

# REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW FOR CONTROL OVER THE EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS

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## Chapter one. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. The regulations settle the conditions and the order of issuing permits for activities with explosives, firearms and munitions (EFM).

Art. 2. Several activities can be contained in the permits issued by the bodies of the Ministry of Interior (MI).

Art. 3. The bodies issuing permits for activities with EFM shall decide on the requests within one month from filing the request.

Art. 4. (1) Prohibited are activities with non-standard, unfit, discarded, non-quality and not admitted for use EFM.

(2) Firearms and munitions under para 1 can be acquired only for making collections.

Art. 5. (1) The permits shall be issued:

1. for a period of 3 years - for production, trade, storing, carrying, using and repair;

2. for a period of 3 months - for transportation, sale, import, export and transit transportation.

(2) (new, SG 24/03) The permits under para 1, item 2 shall be valid one time during the three-month period, with exception of the permits for transportation under item 2 for the purpose of using explosives in carrying out special explosive works.

(3) (prev. para 2 - SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) Issued to the persons who have acquired firearms and munitions (FM) by the order of § 7 of the Law for control over the explosives, firearms and munitions (LCOEFM) or by an award shall be permit for storing, carrying and using for a period of 5 years.

(4) (new, SG 111/03) For issued permit for storing FM the permit for carrying and using of FM shall be issued for the term until the expiration of the permit for storing FM.

(5) (new, SG 111/03) The permits under this article may be renewed for the periods under para 1 – 4 where the documents for renewal shall be presented:

1. thirty days before the expiration of the term – for the permits under para 1, item 1 and para 3;

2. fourteen days before the expiration of the term – for the permits under para 1, item 2 and para 4.

Art. 6. The corporate bodies and entrepreneurs who wish to carry out some of the activities with EFM shall determine in writing the person who will carry out the activity and to whose name the permit is issued.

## Chapter two. PRODUCTION, TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS

### Section I. Production of explosives, firearms and munitions

Art. 7. (1) (amend., SG 24/03) The entrepreneurs wishing to produce EFM must have constructions for EFM corresponding to the technical rules and norms according to Ordinance No 2 of 2000 for designing constructions designated for production and storing of explosives, firearms and munitions (SG 58/00) and ordinance No 7 of 1998 for the systems of physical protection of the constructions (prom., SG 70/98; corr., SG 82/98; amend. and suppl., SG 52/99, SG 84/00; corr., SG 93/00).

(2) (revoked, SG 24/03)

(3) (amend., SG 24/03) If impossible to construct and equip own constructions for EFM in the context of Ordinance No 2 of 2000, and when the production technology allows it the entrepreneurs can use others, belonging to other corporate bodies and individuals, on condition that they have obtained written consent for it by the owners and a permit of the head of the regional police department (RPD) in whose region the constructions are located.

Art. 8. (suppl., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) The buildings for production and storing of EFM shall be permitted, constructed and commissioned under conditions and by an order determined by the Law of spatial planning.

Art. 9. (1) (suppl., SG 24/03) Permits for production of EFM shall be issued to entrepreneurs in the context of the Commercial Law by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him upon written opinion of the head of regional Unit "Police" at the regional directorates of the interior or at the Capital Directorate of the Interior at the location of the site.

(2) For the permits under para 1 the entrepreneurs, through the head of RPD at the location of the facilities shall file a request accompanied by the following documents:

1. original or notary certified copy of a certificate for current status of the entry in the trade register;

2. copy of the tax registration;

3. (amend. and suppl., SG 111/03) document issued by the tax administration, certifying that the trade companies, the sole entrepreneurs, the managers and the members of the managing or supervisory body of the trade company have not concealed income, profit, property and transactions with it;

4. (amend., SG 111/03) certificate of conviction - for the sole entrepreneurs, the

managers, the members of the managing or supervisory body of the corporate body;

5. (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) document issued by the National Investigation Office certifying that there are no instituted pre-trial proceedings for crime of general nature against the sole entrepreneurs, the managers, the members of the managing or supervisory body of the trade company;

6. (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) medical certificate issued by a medical establishment certifying that the sole entrepreneurs, the managers and the members of the managing or supervisory body of the trade company do not suffer from psychic diseases;

7. (amend., SG 111/03) an act certifying the commissioning of the construction for production and storing EFM by the order of Art. 8;

8. (suppl., SG 24/03) passport of the warehouse for storing EFM (appendix No 17);

9. (amend., SG 24/03; suppl., SG 111/03) general plan of the site and/or a detailed construction plan;

10. (suppl., SG 24/03) list, approved by the producer, of the types of EFM to be produced, stating the standardisation documents and the technologies for their production;

11. (amend., SG 24/03) document for admitting the using of the explosives and for firearms and munitions;

12. worked out and approved by the producers instructions for safety in carrying out activities with EFM;

13. document for determining a responsible person to whose name the permit shall be issued and to a deputy;

14. documents under item 4, 5 and 6 for the responsible person and his deputy;

15. (suppl., SG 24/03) list of the persons who will have access to EFM coordinated with the head of RPD at the location of the site;

16. document for paid state fee.

17. (new, SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) plan of the locality in the scale of 1:10 000 within a radius of 3 km around the sites for EFM, included respectively in the general plan under item 9, with drawn safe distances;

18. (amend., SG 111/03) Approved investment project for the constructions for EFM, including technological part.

(3) (revoked, SG 111/03)

(4) The entrepreneurs holding issued permits for production of EFM may produce test samples and test batches of newly developed EFM upon coordination with the body having issued the permit for production.

(5) (new, SG 24/03) For the coordination under para 4 the entrepreneurs shall present the documents under para 2, with exception of those under item 11 and 17.

(6) (new, SG 24/03; suppl., SG 111/03) The body issuing the permit under para 1 shall inspect, ex-officio, whether police proceedings have been instituted against the person for deliberate unclassified misdemeanour, and the circumstances under art. 12, para 1, item 4, 5 and 6 and under art. 13, item 2, letter "c", "d" and "e" of LCEFM.

Art. 10. (amend., SG 24/03) Every change of the responsible person shall be coordinated with the body which has issued the permit without collecting new fees.

Art. 11. (revoked, SG 24/03)

Art. 12. (1) The produced EFM must meet the standardisation documents.

(2) The explosives, firearms and munitions shall be produced according to technologies approved by the managing body of the entrepreneurs, the observance of which shall be obligatory.

(3) Admitted shall be the production of EFM according to licence technologies and standards brought in compliance with the requirements under para 1 and 2.

Art. 13. (1) The enterprises producing EFM shall have manager of the production, his deputy and managers of shifts - specialists in the production, who shall be appointed by the head of the enterprise.

(2) The persons under para 1 shall not have the right to leave the enterprise during office hours and shall control the observance of the production technology and the safety rules.

Art. 14. (1) The entrepreneurs to whom permit is issued for production of EFM shall determine in writing competent persons who shall exercise control over the observance of the rules for safety in working with EFM, as well as the account of their movement at the time of production.

(2) For established violations the persons exercising control under para 1 shall take measures for their removal and shall inform the body which has determined them.

Art. 15. (1) The entrepreneurs to whom a permit is issued for production of EFM shall keep the necessary accounting documents.

(2) If necessary, depending on the specific conditions of the production, the entrepreneurs can also introduce other accounting documents upon coordination with the body which has issued the permit.

## Section II. Trade with explosives, firearms and munitions

Art. 16. (amend., SG 24/03) (1) Permits for trade with EFM (appendix No 4) shall be issued to entrepreneurs who have available warehouses (own or rented) for storing explosives by the director of DNSP or an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the location of the warehouses.

(2) The permits for trading FM (appendix No 4) shall be issued to entrepreneurs having shops and warehouses (own or rented) for storing FM by the director of DNSP or an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the location of the shops and warehouses.

(3) The entrepreneurs shall file request for the permits under para 1 and 2 (appendix No 10) to be accompanied by the documents under Art. 9, para 2, item 1- 9, 13 - 16 and para 3.

(4) For sale of EFM the entrepreneurs shall fill in the control slips of the respective permits and, within 14 days, shall send them to the bodies having issued the permits.

Art. 17. (amend., SG 24/03) (1) (amend., SG 111/03) The shops and the warehouses for trading and storing EFM must meet the rules and the norms established by Ordinance No 2 of 2000 for designing constructions for production and storing of explosives, firearms and

munitions and ordinance No 7 of 1998 for the systems of physical protection of the constructions, and commissioned according to art. 8.

(2) The trading of explosives shall be carried out only in the warehouses for their storing.

Art. 18. (1) Arranged on the trading area shall be shop windows, stands and shelves for the weapons and munitions in a way providing no access to them by the citizens.

(2) Upon the end of the office hours the firearms and the munitions shall be brought in and locked in iron safes or cupboards in the warehouse premises.

Art. 19. (amend., SG 24/03) (1) (amend., SG 111/03) The trade with pyrotechnic articles, containing pyrotechnic elements, whose energy, in activating, creates light, sound, smoke, gas emitting, motive or explosive effect shall be carried out in shops and warehouses commissioned according to art. 8.

(2) Admitted in the shops under para 1 shall be the storing of pyrotechnic articles in quantities not more than 20 kg of pure pyrotechnic mixture.

(3) The pyrotechnic articles designated for entertainment and cultural purposes, sold in the trading network, shall be divided into four classes:

1. class I - the articles of this class are designated for entertainment purposes in closed premises and may be sold without regarding the age of the clients;

2. class II - the articles of this class are of diameter up to 50 mm regarding pyrotechnic batteries and rockets, designated for entertainment purposes in the open and they can be sold only to persons over 18 years of age;

3. classes III and IV - the articles of these classes are designated for cultural purposes in theatres, film or television productions, shows, etc. and may be sold only to persons to whom permit for acquiring has been issued and who qualify according to the Regulations for the safety of work with explosives (RSWE).

(4) The instruction of the producer for using pyrotechnic articles of the respective class shall indicate comprehensively the requirements for using, which shall be obligatory to observe.

(5) The pyrotechnic articles shall be stored and sold in the shops for retail sale only in original packing accompanied by the instruction under para 4 in Bulgarian language.

(6) Exhibited in a visible place in the shops shall be a list of classes of the offered pyrotechnic articles.

(7) The pyrotechnic articles designated for sale shall be exhibited only on covered shelves or under a glass cover in factory packing and in quantities necessary only for the immediate sale.

(8) Prohibited is the sale of visibly damaged (broken packing, fuse, etc.) pyrotechnic articles. They shall be subject to immediate discarding and destruction by the order of Art. 80.

Art. 20. Permitted in the shops for trade with FM shall be the sale of pyrotechnic Art.s for entertainment purposes.

Art. 21. (1) (amend., SG 24/03) Permitted in the shops for FM shall be the storing in standard packing (cardboard or box) of munitions for each calibre of grooved firearms, as well

as for each calibre and size of the cartridge-case for the hunting smooth barrel guns in quantities not more than 100 kg, calculated as a gross contents of munitions.

(2) Besides the quantities of munitions under para 1 it shall be permitted to store up to 10 kg hunting gun powder and up to 10 kg pyrotechnic articles calculated as pure pyrotechnic mixture.

Art. 22. (1) The holders of permits for trade can sell EFM only to persons to whom permit has been issued for acquiring by the order of the regulations.

(2) (amend., SG 24/03) The sale of pyrotechnic articles of class I and II for entertainment purposes in quantities up to 5 kg gross weight to physical persons shall be carried out without permit.

Art. 23. (1) Sold in the trading shops can be FM, left in consignment, upon conclusion of consignment contract and their accounting.

(2) (suppl., SG 111/03) Indicated in the consignment contract shall be the number of the permit for acquiring FM, issued to the consignee (trustee) and a copy of it shall be left in the shop for keeping.

Art. 24. (1) Permitted in the trading shops shall be the sale of only standard FM, accompanied by a quality certificate issued by the producer.

(2) Required for sale of used firearms shall be certificate of fitness for using, issued by the persons under Art. 74.

(3) Prohibited is the sale of munitions with steel core and munitions with high deadly effect designated for use for special purposes by the MI and by the armed forces.

(4) (new, SG 15/2005) The sale of mufflers for firearms shall be prohibited, except for the needs of Ministry of Interior and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 25. The entrepreneurs to whom a permit is issued for trade with EFM shall keep accountancy documents.

### Section III. Transportation of explosives, firearms and munitions

Art. 26. (1) Permits for transporting EFM shall be issued to physical persons, to corporate bodies and to sole entrepreneurs who have permit for acquiring or storing by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD on whose territory they will be brought.

(2) For transporting EFM for training and sport purposes and for repair the permit shall be issued by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the place of registration of the corporate bodies and sole entrepreneurs - carriers.

(3) (new, SG 111/03) On completion of the industrial explosive works the remaining quantities of explosives shall be transported upon a decision for transportation issued by the director of DNSP or by an official authorized by him, or by the head of the RPD, on whose territory the explosion has been carried out.

(4) (prev. para 4 – amend., SG 111/03) To obtain permits under para 1 - 3 the persons

shall file request stating: the reason for transporting EFM; where from and where to they will be transported; their type and quantity; the type of the vehicles; data for the person in charge and the guard. The request shall be accompanied by permits for carrying out activities with EFM and document for paid state fee.

Art. 27. (1) Prohibited is the transportation of explosives as hand luggage by the public transport.

(2) Prohibited is the transportation of EFM in parcels by all types of transport.

(3) The holders of permit for carrying or storing shall transport their own FM for hunting, sport and cultural purposes, for technical inspections and repair by the respective permit for carrying or storing.

Art. 28. (suppl., SG 24/03) The transportation of explosives and munitions (EM) shall be carried out by armed guards and specially equipped and, admitted for the purpose by the Ministry of Transport and Communications, vehicles according to the requirements of the international agreements for transportation of dangerous cargo, party to which is the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 29. (1) In loading or unloading EFM persons not related to this activity shall not be admitted in the area.

(2) The joint transportation of explosives for which danger exists of self explosion and self ignition shall be carried out according to the technical requirements for every type of explosive.

## Chapter three. ACQUISITION, STORING, CARRYING AND USING EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS

### Section I. Acquisition, storing and using explosives

Art. 30. (1) (prev. text of art. 30 - SG 24/03) The corporate bodies and individuals can acquire explosives for industrial, special and cultural purposes through purchasing, by inheritance, donation or exchange.

(2) (new, SG 24/03) The persons under para 1 may sell the acquired explosives only to persons to whom permit for acquisition has been issued.

Art. 31. (1) Permits for acquiring explosives shall be issued to corporate bodies and individuals by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the location of the facility for storing or using.

(2) To obtain the permit under para 1 the persons shall file request which shall state the type and the quantity of explosives, the way of their acquisition and from whom they will be acquired. Attached to the request shall be copy of the permit for storing or using and a document for paid state fee.

(3) In the cases of acquisition through inheritance, donation or exchange the

respective documents shall be presented to certify the inheritance, the donation or the exchange.

(4) Permit shall not be required for acquiring pyrotechnic Art.s in single units by individuals for entertainment purposes.

Art. 32. (1) Permits for storing explosives shall be issued to individuals, to corporate bodies and to sole entrepreneurs by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the location of the facility for storing explosives.

(2) (suppl., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) For issuance of the permit under para 1 the persons shall file request to which the documents under Art. 9, para 2, item 1 - 9, 12 - 18 shall be attached.

(3) (new, SG 111/03) The body issuing the permit under para 1 shall check up, ex officio, the circumstances under art. 9, para 6.

(4) (prev. para 3 – SG 111/03) Every change of the persons and of the conditions under which the permit under para 1 has been issued shall be coordinated with the body which has issued it.

(5) (prev. para 4 – SG 111/03) The warehouses for storing explosives shall be placed under armed guard round the clock, in coordination with the body which has issued the permit.

(6) (new, SG 24/03; prev. para 5 – SG 111/03) Admitted in the warehouses under para 4 shall be the storing of different groups of explosives and munitions in quantities according to art. 11 and 13 of Ordinance No 2 of 2000 for designing constructions designated for production and storing of explosives, firearms and munitions.

Art. 33. (revoked, SG 24/03)

Art. 34. (1) (amend., SG 24/03) Permits for using explosives shall be issued to corporate bodies and entrepreneurs by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the place using. The persons to whose name are issued the permits for storing and using, as well as the persons in charge of the respective warehouses must have the qualification according to Chapter One, Section II of the Regulations for the safety of work with explosives (RSWE) approved by Order No 294 of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of December 28, 1996 (SG, No 3 of 1997).

(2) When the persons under para 1 use explosives on the territory of the whole country the permits shall be issued by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him.

(3) (suppl., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) For issuance of the permits under para 1 and 2 the persons shall file request (appendix No 10) through the head of RPD at the location of the warehouse for storing attached to which shall be the documents under copy of the certificate for qualification of the person in charge and permit for carrying out technological (repeating) explosive works according to RSWE and a document for available warehouse for storing (own or rented).

(4) (new, SG 111/03) The body issuing the permit under para 1 shall check up, ex officio, the circumstances under art. 9, para 6.

(5) (prev. para 4 – SG 111/03) The corporate bodies and sole entrepreneurs can hire by contract persons with qualification under para 1 for carrying out explosive works.

Art. 35. (amend., SG 24/03) When special or technological explosive works under art. 12 and 13 of RSEW the persons having obtained permit under art. 34 shall inform in writing the chief of RPD on whose territory the explosive works will take place, and shall present a permit for carrying out explosive works by the respective directorate "Regional labour inspectorate".

Art. 36. Permit shall not be required for using explosives by which are obtained Art.s of industrial, special or cultural purposes.

Art. 37. The accounting of the individual types of explosives shall be kept by:

1. book for the movement of the explosives;
2. order for daily used quantity.

Art. 38. (1) (revoked, SG 24/03)

(2) (amend., SG 24/03) Prohibited is the using of pyrotechnic articles in vehicles, in closed premises, close to easily flammable materials as well as in the regions of health and medical establishments, educational establishments and social care establishments, houses of prayer, temples and monasteries.

## Section II. Acquisition, storing, carrying and using firearms and munitions

Art. 39. (1) (prev. text of art. 39 - SG 24/03) The corporate bodies, the individuals and the entrepreneurs can acquire firearms and munitions (FM) by purchasing, exchange, inheritance, award or donation.

(2) (new, SG 24/03) The persons under para 1 may sell, donate and exchange the acquired FM only to persons who hold permit for acquisition.

Art. 40. (1) Permits for acquiring firearms and munitions shall be issued to corporate bodies and entrepreneurs by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD on whose territory activities with FM shall take place.

(2) For issuance of the permits under para 1 the persons shall file requests stating: the grounds of requesting the permit; the way of acquiring FM; the purposes for which they will be used; the type and the number of the weapons, the place and the conditions under which they will be stored. Attached to the request shall be:

1. original or notary certified copy of certificate for current status;
2. copy of the tax registration;
3. (amend., SG 111/03) document issued by the tax administration, certifying that the trade companies, the sole entrepreneurs, the managers and the members of the managing or supervisory body of the corporate body have not concealed income, profit, property and transactions with it;
4. (amend., SG 111/03) certificate of conviction - for the sole entrepreneurs, the managers and the members of the managing or supervisory body of the corporate body;
5. (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) document issued by the National Investigation Office certifying that there are no instituted pre-trial proceedings for crime of

general nature against the sole entrepreneurs, the managers and the members of the managing or supervisory body of the corporate;

6. (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) medical certificate issued by a medical establishment certifying that the sole entrepreneurs, the managers and the members of the managing or supervisory body of the corporate body do not suffer from psychic diseases;

7. (new, SG 24/03; deleted, SG 111/03)

8. (prev. item 7 - SG 24/03) act issued by the receiving commission - for shooting grounds and permit for using - when the weapons are designated for sport purposes;

9. (prev. item 9 - SG 24/03) planning of the necessary number of firearms stating the purpose of every piece of weapon;

10. (prev. item 9 - SG 24/03) order for appointing person in charge (not required for the sole entrepreneurs);

11. (prev item 10 - amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) documents under item 4, 5 and 6 for person in charge;

12. (prev. item 11 - SG 24/03) document for paid state fee.

(3) (new, SG 24/03; revoked, SG 111/03)

(4) (prev. para 3 - amend., SG 24/03) For issuance of permits for acquiring firearms and munitions to the persons under para 1, possessing firearms and munitions for which they hold permits for storing or carrying and their term has not expired the persons shall present only the request under para 2 attached to which shall be the documents under para 2, item 9, 10 and 12 and a copy of the respective permit.

(5) (prev. para 4 - amend., SG 24/03) For issuing permits for acquiring firearms and munitions for cultural purposes the documents under para 2, item 8 and 9 shall not be required from the persons.

(6) (prev. para 5 - amend., SG 24/03) For issuing permits for acquiring FM for cultural purposes the documents under para 2, item 1 and 11 shall be required from the state and municipal museums, theatres and movie studios at budget support.

(7) (new, SG 24/03) The persons having obtained permit by the order of art. 40 shall keep accountancy documents (appendix No 15 and 16).

(8) (new, SG 24/03; suppl., SG 111/03) The body having issued the permit under para 1 shall check up, ex-officio, whether police proceedings have been instituted against the person for deliberate unclassified misdemeanour, and the circumstances under art. 12, para 1, item 4, 5 and 6 and under art. 13, item 2, letter "c", "d" and "e" of LEFM.

Art. 41. (1) Permits for acquiring firearms and munitions for self defence shall be issued to individuals by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD on their permanent address.

(2) For issuance of the permits under para 1 the persons shall file request substantiating the necessity of its issuance, indicating the way of acquiring FM, the type and the number of the weapons and munitions, the place and the conditions under which they will be stored. Attached to the request shall be:

1. document issued by the tax administration, certifying that the persons have not concealed income, profit, property and transactions with it;

2. certificate of conviction.

3. (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) document issued by the National Investigation Office certifying that there are no instituted proceedings for crime of general

nature against the person.

4. (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) medical certificate issued by a medical establishment certifying that the person does not suffer from psychic diseases;

5. (new, SG 24/03; deleted, SG 111/03)

6. (prev. item 5 - SG 24/03) planning of the necessary number of firearms stating the purpose of every piece of weapon;

7. (prev. item 6 - amend., SG 24/03) certificate for passed training and successfully passed examination for safe handling firearms;

8. (prev. item 7 - SG 24/03) document for paid state fee.

(3) (Amend., SG 58/01; Amend., SG 1/02; suppl., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) The Bulgarian citizens and the foreigners applying for acquisition of firearms and munitions for hunting purposes shall present, besides the documents under para 2, item 1 - 4 and 8, certified membership card and hunting ticket. When a permit is requested for purchasing hunting grooved weapon certificate selected shooting certificate shall also be presented.

(4) (amend., SG 24/03) The individuals applying for acquisition of firearms for sport purposes shall present, besides the documents under para 2, document for membership by the respective licensed sport organisation according to the Law for the physical education and sport.

(5) (revoked, SG 111/03)

(6) (amend., SG 24/03) For issuance of permit for acquiring firearms and munitions to individuals holding issued permit for storing or carrying and its term has not expired the persons shall present the application under para 2, the documents under item 6 and 8 and a copy of the permit for storing or carrying.

(7) (new, SG 24/03) For acquiring FM by inheritance the individual shall present documents certifying respectively the inheritance and the origin of FM.

(8) (new, SG 24/03) Issued to a foreign person, awarded for particular contribution by firearm, shall be permit for acquisition and/or export by the director of DNSP or by a person authorised by him. Presented for the purpose shall be a request and a copy of the order for awarding the foreign person, as well as a document for paid stamp duty.

(9) (new, SG 24/03; suppl., SG 111/03) The body issuing the permit under para 1 shall check up, ex-officio, whether police proceedings have been instituted against the person for deliberate unclassified misdemeanour, and the circumstances under art. 12, para 1, item 4, 5 and 6 of LEFM.

Art. 41a. (new, SG 24/03) The persons having obtained permit for acquiring FM shall file application for issuance of:

1. permit for storing, or

2. permit for carrying and using and permit for storing.

Art. 42. (amend., SG 111/03) (1) The civil servants - officers, sergeants and civilians from MI and the regular military men from the Ministry of defence, the Bulgarian army and from the structures subordinated to the Minister of defence shall obtain permit for acquiring firearms and munitions by the body under Art. 41, para 1 on the basis of filed request, attached to which shall be:

1. an official note issued by the respective administrative body that they are employees or regular military men;

2. a document from the tax office certifying that the persons have not concealed income, profit, property and transactions with them;

3. 2 photos with size 3 x 4 cm;

4. a document certifying the ownership of the FM;

5. written statement by the commission having approved the place of storing;

6. a document for paid stamp duty.

(2) The persons under para 1 shall obtain permits for storing, carrying and using firearms and munitions by the body under art. 41, para 1 on the grounds of a filed request enclosing:

1. an official note issued by the respective administrative body that they are employees or regular military men;

2. a document from the tax office certifying that the persons have not concealed income, profit, property and transactions with them;

3. 2 photos with size 3 x 4 cm;

4. copy of the obtained permit for acquiring;

5. written statement by the commission having approved the place of storing;

6. a document for paid stamp duty.

(3) The persons under para 1 applying for acquiring firearms and munitions for hunting shall present, besides the documents under para 1, a certified hunting ticket, and when a permit is requested for purchasing a hunting grooved weapon a certificate for selective hunting shall also be presented.

(4) The discharged employees and regular military men under para 1, other than those on whom disciplinary penalty "discharge" has been imposed, shall obtain from the body under art. 41, para 1 a permit for acquiring, storing, carrying and using short firearms, as besides the documents under para 1 and 2 they shall present the documents under Art. 41, para 2, item 2 – 4.

Art. 43. (1) (suppl., SG 24/03) Permits for storing firearms and munitions shall be issued to those having obtained permit for acquisition by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD:

1. to physical persons - at their permanent address;

2. to corporate bodies - on the territory where they shall carry out their activity.

(2) (suppl., SG 24/03) For issuance of permit under para 1 the persons shall file request attaching to it copy of the obtained permit for acquisition, the invoices for the purchased weapons and munitions, records issued by the commission which has approved the place of storing and the documents under Art. 40 - for the corporate bodies and for individuals - under Art. 41.

(3) (new, SG 24/03) The FM acquired by the order of art. 40 shall be stored in metal safes, permanently fixed, supplied with combination locks and provided armed physical guarding or GES.

(4) (new, SG 24/03) The FM acquired by the order of art. 41 and 42 shall be stored in metal safes, permanently fixed, supplied with combination locks.

(5) (new, SG 24/03) The activity and the members of the commission under para 2 shall be determined by the Minister of Interior.

Art. 44. (1) Permit for carrying and using firearms and munitions shall be issued to

physical persons, to employees of corporate bodies and to sole entrepreneurs by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the permanent address or at the place of storing the weapons.

(2) Permit for carrying and using firearms and munitions for hunting purposes shall be issued to individuals by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the permanent address of the persons.

(3) (suppl., SG 24/03) For issuance of permits under para 1 and 2 the persons holding permit for acquiring firearms and munitions shall file request attaching to it 2 photos of size 3 x 4 cm and a document for paid stamp duty.

(4) (amend., SG 111/03) For issuance of permit under para 1 to persons who do not hold permit for acquiring firearms and munitions the persons shall file request attaching to it the documents under Art. 41, para 2, and 2 photos of size 3 x 4 cm.

Art. 45. (amend., SG 24/03; revoked as unlawful in the part "and charger" – Supreme Administrative Court Decision No 963/04) The persons to whom permit is issued for activities with FM can acquire spare parts for them without permit, with exception of barrel, barrel box, closed box, frame and charger.

Art. 46. (1) (suppl., SG 24/03) The persons to whom permit is issued for acquisition, carrying and using FM shall study a course and shall pass examination for safe handling firearms.

(2) (revoked, SG 24/030)

(3) (revoked, SG 24/03)

(4) (revoked, SG 24/03)

(5) (revoked, SG 24/03)

Art. 47. (revoked, SG 24/03)

Art. 48. (1) The persons who have acquired firearms shall be obliged to protect them against theft, losing and access of other persons and in handling it to take precautions for non-admittance of accidents or injuries.

(2) It shall not be permitted to concede and submit acquired FM to other persons regardless of whether the latter hold permit for carrying out activities with FM.

Art. 49. (amend., SG 24/03) (1) The firearms shall be subject to technical inspection on issuing permit for carrying and using, with exception of the new ones.

(2) (amend., SG 111/03) Technical inspection of firearms shall be carried out by group "Material and technical provision and social services (MTPSS) at CDI and RDI or by the persons under art. 71.

Art. 50. (1) (amend., SG 24/03) When leaving the country, when a permit has not been issued for export, or in admission for conscript military service the persons who have acquired firearms, shall be obliged to hand them over to the bodies of MI where they are accounted for or at a place for storing determined by the bodies of MI.

(2) For summoning for service in the reserve and for impossibility to hand over the firearms by the order of para 1 they shall be stored in the authorised office of the respective division of the armed forces.

(3) (suppl., SG 24/03) To the owners of firearms shall be issued document (appendix No 14) for the period of storing which shall serve for returning the firearms and munitions.

(4) For the service of storing FM in the offices of MI a sum shall be paid in amount to be determined by the Minister of Interior.

Art. 51. (1) For protection of the life and health of the personality, for self-defence and for protection of the property of the corporate bodies, the individuals and the entrepreneurs holding the respective permits can rent firearms from MI.

(2) The persons under para 1 shall conclude contract for using firearms.

Art. 52. The corporate bodies and the entrepreneurs who have acquired firearms and munitions for official and civil purposes shall be obliged to store them in the places approved by the bodies of MI.

Art. 53. (1) The using of FM for training and sport purposes shall be carried out only on shooting grounds.

(2) The using of firearms acquired for cultural purposes shall only be with blank munitions.

(3) Written records shall be issued for the used munitions under para 1 by the persons who are owners or users of the shooting grounds.

Art. 54. (1) Prohibited is the using, for official purposes, for self defence, for hunting and sport purposes of the firearms and munitions acquired for cultural purposes.

(2) (amend., SG 24/03) Prohibited is the using of firearms - samples up to 1870 for the purposes under Art. 5 of LCOEFM except for cultural purposes.

Art. 55. (amend., SG 24/03) (1) Permitted is the collection of all types of guns, revolvers, smooth barrel and grooved rifles and automatic weapons which are safeguarded against unwarranted access and operation according to its functions, as well as of munitions for them, stored by the order of art. 43, para 3 and 4.

(2) The weapons for cultural purposes, used for film and television productions, theatre plays, collection and other cultural events, shall be safeguarded against unwarranted access and operation according to its functions as follows:

1. fitted through tampering in the cartridge-chamber of the weapon shall be a solid metal lining of non-ferrous metal with diameter guaranteeing its fixing; in fitting the lining its base shall be located at 10 mm from the rear section of the barrel; the bottom of the aperture shall be covered by a red wax and the seal of the respective control body registering the weapon shall be affixed; the number of the seal shall be indicated in the records made for the completed rendering safe;

2. the activities under item 1 shall also be carried out obligatorily for the spare parts of the weapon, if there are any;

3. dismantled shall be the firing-pins of the samples which allow dismantling; the firing-pins shall be stored separately from the weapon;

4. the acquired FM for collection by foreigners and subject to export shall be rendered safe according to submitted technical requirements (schemes, drawings, technological cards, terms of reference, etc.) according to the legislation of the respective country and guaranteed by the necessary documents.

(3) The rendering safe under para 2 shall be carried out by sector "Armament" of DMTPSS - MI or by the persons under art. 71 within 14 days from the acquisition.

(4) The weapons under para 2 shall be stored:

1. in metal safes with combination locks, if they can be held in them and a metal entrance door;

2. in a separate room with a door with combination lock if they cannot be held in a metal safe, and a metal entrance door;

3. in compliance with the requirements of item 1 and 2 and providing GES when the weapon is automatic;

4. in warehouses corresponding to the technical rules and norms of ordinance No 2 of 2000 for designing constructions for production and storing of explosives, firearms and munitions and ordinance No 7 of 1998 for the systems of physical protection of the constructions.

Art. 56. (1) (amend., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) The short grooved firearms (guns, revolvers) acquired by corporate bodies, by individuals and by entrepreneurs, including the firearms rented from MI, shall be obligatorily submitted for clearance by the bodies of MI for which a document shall be issued (appendix No 14). Employees of CDI and RDI shall carry out the clearance, collecting and registering cartridge cases and cartridges fit for comparative studies.

(2) The requirements under para 1 shall not apply for the firearms under Art. 55.

(3) The expenses for cleaning firearms shall be paid by the owner or the user of the firearm in amount to be determined by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 57. For official purposes the corporate bodies and entrepreneurs can acquire guns and revolvers with length of the barrel up to 300 mm, smooth barrel rifles with length of the barrel from 300 to 510 mm and up to 50 pieces of firearms of each calibre and model of firearm.

Art. 58. (1) For civil purposes the individuals, the corporate bodies and entrepreneurs can acquire the following types of firearms and munitions:

1. (amend., SG 24/03) for self defence - guns and revolvers with length of the barrel up to 300 mm, and up to 50 pieces of munitions for each weapon;

2. for hunting purposes - smooth barrel rifles with length of the barrel over 510 mm and up to 200 pieces of munitions for each rifle, grooved barrel hunting weapons and up to 50 pieces of munitions for each rifle;

3. for sport purposes - all types of guns, revolvers, smooth barrel and grooved barrel rifles (without automatic weapons), as well as munitions according to the needs of the respective type of sport activity;

4. (amend. and suppl., SG 24/03) for cultural purposes - all types of guns, revolvers, smooth barrel and grooved barrel rifles, automatic weapon, rendered safe by the order of art. 55.

(2) Besides the munitions under para 1 it can be permitted to purchase additional quantities as follows:

1. for training shooting - up to 50 pieces per gun and revolver and 200 pieces for smooth barrel rifles;

2. for sport purposes, for training, for hunting tourism and for industrial hunting - quantities according to the proven needs.

(3) The corporate bodies and entrepreneurs - owners or users of shooting grounds can buy munitions in quantities not larger than the norms for storing approved by the bodies of MI.

Art. 59. (1) (new, SG 15/05) The obtaining, wearing and usage for official or civil purposes of mufflers for firearms shall be prohibited.

(2) (prev. para 1 – SG 15/05) Prohibited is the acquisition, carrying and using for official and civil purposes of the munitions under Art. 24, para 3.

Art. 60. (1) (Amend., SG 1/02) The Bulgarian citizens shall buy munitions against presentation of certified permit by MI for carrying hunting weapons and identification document.

(2) It shall not be permitted to buy munitions for other calibre of firearms except for the ones indicated in the permit for carrying.

(3) Munitions for official and civil purposes, with exception of those under para 1, shall be acquired by permit of the body which has issued the permit upon presentation of request, written records for used munitions according to Art. 53, para 3 and document for paid state fee.

## Chapter four. IMPORT, EXPORT AND TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS

### Section I. Import and export of explosives, firearms and munitions

Art. 61. (1) The permits for import and export of EFM shall be issued by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him with address for contacts and communications: Sofia, P.O.Box 1202, 235 Slivnitsa Blvd., telephone: 31 90 79, fax 31 60 80.

(2) (amend., SG 24/03) The explosives and the articles for which permit is issued are indicate by the international agreements party to which is the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) (new, SG 24/03) For border control in carrying out the activities of import and export of EFM the control slips of the issued permits shall be filled in at the border control checkpoints by the customs bodies and shall be sent, within 14 days, to the body having issued the permit.

Art. 62. (1) (Amend., SG 115/02) The permits for import and export of EFM by the

order of Art. 19 of LCOEFM shall be issued is a permit is available issued by the Inter-departmental Commission for export control and non-proliferation of the mass destruction weapons with the Minister of Economy.

(2) For issuance of the permits under para 1 the corporate bodies and the entrepreneurs shall present:

1. request stating the type and the quantity of EFM, the country to (from) which they are imported (exported), the border control checkpoint (BCC) through which the import (export) shall take place, the passport data of the person in whose name the permit is issued, the type and the guard for the transportation of EFM.

2. licence for foreign trade activity with weapons issued by the Inter-administrative Council on the issues of the military industrial complex and the mobilisation readiness of the country at the Council of Ministers;

3. (Amend., SG 115/02) permit for carrying out the transaction issued by the commission under para 1;

4. certificate for fitness of the vehicle according to the requirements of the international agreements for transportation of dangerous cargo party to which is the Republic of Bulgaria;

5. document for paid state fee.

Art. 63. (1) (amend., SG 24/03; suppl., SG 111/03) Permits issued by the Inter-departmental Commission for export control and non-proliferation of the mass destruction weapons with the Minister of Economy for explosives for industrial and cultural purposes, of firearms and munitions for hunting, sport and cultural purposes for trading by the order of Art. 20 of LCOEFM shall be issued in the presence of certificate for import or export issued by MCT or a certificate issued by the Ministry of Economy.

(2) For issuance of the permits under para 1 the corporate bodies and the entrepreneurs shall present:

1. request under Art. 62, para 2, item 1;

2. (amend., SG 24/03) permit under para 1;

3. police permit for trade and storing;

4. document issued by the Ministry of Culture for the FM produced by 1945;

5. document for paid state fee.

Art. 64. (1) For export of explosives for industrial and cultural purposes permit shall also be presented for admission of the using according to the requirements of RSWE.

(2) (new, SG 24/03) Permitted is the import of explosives for admission of using in quantities according to the requirements of RSEW.

(3) (prev. para 2 - amend., SG 24/03) Import of used firearms shall be permitted to:

1. individuals - for civil purposes;

2. corporate bodies and entrepreneurs - for civil purposes for cultural needs.

(4) (prev. para 3 - SG 24/03) Certificate of quality for import of new firearms and munitions for official and civil purposes shall also be presented.

(5) (prev. para 4 - SG 24/03) For export of EFM permit issued by the respective competent bodies of the country for which they are exported shall also be presented.

Art. 65. (1) Permit for import and export of separate firearms and munitions for them for civil purposes shall be issued to individuals, to corporate bodies and entrepreneurs who shall present:

1. request under Art. 62, para 2, item 1;
2. permit for acquiring FM;
3. passport of the weapon;
4. document for paid state fee.

(2) For export of firearms and munitions under para 1 shall be presented permits by the respective competent bodies of the country where they will be exported and when they are produced by 1945 - a document issued by the Ministry of Culture.

(3) (amend., SG 24/03) Permitted by the order of para 1 to sport organisations licensed according to the law for the physical education and sport, carrying out activity of sport shooting, hunting, biathlon and pentathlon shall be the import of sport firearms and munitions for their purposes.

Art. 66. (1) Foreign citizens, passing through the country in transit, shall import and export legally possessed firearms for self defence, for hunting, sport and cultural purposes and munitions for them without permit, but they shall obligatorily declare them at the BCC. The trigger mechanism of the weapon shall be sealed at the time of its import and shall be unsealed when it is exported.

(2) Sealing shall not be performed and permit shall not be required for carrying the declared weapon imported by a foreign citizen when it is needed for sport competitions.

(3) Foreign citizens working in state and international organisations with subject of activity fighting against crime and guarding shall obtain permit for import carrying and export of firearms and munitions by a permit of the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him.

Art. 67. (Amend., SG 58/01) (1) (amend., SG 24/03) Foreign citizens who stay permanently in the Republic of Bulgaria shall obtain permit for activities with FM by the order of the regulations from the director of DNSP or an official authorised by him.

(2) For issuance of permit under para 1 shall be presented:

1. request under Art. 62, para 2, item 1;
2. document issued by the organiser of the hunting tourism;
3. identification document;
4. document for paid state fee.

(3) Foreign citizens, staying shortly in the country, for the purpose of hunting tourism, may import, carry, use and export the hunting weapons possessed by them and munitions for them without permit by the Ministry of Interior, but they shall obligatorily declare them and register at the border control checkpoint.

## Section II. Transit transportation of explosives, firearms and munitions

Art. 68. (1) permits for transit transportation of EFM through the territory of the country shall be issued to individuals, to corporate bodies and to entrepreneurs by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him with address for contacts and communications:

Sofia, P.O.Box 1202, 235 Slivnitsa Blvd., telephone: 31 90 79, fax 31 60 80.

(2) (amend., SG 24/03) The permits under para 1 shall be issued only for EFM included in international agreements party to which is the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) For issuance of the permits under para 1 the persons shall present request stating: the types and the quantities of EFM; the country sender and the country recipient; BCC of entry and exit; data for the vehicles, the guard and the responsible person to whose name the permit shall be issued. Attached to the request shall be:

1. permit for import or transit transportation through the territory of the country after the Republic of Bulgaria en route of the transit transportation, issued by competent bodies of the respective country;

2. certificate for fitness of the vehicles according to the requirements of the international agreements for transportation of dangerous cargo party to which is the Republic of Bulgaria.

3. (suppl., SG 24/03) for automobile transportation - valid ARD certificates of the drivers when the commodities are included in the international agreements for transportation of dangerous cargo on the roads, party to which is the Republic of Bulgaria;

4. permit according to the Law for control of the foreign trade activity with weapons and with commodities and technologies of possible double use - only for those included in the list of the weapons and commodities and technologies of possible double use;

5. document for paid state fee.

(4) (new, SG 24/03) For border control, in carrying out the activities of transit transportation of EFM the control slips of the issued permits shall be filled in at the border control checkpoints by the customs authorities and, within 14 days, shall be sent to the body having issued the permit.

Art. 69. (amend., SG 111/03) Transit transportation through the territory of the country can also be carried out by foreign carriers by the order of Art. 68.

## Chapter five. REPAIR WORKS, DISCARDING AND DESTRUCTION

### Section I. Repair works of firearms and munitions

Art. 70. (1) Repair works in the context of the regulations are:

1. dismantling of firearms, replacement of unfit components by new or recycled ones and assembly with the purpose of rendering them fit for shooting;

2. operations stipulated by the respective technologies for bringing the munitions in compliance with the established standards.

(2) Considered as repair works shall be the technical inspections and the expert assessment of the technical fitness of the firearms.

(3) Not considered as repair works shall be the re-working of explosives with the purpose of their bringing in compliance with the established standards, as well as the restoration of unfit for shooting firearms for collection.

Art. 71. (1) (suppl., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) Repair works under Art. 70 can be

carried out by corporate bodies and entrepreneurs holding permit issued by the director of DNSP or by an official authorised by him or by the head of RPD at the location of the workshops or in group MTPSS at CDI and RDI.

(2) The persons carrying out repair works under para 1 must have the necessary qualification for the repair of FM.

(3) Prohibited are repair works for the munitions without preliminary instruction according to the technological requirements for the rules for safety in operating with them.

(4) Permitted in carrying out repair works under Art. 70 shall not be change of the construction and the mechanisms of the firearms and munitions related to their operation, assembly of components from different models and systems or of components produced from different material, with exception of the non-metal components, as well as change of industrially marked numbers on the individual components.

Art. 72. (suppl., SG 24/03; amend., SG 111/03) The corporate bodies and the entrepreneurs carrying out repair works under Art. 70 must have workshops meeting the technical rules and norms according to ordinance No 2 of 2000 for designing constructions for production and storing of explosives, firearms and munitions and ordinance No 7 of 1998 for the systems of physical protection of the constructions and commissioned according to art. 8.

Art. 73. (suppl., SG 24/03) (1) (Prev. text of art. 73 – amend., SG 111/03) For issuance of permit under Art. 71, para 1 the persons shall file request attaching the documents under Art. 9, para 2, item 1-8, 13, 14, 15, 16.

(2) (new, SG 111/03) The body issuing the permit under art. 71, para 1 shall check up, ex officio, the circumstances under art. 9, para 6.

Art. 74. (amend., SG 24/03) In carrying out the technical inspections stipulated by the regulations, the owner shall be provided with a certificate for fitness to use.

Art. 75. (revoked, SG 24/03)

Art. 76. (amend., SG 24/03) Accepted for repair firearms, upon conclusion of the office hours shall be locked in metal safes or safes or in individual premises.

Art. 77. The persons having obtained permit for repair shall account for FM and shall issue certificate for fitness and quality.

Art. 78. All changes of the persons and of the conditions under which the permit has been used shall be coordinated with the body which has issued it.

## Section II. Discarding and destruction of explosives, firearms and munitions

Art. 79. (1) Subject to discarding and destruction shall be unfit explosives and explosive devices, munitions and their elements whose dismantling and unshelling is dangerous, economically not feasible or technically impossible.

(2) Firearms, with exception of those for collection, shall be discarded and destroyed when the damages of components and parts of them cannot be removed, repaired or replaced or when their replacement changes the construction of the weapons.

(3) Permitted is the sale and using of fit parts of the discarded firearms for repair.

Art. 80. (1) The discarding and the destruction of EFM shall be carried out by a commission appointed by an order of the managing body of the corporate body or the entrepreneur - owner of EFM which shall also include representatives of MI and the Ministry of Culture.

(2) The discarding and destruction of EFM - property of individuals, shall be carried out by a commission appointed by an order of the body which has issued the permit, including the owner and a representative of the Ministry of Culture.

(3) The commissions under para 1 and 2 shall issue written records describing the type and the quantity of EFM which are discarded, the reason for the discarding, the way of destruction of the respective EFM and the place where they will be destroyed.

(4) (amend., SG 24/03) The discarded firearms, according to para 1 and 2, when they represent cultural monuments, shall be submitted gratuitously to the Ministry of Culture with the consent of the owner.

Art. 81. (1) Explosives and munitions shall be destroyed through explosion or burning.

(2) Destroyed through explosion shall be explosives which have not lost their ability of detonation: shells, mines, front parts of reactive grenades and explosion devices; lighters; capsules of electric detonators; other explosion devices, etc.

(3) Destroyed through burning shall be explosives having lost their ability of detonation: gun powder, pyrotechnic devices and compositions and cartridges for shooting weapons with calibre up to 15 mm.

(4) Admitted is the destruction of explosives by chemical way which shall be carried out according to a project.

(5) The firearms shall be destroyed by mechanical way (breaking, smashing, dismantling, etc.) upon which they shall be melted.

Art. 82. (1) The destruction of explosives and munitions shall be carried out by qualified persons according to the Regulations for safety of explosive works.

(2) Written records shall be issued for the destruction in triplicate - one for the warehouse, for the accountancy office (the person) and for the bodies of MI.

(3) The written records shall be approved by the body which has appointed the commission under Art. 80, para 2.

Art. 83. The explosives and the munitions shall be destroyed on specially prepared platforms.

## Additional provisions

§ 1. In the context of the regulations:

1. (amend., SG 24/03; revoked – Supreme Administrative Court Decision No 963/04)
2. "Permanent address" is the address determined by the Law for the Bulgarian identification documents.
3. "Collecting weapons and munitions" is the storing of hand firearms and munitions by individuals and corporate bodies, acquired by the order of the regulations.

§ 2. Appendixes No 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 can be printed only by MI.

## Temporary and concluding provisions

§ 3. (1) Employees of foreign diplomatic representation who are citizens only of the sending country can acquire and carry short firearms and munitions by the order of the regulations, observing the principle of reciprocity, upon issuance of permit by the competent bodies.

(2) Permit can be issued upon presentation of the following documents in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - department "State protocol":

1. note by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the respective country to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria with a request for acquiring and carrying firearms for each individual case;
2. certified by Bulgarian diplomatic representation copy and translation into Bulgarian language of the national permit for carrying firearms by the respective person, confirming his right to possess the specific type of weapon and munitions in the respective country;
3. official note issued by a Bulgarian diplomatic representation issued to an employee in a foreign diplomatic representation in Bulgaria in case of a forthcoming import for a permit has been preliminarily obtained from the competent bodies for possession and carrying.

§ 4. The regulations are issued pursuant to § 9 of the transitional and concluding provisions of LCOEFM.

§ 5. The fulfilment of the regulations is assigned to the Minister of Interior.