

Pursuant to Article 61 paragraph 6 of the Law on Weapons ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 7/2005, 47/2006 and 42/2007), the Minister of Internal Affairs adopted

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRANSFER OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ACROSS THE STATE BORDER

Article 1

These Rules of Procedure regulate transfer of weapons and ammunition across the state border.

Article 2

Transfer of weapons and ammunition shall be performed at the border crossings designated for crossing the state border where regular border control is conducted (hereinafter: the border crossing).

Article 3

A citizen of the Republic of Macedonia or a foreign national that carries or has in his/her vehicle weapons and ammunition and intends to cross the state border shall declare the weapons and ammunition s/he intends to transfer by clearly informing the police officer at the border crossing (hereinafter: the police officer) that s/he intends to transfer weapons and ammunition across the state border.

Article 4

After declaring the weapons and ammunition, the natural persons referred to in Article 3 hereof shall show the police officer an original copy of the document for the given weapons and ammunition. The original copy of the document referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, apart from referring to the weapons and ammunition under Article 7 of these Rules of Procedure, shall also be certified by the police officer with a stamp, a signature and number and date when the document was inspected. Upon certifying the original copy of the document referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the police officer shall personally write down in the document the quantity of weapons and ammunition that are being transferred across the state border, and then return the document to the natural person thereupon.

A photocopy of the document referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be kept in the Archive of the border crossing, while the information contained in the document about the natural person and the weapons and ammunition shall be recorded in the respective weapons and ammunition records.

Article 5

Following the completion of the activities referred to in Article 4 of these Rules of Procedure, the police officer shall examine the weapons and ammunition that the person intends to transfer across the state border with him/her or in his/her vehicle.

Article 6

The police officer who, during the inspection of a natural person or a vehicle, finds undeclared weapons and ammunition, i.e. for which no original copies of the documents are provided for inspection, apart from temporarily confiscating the weapons and ammunition, shall also issue a receipt for the temporarily confiscated items.

The receipt referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall consist of the following information: name and surname of the person whose weapons and ammunition have been temporarily seized, date of birth, place of residence i.e. approved habitual place of residence, weapon (category, type, make, calibre and serial number), ammunition (quantity and calibre), grounds for the seizure, other features of the weapon, especially certain visible damages and name and surname of the police officer who has temporarily seized the items.

Article 7

When declaring a hunting gun and ammunition used for hunting or sporting weapons and ammunition used for training and participation in target shooting competitions, foreign nationals or members of foreign target shooting organisations shall provide the police officer with an original copy of the document concerning the weapons and ammunition, as well as an invitation for hunting or the invitation to participate in training or a target shooting competition.

Based on the provided document referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the police officer shall issue a permit to carry hunting i.e. sports weapons for hunting or for participating in training or target shooting competitions in the Republic of Macedonia.

Following the completion of hunting or training and participation in target shooting competitions, the natural persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall hand over to the police officer the permit referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article prior to departure from the Republic of Macedonia.

Article 8

A foreign national who has acquired weapons and ammunition in the Republic of Macedonia shall declare to the police officer, at the border crossing where s/he crosses the state border, the acquired weapons and ammunition that s/he intends to take out of the Republic of Macedonia.

In addition to declaring the weapons and ammunition, the foreign national shall also show to the police officer the original copies of the permit to acquire and export weapons and ammunition from the Republic of Macedonia issued by the competent authority and the permit or another valid document to acquire weapons issued by the competent authority of another state.

The information contained in the permit or another adequate document referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, as well as the information about the natural person, weapon and the border crossing point shall be recorded in the respective weapon and ammunition records.

Article 9

These Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the eighth day following the date of publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia".

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