

Pursuant to Article 47 paragraph 5 of the Law on Weapons ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 7/05, 47/06 and 42/07), the Minister of Internal Affairs in agreement with the Minister of Transportation and Communications and the Minister of Economy adopted

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY THE FACILITIES FOR THE MANUFACTURE AND REPAIR, I.E. TRADE IN WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AND STORAGE THEREOF

Article 1

These Rules of Procedure prescribe the minimum technical and safety requirements to be met by the facilities for manufacture and repair i.e. trade in weapons and ammunition and storage thereof.

Article 2

The manufacture of weapons and ammunition and repair of weapons shall be performed at the facilities of legal entities that hold a permit to manufacture weapons and ammunition and repair weapons.

The facilities of the legal entities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall comprise the following:

- work premises or workshops where the manufacture or repair of weapons is performed;
- work premises or workshops where ammunition is manufactured;
- a ballistic testing station (shooting range);
- an administrative office;
- technically secured premises for storing raw materials, tools and weapon parts;
- technically secured premises for storing manufactured and repaired weapons; and
- technically secured premises for storing raw materials for the manufacture of ammunition and manufactured ammunition.

Article 3

Trade in weapons and ammunition and storage thereof shall be performed at the facilities of trade companies that hold a permit to trade in weapons, ammunition and weapon parts and where the following trade of weapons and ammunition is performed:

- wholesale or;
- wholesale and retail or
- retail.

The facilities of trade companies referred to in paragraph 1 indents 1 and 2 of this Article shall consist of:

- work premises where trade in weapons and ammunition is performed; and
- technically secured premises used for storing weapons and technically secured premises used for storing ammunition.

The facilities of the companies referred to in paragraph 1 indent 3 of this Article shall constitute a functional unit and shall consist of:

- work premises used for trade in weapons and ammunition with a special section or special cabinets for storing weapons and ammunition; or
- work premises for trade in weapons and ammunition and technically secured premises used for storing weapons or technically secured premises used for storing ammunition.

Article 4

The facilities of the companies referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure shall be constructed using durable materials, designed, equipped and connected with the utility infrastructure facilities such as: water supply network; waste water sewage and electricity supply network.

The entrance to the facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be constantly illuminated at night, from dusk till dawn.

Article 5

The facilities of the companies referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure, except for the facilities referred to in Article 3, paragraph 1 indent 3 of these Rules of Procedure, shall have continual physical and technical security including a burglary protection system, fire detection and alarm system, as well as mechanical protection.

The facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should have a protective fence.

The protective fence referred to in paragraph 2 of these Rules of Procedure shall be at least two metres high and 20 cm above the surface on which it is installed.

Tools, devices and installations for fire protection at the facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be placed at visible and easily accessible places.

Article 6

The facilities referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure should be protected against atmospheric discharges - lightning, by means of a lightning conductors system.

In case of atmospheric discharges i.e. in case of lightning, the system referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should prevent sparking from the lightning rod to the machines and equipment for the manufacture of ammunition.

The steel structure of the facilities referred to paragraph 1 of this Article, metal desks, doors, windows, heating pipes, cabinets – safes, ventilation ducts and other metal items such as machines and equipment referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article should be grounded.

Article 7

Work premises or workshops and technically secured premises regulated by the provisions of these Rules of Procedure, with the exception of work premises referred to in Article 3, paragraph 3, indent 1 of these Rules of Procedure should have an area of at least 15 square metres.

The height between the floor and the ceiling in the premises referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should be at least two metres and 50 centimetres.

Article 8

If the facilities referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure have windows, they need to be protected from the outside with fixed metal bars or wire mesh made of solid iron.

The mesh referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should be five millimetres thick, and the openings should be at least 70 millimetres long and 70 millimetres wide.

The bars referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should be at least ten millimetres thick, vertically placed at least 100 millimetres apart and horizontally placed at least 300 millimetres apart.

Article 9

Front doors to the facilities referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure should be secured from the outside with a movable wire mesh or movable metal rods, which on one side is hooked to the external supporting wall and on the other side can be locked with two locks.

The doors of all the facilities used for the manufacture, trade in and storage of ammunition should open outwards and in the direction of the exit and they should lead towards an open space.

Article 10

The external walls and the ceiling of the facilities referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure should be built of bricks, concrete, stone and other materials used in building constructing.

The materials referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article that are used for the construction of technically secured premises should be fire resistant in the following way:

- the walls for at least two hours;
- the floor and the ceiling for at least one hour and 30 minutes; and
- the entry doors, for at least one hour.

Article 11

Heating of the work premises or workshops referred to in Article 2 paragraph 2 indent 2 should be provided with hot water, steam or hot air installations that come from the outside of the facilities. The facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should not be heated with open flame heaters.

Article 12

Ventilation of the facilities referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules of Procedure should be provided naturally or artificially (with ventilators).

In case of artificial ventilation referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article, the entry and exit opening of ventilators should be protected with a metal mesh, while ventilation ducts and structure should be suitable for the conditions in the facilities.

The control panel for the ventilators in the work premises or the workshops referred to in Article 2 paragraph 2 indent 2 should be installed outside the room or premises.

Article 13

Electricity installations, associated equipment and tools at the facilities referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure, especially at the facilities where operations with explosive substances are performed, should be made in a manner adequate for performing activities with explosive substances above ground.

The installations referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article at the facilities where the manufacture, trade in and storage of ammunition is performed, shall be marked with a designation "EX" that corresponds to the degree of danger created when handling explosive substances – ammunition.

The installations in the facilities referred to in Article 3, paragraph 1, indent 3 of these Rules of Procedure should be made with an adequate degree of mechanical IP protection (IP 54 and IP 65).

At the facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article no air ducts shall be used for the distribution of electricity.

Fittings used for the installation of lights at the facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be mechanically protected and fixed with special ropes on the ceiling or wall of the facilities referred to in Article of these Rules of Procedure.

The fittings referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article shall not be fixed on electrical cables.

Article 14

Facilities for the manufacture, trade in and storage of ammunition should be protected from static electricity.

Floors at the facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should be flat but not slippery, with no cracks and easy to clean and maintain.

If an object falls on the floor referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the surface must not cause a spark.

The surface referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should be electro-conductive.

The provisions regulating the protection of and trade in explosive substance shall also apply to the facilities referred to paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 15

The administrative office referred to in Article 2, paragraph 2, indent 4 of these Rules of Procedure shall be used for administrative activities and receiving and disseminating the necessary information to employees and visitors.

Article 16

The regulation for minimum technical requirements for offices and premises used for trade shall apply accordingly to the work premises referred to in Article 3, paragraph, 2 indent 1 and Article 3 paragraph 3 of these Rules of Procedure.

Article 17

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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