After item 4, that shall become item 5, two new items 6 and 7 shall be added to read as follows:

“6) does not report the purchased weapon for test-firing within the prescribed period i.e. does not submit an application for weapon registration within the prescribed period (Article 35, paragraphs 3 and 4);



7) does not report the exchanged weapon within the prescribed period i.e. does not submit an application for weapon registration within the prescribed period (Article 35, paragraphs 3 and 4);

Items 5, 6 and 7 shall become items 8, 9 and 10.

After item 8 that shall become item 11 a new item 12 shall be added to read:

“12) does not register for test-firing a weapon the main parts of which have been repaired within the prescribed period i.e. does not submit an application for the registration of the repaired main parts of the firearm (Article 49, paragraph 3);”

After item 9, that shall become item 13, a new item 14 shall be added to read:

“14) shooting at a civilian shooting range in the absence of a representative of the legal entity (Article 59, paragraph 4);”

Items 10 and 11 shall become items 15 and 16.

Item 12 that shall become item 17 shall be amended to read as follows:

“17) does not register a weapon that s/he intends to bring in the Republic of Macedonia (Article 64, paragraph 1);”

After item 17, two new items 18 and 19 shall be added to read:

“18) does not submit any request for the replacement of the weapon licence issued by the competent authority of another country and does not hand over the weapon for its test-firing within the prescribed period (Article 64, paragraph 3);

19) s/he will not take the weapon outside the territory of the Republic of Macedonia within the prescribed period (Article 64, paragraph 5);”.

Items 13 and 14 shall become items 20 and 21.

#### Article 42

In Article 82 Paragraph 1 after the item 6 three new items 7, 8 and 9 are added that read as follows:

“7) does not keep a register to monitor the manufacture, repair, trade and transport of weapons within the prescribed period (Article 48-a, paragraph 4);

8) does not enter the information in the register for monitoring the manufacture, trade, repair and transport of weapons (Article 48-a, paragraph 5);

9) does not submit reports on test-firing of firearms the main parts of which have been repaired within the prescribed period (Article 49, paragraph 3);”

Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 shall become items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20,

In paragraph 2, the words: “items 4 to 12” shall be replaced with the words: “items 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15”.

In paragraph 3, the words: “items 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 12” shall be replaced with the words: “items 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11 and 15”.

In paragraph 4, the words: “items 4 to 13” shall be replaced with the words: “items 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16”.

#### Article 43

In Article 83, paragraph 1, after item 6 two new items 7 and 8 shall be added to read:

“7) does not report the purchased weapon for test-firing within the prescribed period i.e. does not submit a request for weapon registration within the prescribed period (Article 35 Paragraphs 3 and 4);

8) does not report the exchanged weapon i.e. does not report the exchanged weapon for test-firing (Article 35-a Paragraph 4);”.

Item 7 shall become item 9.

After item 8 that shall become item 10, a new item 11 shall be added to read:

“11) within the prescribed period does not establish an electronic link to the online records for monitoring the manufacture, repair, trade and transport of weapons and does not enter the envisaged data records (Article 48-a Paragraphs 2 and 3);”

Item 9 that shall become item 12, shall be is amended to read:

“12) does not submit a report on the repair of the main parts of the firearm within the prescribed period (Article 49 Paragraph 4);”

After Item 12, two new items 13 and 14 shall be added to read:

“13) does not undertake adequate measures to deal with the damages caused by unprofessional shooting at the civilian shooting range (Article 59, paragraph 5);

14) does not notify the competent authority within the prescribed period about the transportation of weapons, ammunition and weapon parts (Article 56, paragraph 7 and Article 56-a, paragraph 6) and”.

Item 10 shall become item 15.

#### Article 44

In Article 83-a Paragraph 1 and Article 83-b Paragraph 1 the words: “Articles 86 and 86-b” shall be replaced with the words: “Articles 86, 86-b and 86-d”.

#### Article 45

After Article 86-c, a new Article 86-d shall be added to read:

#### “Article 86-d

The owner of the weapon referred to in Article 4, paragraph 5, items 7, 8 and 9 hereof shall replace the weapon certificate with a weapon licence i.e. a licence to possess weapons within three years from the date of entry into force of this Law.

The replacement referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be is done in person by submitting a request for replacing the certificate with a weapon licence i.e. licence to possess weapon.”

#### Article 46

In Article 88, the words: “chapter X of” shall be replaced with the words: “Article 73-a of”.

#### Article 47

Trade companies referred to in Article 48-a, paragraph 2 hereof shall harmonise their operation within six months following the commencement of the implementation of the provision under Article 48-a, paragraph 1 hereof.

The companies referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 48-a hereof shall start keeping the register for monitoring the manufacture, repair, trade and transportation of weapons within six months from the date of entry into force of the bylaw referred to in Article 48-a, paragraph 8 hereof.

#### Article 48

The bylaw referred to in Article 48-a, paragraph 8 hereof, shall be adopted within two years from the date of entry into force of this Law.

#### Article 49

The Legislative and Legal Committee of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia is authorised to establish a revised and unified wording of the Law on Weapons.

#### Article 50

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day as of the date of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia", except for the provision under Article 20 of this Law that adds the provision under Article 48-a paragraph 1 that shall become applicable in two years from the date of entry into force of this this Law.