

Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act

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Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. (1) This act shall regulate the terms and procedures for:

1. manufacture of weapons, ammunition, explosives and pyrotechnical products;
2. trade with weapons, ammunition, explosives and pyrotechnical products;
3. acquisition, safe-keeping and use of explosives and pyrotechnical products and for acquisition, safe-keeping, carrying and use of weapons and ammunition for them;
4. transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products and firearms and ammunition both on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and from and to the territory of other member states;
5. import, export and transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition;
6. performing repairs to weapons and ammunition;
7. discarding and destruction of explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition;
8. utilisation of weapons and ammunition;

9. exercising control over activities with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products.

(2) The provisions herein shall apply also to the main components as well as the parts of firearms.

Article 2. (1) This act shall not apply to activities under article 1, paragraph 1 with explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition performed at and by:

1. (supplemented, SG No. 88/2010, effective 9.11.2010, SG No. 70/2013, effective 9.08.2013, SG No. 53/2014, amended, SG No. 79/2015, effective 1.11.2015, amended and supplemented, SG No. 81/2016, effective 1.01.2017) the Ministry of the Interior (MoI), the National Security State Agency (NSSA), the State Agency for Technical Operations (SATO), the Security Directorate and the Penal Sanctions Implementation Directorate General of the Ministry of Justice, the Protection Bureau with the Prosecutor General, the State Intelligence Agency (SIA) and the National National Service (NSGS) and the State Commission on Information Security (SCIS);

2. the Armed Forces of the Republic of Bulgaria as well as the foreign military and police contingents during their transit through and/or sojourn on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) The performance of the activities under paragraph 1 shall take place under terms and procedures determined with an act of the Council of Ministers.

(3) No permits shall be required for the activities under article 1, paragraph 1 with weapons and ammunition which are cultural heritage, by:

1. museums and cultural institutions in the meaning of the Protection and Development of Culture Act;

2. collectors in the meaning of the Cultural Heritage Act.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The firearms and the ammunition for them under paragraph 3 shall be secured against operating as intended pursuant to article 91, paragraph 3 and shall be kept under armed guard or with signal protection equipment (SPE).

(5) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) No permits shall be required for acquisition, transportation, use and storage of explosives for civil use and pyrotechnical products from the market surveillance bodies in the process of exercise of their powers in accordance with the Technical Requirements for Products Act.

(6) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Performance of the activities under paragraph 5 of the market surveillance bodies shall take place under terms and procedures, determined by an act of the Council of Ministers.

Article 3. (1) Explosives in the meaning herein shall be chemical substances or mixtures,

which under certain conditions undergo a process of quick self-diffusing chemical transformation with the emission of a large quantity of heat and with high pressure of gaseous products with destructive or projectile action.

(2) Products, with the help of which the process of the chemical substances or mixtures under paragraph 1 takes place, shall also be explosives.

Article 4. (1) Weapons in the meaning herein shall be firearms and non-firing arms.

(2) A firearm shall be a portable barrelled weapon which produces, is designed to produce or may be transformed to produce a shot with a cartridge or a projectile through the operation of an explosive except in the cases where it is:

1. (supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 103/2016) rendered permanently unfit for use through deactivation whereby all main parts of the firearm are in a state of irreversible inoperability and they cannot be removed, replaced or modified in a manner that would allow to operate the firearm again, under terms and procedures determined by the ordinance under article 91, paragraph 3;

2. designed to raise alarm, to signal, to salvage, to kill animals, for harpoon fishing or is designed for industrial or technical purposes and may be used solely for that purpose;

3. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) a weapon, manufactured before 1 January 1900 and which is:

a) muzzle loading, or

b) breech loading, or

c) developed for ammunition using black powder and uncovered lead bullet;

4. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) replica of any weapon under item 3, if not intended to produce a shot using a smokeless powder cartridge.

(3) Any object with an outer appearance of a firearm which has a construction and is manufactured from a material allowing to modify this object in such a manner that it can produce a shot with a cartridge or a projectile through the action of an explosive shall be deemed a firearm.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, supplemented, SG No. 103/2016) The circumstance under paragraph 2, item 1 shall be established with an ascertaining protocol, issued by the persons under article 133, under terms and procedures determined by the ordinance under article 91, paragraph 3 and with a deactivation certificate pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 of 15 December 2015 establishing common guidelines on deactivation standards and techniques for ensuring that deactivated firearms are rendered irreversibly inoperable (OB, L 333/62, 19 December 2015) referred to hereinafter as "Implementing Regulation".

(5) Non-firing arms shall be pneumatic and gas and signal weapons.

Article 4a. (New, SG No. 103/2016) (1) A deactivation certificate pursuant to article 4. paragraph 4 shall be issued to persons owning firearms under article 4, paragraph 2, item 1 by the National Police Directorate General (NPDG) of the MoI or by an official authorised by him/her or by the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the manufacturing or repairs facility.

(2) The persons under paragraph 1 shall, within three business days after the issue of the ascertaining protocol under article 4, paragraph 4, submit an application form to the NPDG of the MoI, to the MoI regional directorate at the location of the manufacturing or repairs facility respectively, which shall specify:

1. the name of the person that has done the deactivation;
2. the date or year of the ascertainment of the deactivation;
3. the identification data of the firearms.

(3) The application under paragraph 2 shall be accompanied by

1. a copy of the ascertaining protocol pursuant to article 4, paragraph 4;
2. a document for paid fee pursuant to the regulation under article 12.

(4) The National Police Directorate General, the MoI regional directorate at the location of the manufacturing or repairs facility respectively, shall conduct an inspection for compliance between the data stated in the application and whether the deactivation has been done according to the technical specifications, set out in annex I of Implementing regulation (EU) 2015/2403.

(5) Should omissions and/or inconsistencies with the requirements herein be established the NPDG of MoI, the regional MoI directorate at the location of the manufacturing or repairs facility respectively, shall notify the applicant in writing and shall give instructions for their elimination within thirty days during which period the term under paragraph 7 shall be suspended.

(6) When the established omissions and/or inconsistencies are not removed within the period under paragraph 5 the proceedings for issuing the certificate shall be terminated.

(7) The MoI NPDG director or an official authorised by him/her, the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the manufacturing or repairs facility respectively, shall issue a certificate or shall deny with motives the issue within two weeks after the submission of the application.

(8) The rejection under paragraph 7 shall be subject to appeal under the procedure of the Administrative Procedure Code.

Article 4b. (New, SG No. 103/2016) (1) The deactivation certificate shall have a standard form pursuant to annex No. 4 and shall have no fixed term.

(2) The certificate shall accompany the respective firearm it refers to, including when transferring its ownership.

Article 5. (1) The acquisition, safe-keeping, carrying and use of the following firearms and ammunition of category A shall be prohibited:

1. combat rockets with explosive effect and devices for their launch;
2. (supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) automatic firearms, except for such intended as collecting or for cultural purposes, used in film and television productions, theatre performances and other cultural events;
3. firearms disguised in the form of another object;
4. ammunition with armour-piercing, explosive or incendiary action as well as cartridges and projectiles for them;
5. (amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) ammunition with expanding action, as well as cartridges and projectiles with such action, with the exception of the ones designed for hunting or sports purposes or as collector's items.

(2) The activities under article 1, paragraph 1, items 1 - 6 and 8 with the following types of firearms of categories B, C, and D may be carried out after obtaining a permit under the procedure herein:

1. category B:
 - a) short-barrelled semiautomatic or multi-shot firearms;
 - b) short-barrelled single-shot firearms with centre-fire percussion;
 - c) short-barrelled single-shot firearms with rimfire percussion with a total length under 28 centimetres;
 - d) semi-automatic long firearms whose magazine and chamber can together hold more than three rounds;
 - e) semi-automatic long firearms whose magazine and chamber cannot together hold more than three rounds, where the loading device is not removable or where it is not certain that the weapon cannot be converted, with ordinary tools, into a weapon whose magazine and chamber can together hold more than three rounds;
 - f) repeating and semi-automatic long firearms with smooth-bore barrels not exceeding 60

cm in length;

g) semiautomatic firearms for civil use which have the appearance of automatic firearms;

2. category C:

a) long-barrelled multi-shot firearms different from the ones under item, "f";

b) long firearms with single-shot rifled barrels;

c) long-barrelled semiautomatic firearms different from the ones under item 1, "d" - "g";

d) single-shot short firearms with rimfire percussion whose overall length is not less than 28 cm;

3. category D - long-barrelled single-shot firearms with smoothbore barrels.

(3) (New, SG No. 95/2015) Activities, other than those as per paragraph 1, involving firearms and category A munitions may be performed after the issuance of a permit hereunder.

(4) (Renumbered from Paragraph 3, SG No. 95/2015) The Ministry of the Interior shall notify the European Commission and the competent authorities of the other member states of the European Union, or the states parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation of the circumstances under paragraph 2, and shall receive and keep similar information on these states.

Article 6. (1) Firearms, depending on their purpose and technical characteristics, shall be for official or for civil use.

(2) For official purposes - property protection, self-defence, as well as for other legitimate purposes the following firearms may be acquired and stored: short-barrelled firearms - pistols and revolvers with barrel length up to 30 centimetres and up to 100 cartridges for each firearm calibre and model, long-barrelled firearms with a smoothbore barrel with a length under 50 centimetres and up to 50 cartridges for each firearm calibre and model.

(3) The following may be acquired and stored for civil use - self-defence, hunting, sports, shooting practice, collecting and as stage property for theatre, film and other performances:

1. self-defence firearms short-barrelled firearms - pistols and revolvers with barrel length up to 30 centimetres and up to 50 cartridges for each firearm;

2. hunting firearms - long-barrelled smoothbore firearms with a barrel length over 50 centimetres and up to 300 cartridges for each firearm and long-barrelled rifled firearms and up to 100 cartridges for each firearm;

3. sports firearms - any type of short-barrelled and long-barrelled firearms with ammunition for them needed to practice the respective sport;

4. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) firearms for cultural purposes used in film and television productions, theatre performances and other cultural events - any types of short-barrelled and long-barrelled firearms and automatic firearms, secured against operating as intended pursuant to article 91, paragraph 3 and blank cartridges for them;

5. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) collector firearms - any types of firearms that have not been identified as cultural heritage in the meaning of the Cultural Heritage Act and which have been secured against operating as intended pursuant to article 91, paragraph 3 and cartridges for firearms.

(4) In addition to the ammunition under paragraph 2 and paragraph 3, items 1 - 4 additional quantities may be kept for:

1. shooting practice - up to 50 cartridges for short-barrelled firearms, up to 200 cartridges for smoothbore long-barrelled firearms and up to 50 cartridges for rifled long-barrelled firearms;

2. sports and competition purposes, for hunting tourism and for professional hunting - according to the proven needs.

(5) Persons who have obtained permits to carry and use firearms for hunting and sports purposes may, in addition to the quantities under paragraph 2, paragraph 3, items 1 - 3 and paragraph 4, acquire and keep pursuant to article 98, paragraphs 1 and 2:

1. up to 1000 detonating fuses and up to 1000 grams of gunpowder to prepare at home cartridges for hunting;

2. detonating fuses and gunpowder according to the proven needs - for equipping firing ranges and to prepare at home cartridges for sports purposes.

(6) The preparation under paragraph 5 shall be done only for private needs and with factory-made technical means.

Article 7. (1) Ammunition for firearms in the meaning herein shall be cartridges or shots or their components - charged cartridge cases, detonating fuses or projectiles used in firearms.

(2) Ammunition for gas and signal weapons in the meaning herein shall be a combination of explosives and other elements, which, when ejected from the weapon, produce a sound, light or reflective effect.

(3) Ammunition for pneumatic weapons shall be hard metal objects (pellets) with a varied configuration and calibre.

Article 8. (1) Pyrotechnical products in the meaning herein shall be any products containing explosives or explosive mixture of substances designed to produce heat, light, sound, gas or smoke or a combination of these effects through self-sustaining exothermic chemical reactions.

(2) According to their purpose and level of danger pyrotechnical products shall be divided in the following categories:

1. fireworks:

a) category 1: fireworks which when used pose a very low degree of danger and negligible low level of sound and which are intended for use in limited spaces, including fireworks intended for use in residential premises;

b) category 2: fireworks which when used pose a low degree of danger and low level of sound and which are intended for use in the open in secluded spaces;

c) category 3: fireworks which when used pose a medium degree of danger, which are intended for use in large open spaces and whose noise level is harmless to human hearing;

d) category 4: fireworks which when used pose a high degree of danger, which are designed for use by persons who are certified for work safety during explosive works (known as "professional use fireworks") and whose noise level is harmless to human hearing;

2. stage pyrotechnic products:

a) category T1: pyrotechnic products for use on stage which when used pose a low degree of danger;

b) category T2: pyrotechnic products for use on stage which are designed for use by persons who are certified for work safety during explosive works;

3. other pyrotechnic products:

a) category R1: pyrotechnic products different from fireworks and stage pyrotechnic products which when used pose a low degree of danger;

b) category R2: pyrotechnic products different from fireworks and stage pyrotechnic products which may be used only by persons who are certified for work safety during explosive works.

(3) Certification for work safety during explosive works shall be obtained under terms and procedures specified in normative acts issued on the basis of the Labour Code.

(4) The Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy shall inform the European Commission about the terms and procedures for certification for work safety during explosive works.

Article 9. (1) The following shall be prohibited:

1. trade, transport, acquisition, safe-keeping, use and import of explosives for civil use without a "CE" mark pursuant to the Technical Requirements to Products Act and/or with an

expired shelf-life;

2. trade, transport, acquisition, safe-keeping, use and import of fireworks of categories 1, 2 and 3 manufactured after 4 July 2010 and trade, transport, acquisition, safe-keeping, use and import of other pyrotechnical products manufactured after 4 July 2013 without a "CE" mark pursuant to the Technical Requirements to Products Act and/or with an expired shelf-life;

3. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) trade, transport, acquisition, safe-keeping, use and import of explosives for civil use manufactured after 5 April 2013 which lack the unique identification under article 29;

4. trade, transport, acquisition, safe-keeping, carrying, use and import of firearms and ammunition for them manufactured after 28 July 2010 which lack the unique proofmark under articles 26 and 27 or without a proofmark pursuant to the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969 (not promulgated);

5. trade, transport, acquisition, safe-keeping, carrying, use and import of explosives, pyrotechnical products and firearms and ammunition for them which have not been manufactured in compliance with the requirements of article 25.

(2) The firearms and the ammunition for them under paragraph 1, item 5 may be acquired only for collection purposes.

(3) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The products under paragraph 1, items 1, 2 and 3 may be transported only for the purpose of being destroyed or transported to an independent laboratory for testing.

Article 10. The Council of Ministers may, on a proposal of the Minister of the Interior, prohibit or restrict the activities under this act with certain types of explosives, firearms, ammunition for them and pyrotechnical products where this is necessary for the public interest, national security or international commitments undertaken by the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 11. (1) A single automated register for the activities under this act shall be established and maintained at the Ministry of the Interior.

(2) The register under paragraph 1 shall be an information database in the meaning of the Ministry of the Interior Act and shall contain:

1. information on the issued and denied permits and information on the certificates issued pursuant to article 13, paragraph 3;

2. information on the withdrawn permits and the reasons thereof;

3. the information included in the permits/certificates identifying the person to whom they were issued;

4. date and number of the discontinued permits due to the terminated activity of the person;

5. information on the persons from whom explosives, firearms, ammunition for them and pyrotechnical products included in the permits were acquired;

6. identification information on the firearms and the ammunition for them, identification information on the explosives and the categories of pyrotechnical products included in the issued permits, as well as information on the type, make, calibre and the serial number of the pneumatic and of the signal and gas arms;

7. information on the quantities of explosives and pyrotechnical products and on the number of firearms and the ammunition for them included in the issued permits;

8. information on the issued European firearms pass and transport documents for explosives for civil use and for the firearms and ammunition within the European Union;

9. information on discarded and destroyed explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition, information on arms and ammunition subject to utilisation;

9a. (new, SG No. 103/2016) information on the issued deactivation certificates pursuant to the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403;

10. information on perpetrated administrative violations, the sanctions imposed for them and/or coercive administrative measures under this act;

11. (new, SG No. 103/2016, effective 28.06.2017) identification information on the persons using firearms under article 6, paragraph 2 and paragraph 3, items 1 and 3 and ammunition for them at shooting galleries.

(3) The Ministry of the Interior shall provide the information from the register under paragraph 1 to the competent authorities of the other member states and to the European Commission.

(4) The information under paragraph 2 shall be kept for a period of 20 years after its entry in the register.

Article 12. (1) Charges shall be paid in amounts determined by a tariff of the Council of Ministers for:

1. issuing permits and certificates for the activities herein as well as for entering amendments to them;

2. issuing transport documents for explosives for civil use and for firearms and ammunition within the European Union;

3. issuing alphanumeric codes to facilities for manufacturing explosives for civil use under article 16;

4. testing firearms pursuant to article 92;
 5. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) securing against operation as intended;
 6. carrying out technical inspections;
 7. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) issuing of European Firearms Pass;
 8. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, supplemented, SG No. 56/2015) issuing of preliminary written approval under Article 78a and preliminary written consent under Article 120a and written consent under Article 126b, paragraph 1;
 - 8a. (new, SG No. 103/2016) issuing a deactivation certificate;
 9. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) approval of transportation packages.
- (2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 103/2016) The funds under paragraph 1, item 1 - 8a shall be included in the MoI budget and the funds under paragraph 1, item 9 shall be included in the budget of the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications.

Chapter Two

MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND PYROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS

Article 13. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 103/2016) The manufacture of weapons, explosives and pyrotechnical products on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done by natural and legal persons registered as traders on the territory of a member state who have obtained a permit for manufacture issued by NPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her.

(2) A manufacture permit shall be required also where the products under paragraph 1 are intended for export.

(3) The manufacture permit under paragraph 1 may include simultaneously or separately one of the following activities: full or partial manufacture of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, trade, repair works, modification and utilisation of weapons and ammunition, leasing weapons and ammunition for the purposes pursuant to article 6, paragraph 3, item 4.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Legal persons registered pursuant to the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act and entities established by an act of Parliament or an act of the Council of Ministers may manufacture explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products for the purposes of research, design and testing after obtaining a manufacture certificate issued by the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or a person

authorised by him/her.

(5) No permit shall be required for manufacture in the cases under article 6, paragraph 5.

(6) (New, SG No. 95/2015, repealed, SG No. 47/2016).

Article 14. (1) Persons wishing to manufacture explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products must dispose with:

1. facilities - owned or leased - for the manufacture and safe-keeping of explosives, ammunition and/or pyrotechnical products which comply with the technical regulations and norms for designing buildings intended for manufacture and safe-keeping of explosives, ammunition and/or pyrotechnical products and with the requirements for physical safety of buildings pursuant to the Spatial Development Act;

2. facilities - owned or leased - for the manufacture and safe-keeping of weapons which comply with the requirements for physical safety of buildings pursuant to the Spatial Development Act and/or

3. owned or leased mobile production facilities (transport installations) for explosives designed and intended for direct charging and manufacture in drill pits having a certificate of compliance attesting to their good working order;

4, qualified staff depending on the nature of the products manufactured;

5. employees who exercise control over compliance with the safety regulations for work with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

6. a security employee who draws up security plans for explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition and systems for their management;

7. experts who keep record of the movement of the manufactured products.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 68/2013, effective 2.08.2013) The requirements for the qualification of the persons under paragraph 1, items 4 - 7 shall be specified with a regulation of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy jointly with the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Education and Science.

(3) The facilities for manufacture and safe-keeping of the persons under article 13, paragraph 4 shall comply with the requirements in paragraph 1, items 1, 2 and 3.

Article 15. (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The facilities for manufacture of explosives on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall have their own alphanumeric code which shall be issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or by a person authorised by him/her.

(2) The body under paragraph 1 shall provide the alphanumeric code when the production

facility is located on the territory of a third state and the person has obtained a permit for manufacture pursuant to this chapter.

(3) The body under paragraph 1 shall provide the alphanumeric code when the production facility is located on the territory of a third state, the producer is not established on the territory of a member state but the person that has received an import permit pursuant to chapter six is registered under the Commerce Act.

Article 16. (Effective 5.04.2013, SG No. 73/2010, amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 5.04.2013, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person under article 15, paragraph 3 shall submit an application to the Director of NPDG of the MoI for obtaining the alphanumeric code, accompanied by a copy of the permit for manufacture issued by the respective competent authority of the third country or a similar document certifying that the manufacture is carried out in compliance with the production requirements pursuant to the law of the third country, and a document for paid state charges for an amount specified in the tariff under article 12.

Article 17. (1) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a manufacture permit the persons under article 13, paragraph 1 shall submit an application form to the Director of NPDG of the MoI accompanied by the following documents:

1. (amended, SG No. 20/2018) a copy of a certificate for registration in the respective register under the national law of the respective member state in a legalised translation in Bulgarian;

2. a permission to use the facilities or a substituting document issued pursuant to the Spatial Development Act and/or a compliance certificate attesting to the good working order of the mobile manufacturing installation for explosives under article 14, paragraph 1, item 3;

3. a document certifying the legal grounds for using the facilities;

4. passport of the warehouse for storing explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

5. a list of the types of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products which shall be manufactured, specifying the standardisation documents and the manufacturing technologies;

6. safety instructions drawn up and approved by the producers for working with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

7. a list of the persons who shall have access to the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products coordinated with the head of the district MoI directorate at the location of the facility;

8. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 95/2015) copies of all documents proving compliance with the requirements of Chapters Six and Seven of the

Environmental Protection Act, as follows:

- (a) confirmation of the classification of the enterprise pursuant to Article 103 (6);
- (b) an opinion or effective decision adopted in accordance with the relevant environmental impact assessment procedure;
- (c) an effective decision pursuant to Article 116, Paragraph (1), item 1, or Article 116g, Paragraph (4), in respect of an enterprise/facility of high risk potential;
- (d) an opinion pursuant to Article 106 (2) or (6), in respect of an enterprise/facility of low risk potential;
- (e) a comprehensive permit under Article 117, in cases when such is required pursuant to Chapter Seven, Section II;

9. (amended, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018, supplemented, SG No. 20/2018) higher education graduation diploma of the production managers and documents for acquired qualification of the staff under article 14, paragraph 1, items 4 - 7 and copies of the staff employment contracts and where a diploma is issued by a foreign higher education establishment it must indicate the number, under which the document is registered at the National Centre for Information and Documentation or at the respective higher education establishment, where the person is continuing his/her education;

10. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) copies of the contracts with the persons engaged in private security business under the Private Security Business Act; when the protection of the manufacturing facilities shall be carried out by employees of the person under article 13, paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;

11. (amended, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) if the manager, managers or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1 are foreign citizens – a document certifying that the person concerned has not been convicted for a deliberate crime of a general nature;

12. official documents issued by a body of the judiciary or a respective document under the national law of another state, certifying that the manager(s) or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1 are not subject to criminal proceedings for a deliberate crime of a general nature;

13. medical certificates from a medical establishment or a similar document under the national law of another state, certifying that the manager(s) or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1 do not suffer from mental disorders;

14. statements by the manager(s) or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1 that they are not subject to the circumstances under article 58, paragraph 1, items 5 - 8;

15. a document for paid state charges for an amount specified in the tariff under article 12.

(2) Where some of the production stages are carried out in a subcontracted facility on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria the person under article 13, paragraph 1 shall specify the location of this facility and shall submit a copy of the contract and in the cases when the facility is outside the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria the person shall submit in addition also a permit for manufacture issued by the competent authority of the respective state.

(3) (Effective 5.04.2013, SG No. 73/2010, amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 5.04.2013, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person applying for issuing a permit for the manufacture of explosives for civil use shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI in addition to the documents under paragraph 1 also an application in standard form for receiving the code under article 15, paragraph 1.

(4) When the person under paragraph 1 wishes to carry out the activities under article 13, paragraph 3 he shall specify the respective activity in the application.

(5) (New, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The circumstances regarding the criminal status of the personnel under paragraph 1, item 9, of the manager, managers or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1, if such persons are Bulgarian citizens, shall be established by official channels by the Director of NPDG of the MoI.

Article 17a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) For the purpose of coordinating the list under article 17, paragraph 1, item 7, article 18, item 5 and article 61, paragraph 2, item 3 the persons under article 13, paragraphs 1 and 4 and article 61, paragraph 1 shall submit to the chief of the MoI regional directorate by location of the respective facility an application in standard form, accompanied by the following documents in regard to each person:

1. (amended, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) for persons who are foreign citizens – a document under the national law of the respective state, evidencing that the person has not been convicted of a deliberate crime of a general nature;

2. official document, issued by a body of the judiciary or a respective document under the national law of the other state, certifying that the person is not subject to criminal proceedings for deliberate crime of a general nature;

3. medical certificate from a medical establishment or a similar document under the national law of the other state, certifying that the person does not suffer from mental disorders.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The chief of the MoI regional directorate shall check ex-officio in regard to each person the circumstances under article 58, paragraph 1, items 3, 6 and 7 and whether pre-trial proceedings for deliberate crime of a general nature have been initiated. Where the persons are Bulgarian citizens, the circumstance as to whether they have been convicted for a deliberate crime of a general nature shall also be checked by official channels.

(3) The coordination shall take place within 14 days of submission of the application.

Article 18. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a certificate for manufacture the persons under article 13, paragraph 4 shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form, accompanied by the following documents:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);
2. a permission to use the facilities or another substituting document issued pursuant to the Spatial Development Act and/or a certificate for compliance attesting to the good working order of the mobile production installation for explosives under article 14, paragraph 1, item 3;
3. a list of the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products which shall be developed and the quantities that will be manufactured for the purposes of research and testing;
4. safety instructions for work with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;
5. a list of the employees who will have access to the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products coordinated with the head of the district directorate of the MoI at the location of the production facility.

Article 19. (1) On receipt of the application and documentation under article 17 an interdepartmental commission established by an order of the Minister of the Interior shall assess the completeness and the compatibility of the submitted documentation with the requirements for issuing the permit and shall conduct an on-site inspection of the production and storage facilities.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 66/2013, effective 26.07.2013, SG No. 98/2014, effective 28.11.2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 20/2018) The commission under paragraph 1 shall consist of experts – representatives of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Environment and Water, the National Building Control Directorate, the National Security State Agency, the Metrological and Technical Supervision Directorate and the General Labour Inspection Executive Agency. The terms and procedures for the work of the commission shall be set with rules approved with an order of the Minister of the Interior.

(3) When omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the commission under paragraph 1 shall notify the applicant in writing, shall issue instructions and shall allow a 30-day term to correct them and in this case the term under paragraph 5 shall be suspended.

(4) If the established omissions and/or incompatibilities are not removed within the term prescribed in paragraph 3 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her shall issue a permit or shall deny the issue with motivation on the basis of an opinion of the commission under paragraph 1 within

two months after the submission of the application.

(6) The denial under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Article 20. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receiving the application and documentation under article 18 the NPDG of the MoI shall assess the completeness and the compatibility of the submitted documentation with the requirements for issuing the permit and shall conduct an on-site inspection.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) When omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the NPDG of the MoI shall notify the applicant in writing, shall issue instructions and shall allow a 30-day term to correct them and in this case the term under paragraph 4 shall be suspended.

(3) If the established omissions and/or incompatibilities are not removed within the term prescribed in paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her shall issue a permit for manufacture or shall deny the issue with motivation within one month of the submission of the application.

(5) The denial under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Article 21. (1) The permits for manufacture of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall have no fixed term.

(2) The certificates for manufacture of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be valid for a term of five years.

(3) The issued permits and certificates for manufacture shall be valid only for the explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition specified in them and may be used only by the persons to whom they were issued.

Article 22. The persons under article 13, paragraph 3 may not carry out trade with and/or lease the samples of the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products manufactured by them neither may they do repair works, modifications and utilisation of weapons and ammunition.

Article 23. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A person, who has obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall notify the NPDG of the MoI about:

1. reconstruction of the facilities for production and safe-keeping and/or changes in the mobile production installation for explosives under article 14, paragraph 1, item 3;

2. changes in the staff under article 14, paragraph 1, item 4;
3. changes in the commercial registration;
4. changes in the type of explosives, the weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products produced;
5. expiry of the contract under article 17, paragraph 2.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 20/2018) In the cases under paragraph 1, items 1, 2, 4 and 5 the person who has obtained a permit for manufacture shall submit within 14 days of the occurrence of the change the documents related to it and a document for paid charges for an amount specified in the tariff under article 12.

(3) The assessment of the documentation under paragraph 2 and the on-site inspection of the manufacturing and storage facilities, if deemed necessary, shall be conducted pursuant to article 19, paragraphs 1-4.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall enter the change in the issued permit for manufacture within one month.

Article 24. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A person, who has obtained a permit for manufacture, when opening a new facility for manufacture and safe-keeping of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI an application form accompanied by the documentation under article 17, paragraph 1 with the exception of the one under item 1, 11-14.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Where there is a change in the documentation under paragraph 1, the person shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI also the documents related to the change.

(3) The assessment of the documentation and the on-site inspection shall be carried out pursuant to article 19, paragraphs 1 - 4.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue a decision on supplementing the issued permit for manufacture within two months after the date the documentation was submitted.

Article 25. (1) The manufactured explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall comply with the applicable standards.

(2) Where there are no standards under paragraph 1 the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be manufactured according to technical specification approved by the manufacturer.

(3) Explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products may be manufactured according to licensed technologies.

(4) Where the weapons and ammunition comply with the requirements under paragraphs 1 and 2 they shall be accompanied by a quality certificate issued by the manufacturer.

Article 26. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of firearms shall apply a unique proofmark which shall include: the manufacturer's name, the state or address of the production facility(ies), the serial number and the year of production or the alphanumeric code allowing to identify the state of production.

(2) The proofmark under paragraph 1 shall be applied on a main component of the firearm, the destruction of which would render the firearm unusable.

(3) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of non-firing arms shall apply on a main component of the weapon the make, the calibre, the serial number and the year of production.

Article 27. The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of ammunition for weapons shall apply a unique proofmark on every single packing which shall include the name of the manufacturer, the batch identification number, the calibre and the type of ammunition.

Article 28. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives for civil use and for pyrotechnical products shall apply a "CE" mark of compliance on the products manufactured by them pursuant to the Technical Requirements to Products Act.

(2) The requirement in paragraph 1 shall not apply to explosives for civil use manufactured on the spot where they are used.

Article 29. (1) (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives for civil use shall apply a unique identification pursuant to Annex 1 on any manufactured explosive, including to the smallest production packing. Where the explosives are subject to further production processing no new identification shall be applied to them unless the previous one has been deleted or is not clearly readable.

(2) (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The identification under paragraph 1 shall be applied to the product securely in a manner which does not allow it to be disrupted or deleted. The information pursuant to Annex 1 identifying the product must be read easily.

(3) (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply when the explosives are manufactured for export and have identification applied in conformity with the requirements of the importing state and which allows the explosives to be traced.

(4) The place and manner of applying the unique identification, depending on the type of explosives for civil use, shall be determined with a regulation of the Council of Ministers.

Article 30. (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The provision of article 29 shall not apply to:

1. explosives which are transported and delivered unpacked in pump lorries for charging of a drill pit directly;

2. explosives which are manufactured on the site of the explosion and are charged immediately after their manufacture;

3. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 5.04.2013) igniting fuses, which are non-detonating igniting devices similar to cords;

4. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 5.04.2013) common fuses, consisting of a fine-grain powder core, wrapped in flexible fabric, with one or more outer protective covers and which after being ignited are burning at a pre-determined rate without external explosive effect;

5. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 5.04.2013) blasting caps, consisting of a metal or plastic cap, containing a small quantity of primary explosive substance, which is easily ignited upon impact and serves as an ignition element in firearm cartridges or in impact-activated ignition means for projectile charges.

Article 31. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of explosives for civil use, shall keep a tracing register, which shall contain:

1. manufactured quantities of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and date of production;

2. identification data of the products manufactured by them;

3. name and address of the person from whom parts for the weapons or main components have been received - when the person, who has obtained a permit for manufacture is doing his own assembly or modification;

4. name and address of the person to whom explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons, ammunition or parts and main components for them have been supplied;

5. name and address of the cultural institution in the meaning of the Protection and Development of Culture Act to which weapons have been leased and for what term;

6. received and supplied quantities of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall, within ten working days after the end of any quarter, submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI a copy of the register for the preceding quarter on a paper or

electronic carrier.

(3) The register shall be kept by the persons under paragraph 1 for a period of ten years from the production date of the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and shall be presented to the authorities of the Ministry of the Interior on request.

(4) When they terminate their activity the persons under paragraph 1 shall hand over, within one month, the register to the respective body of the Ministry of the Interior.

(5) In the cases under paragraph 4 the permit for manufacture shall expire and this circumstance shall be entered in the register under article 11.

Article 32. The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture shall be obliged to provide the production and safe-keeping operations of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products with armed protection.

Article 33. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives for civil use shall be obliged to establish and maintain a system for collection and storage of information on the entire lifecycle of the explosives.

(2) The system under paragraph 1 shall allow to trace the movement of explosives so that any persons operating with them could be identified at any time.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit, within ten working days after the end of every quarter, to the Director of NPDG of the MoI the information from the system under paragraph 1 for the preceding quarter on a paper or electronic carrier.

(4) The information under paragraph 1, including the data on the unique identification shall be kept by the person, who has obtained a permit for manufacture, for a period of ten years after supplying explosives to persons, who have obtained a permit to operate with them, or until the end of their lifecycle when information about this is available, and this information shall be presented to the authorities of the Ministry of the Interior on request.

(5) Where the person under paragraph 1 terminates his activity he shall hand over the information under paragraph 1 to the respective body of the Ministry of the Interior.

(6) In the cases under paragraph 5 the permit for manufacture shall expire and this circumstance shall be entered in the register under article 11.

Article 34. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives for civil use whose commercial activity consists entirely or partially of manufacture, shall be obliged to:

1. keep records of unique identifications of the explosives as well as information including the type of explosive, the quantity, number of the permit and name and address of the person to

whom it was supplied and the supply date;

2. record the location of any explosive from the moment of its manufacture or acquisition until its supply to another person, who has a permit to operate with explosives or until its use as intended;

3. perform checks of the system under article 33 every six months;

4. ensure reliable protection of the information stored.

(2) The persons under paragraph 1 shall provide on request by the authorities of the Ministry of the Interior,:

1. information on the origin and location of any explosive for civil use along its lifecycle and the supply chain;

2. the name and the contact information of the responsible person, which can provide the information described in item 1 at any time.

Chapter Three

TRADE WITH EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND PYROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS

Article 35. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Trade with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of category 1 fireworks, shall be carried out by natural and legal persons registered as traders on the territory of a member state after obtaining a trade permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) The persons under paragraph 1 who wish to trade with explosives must have warehouses for safekeeping - owned or leased - on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, and the ones who wish to trade with weapons, ammunition and/or pyrotechnical products must have warehouses and/or trade facilities - owned or leased - on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) The warehouses for safekeeping explosives and the trade facilities and/or the warehouses for safekeeping ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall comply with the technical rules and norms for designing buildings intended for manufacture and safe-keeping of explosives, ammunition and pyrotechnical products pursuant to the Spatial Development Act.

(4) The facilities under paragraph 2 shall comply with the requirements for physical protection of buildings pursuant to the Spatial Development Act.

(5) The requirements to the structure of the facilities under paragraph 2 and the terms of trade with the products shall be determined with a regulation of the Minister of the Interior.

(6) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The permit to trade under paragraph 1 shall cover simultaneously the following activities: trade, acquisition and safekeeping of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of category 1 fireworks.

Article 36. (1) In order to obtain a permit for trade with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products the persons under article 35, paragraph 1 must dispose with:

1. chief of the storage warehouse and/or the trade facility;
2. employees exercising control for compliance with the safety rules for work with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;
3. experts who keep records of the movement of the products which are traded with.

(2) The requirements for the qualification of the persons under paragraph 1 shall be determined with the regulation under article 14, paragraph 2.

Article 37. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under article 35, paragraph 1 shall submit an application to the Director of NPDG of the MoI accompanied by the following documents:

1. the documentation under article 17, paragraph 1, items 1-4, 6 and 7;
2. a list of the types of products with which the persons under article 35, paragraph 1 shall trade;
3. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) a list of the persons under article 36, paragraph 1, the documents under items 5-7, a copy of the employment contract and a document of any qualification acquired in compliance with the requirements of article 36, paragraph 2 for each of the persons;
4. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person, engaged in private security business under the Private Security Business Act; when the protection of the trade facilities and/or warehouses will be carried out by employees of the persons under 35, paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;
5. (amended, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) if the manager, managers or members of the management bodies of the person under article 35, paragraph 1 are foreign citizens – a document attesting that the respective person has not been convicted for a deliberate crime of a general nature; for Bulgarian citizens this circumstance shall be checked by official channels;
6. an official document issued by a body of the judiciary or a respective document under the national law of another state certifying that the manager(s) or members of the management bodies of the person under 35, paragraph 1 are not subject to criminal proceedings for a deliberate

crime of a general nature;

7. a medical certificate from a medical establishment or a similar document under the national law of another state certifying that the manager(s) or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1 do not suffer from mental disorders;

8. statements by the manager(s) or members of the management bodies of the person under article 13, paragraph 1 that they are not subject to the circumstances under article 58, paragraph 1q items 5-8;

9. a document for paid charges for an amount specified in the regulation under article 12.

Article 37a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Where the persons under article 35, paragraph 1 own a facility and/or facilities in the area of operations of any district station of MoI, they shall submit the documents under paragraph 37 through the respective chief of regional directorate of MoI to the Director of NPDG of MoI.

Article 38. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receipt of the application and the documentation under article 37 NPDG of the MoI shall assess the completeness and the compliance of the submitted documentation with the requirements for issuing a permit and shall carry out an on-site inspection of the warehouses and/or the trade facilities.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the NPDG of the MoI shall notify the applicant in writing and shall issue instructions and allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 4 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue a permit or deny the issue with motivation within two months after the submission of the application.

(5) The denial under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Article 39. (1) Trade permits shall be issued for a term of five years.

(2) The issued trade permits shall be valid only for the types of explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition specified in them and may be used only by the persons to whom they were issued.

Article 40. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Within two months before the expiry of the term under article 39, paragraph 1 the

person, who has obtained a trade permit shall submit an application form to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI for renewal of the permit accompanied by the documentation under article 37.

(2) The permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued pursuant to article 38.

Article 41. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person, who has obtained a permit for trade with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall notify the Director of the NPDG of the MoI about:

1. reconstruction of the warehouses and/or trade facilities;
2. changes of a person under article 36, paragraph 1;
3. changes of the commercial registration;
4. changes of the types of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 20/2018) In the cases under paragraph 1, items 1, 2 and 4 the person, who has obtained a trade permit shall present within 14 days after the occurrence of the change the documents related to it and a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

(3) The assessment of the documentation under paragraph 2 and the on-site inspection, if deemed necessary, shall be conducted pursuant to article 38, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall enter the changes in the issued trade permit within one month.

Article 42. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person, who has obtained a trade permit, on opening a new trade facility and/or warehouse, shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI an application form accompanied by the documentation under article 37, with the exception of the one under article 17, paragraph 1, item 1 and under article 37, items 5-8.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Where there is a change in the documentation under paragraph 1 the person shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI also the documents related to the change.

(3) The assessment of the documentation and the on-site inspection shall be conducted pursuant to article 38, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue a decision on supplementing the issued trade permit within two months after the submission of the documentation.

Article 43. The persons who have obtained trade permits may trade with:

1. other persons who have obtained trade permits;
2. persons who have obtained permits for manufacture;
3. persons who have obtained acquisition permits pursuant to Chapter Four;
4. persons under article 54 - for non-firing arms.

Article 44. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 5.04.2013) The persons who have obtained trade permits who repack explosives for civil use, manufactured after 5 April 2013, shall make sure that the unique identification in accordance with article 29, is applied to every product to the smallest pack.

(2) (Effective 5.04.2015 - SG No. 73/2012) The persons who have obtained permits for trade with explosives for civil use shall comply with the requirements of articles 33 and 34.

Article 45. (1) The persons who have obtained permits for trade with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be obliged to:

1. ensure the safe-keeping of the explosives, the firearms and the ammunition in warehouses with armed protection and the trade facilities with signal protection;

2. keep a register containing information on:

a) name and seat of the person from whom the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products were received;

b) name and address of the person, who has received explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products with the exception of fireworks of category 1 as well as fireworks of categories 2 and 3 in quantities not exceeding the ones in article 53;

c) (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) the quantities and the identification data of the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, data regarding the respective permit of the recipient, as well as their sale date and their receipt date.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall present, within ten working days after the end of every quarter, to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI a copy of the register under paragraph 1, item 2 for the preceding quarter on a paper or electronic carrier.

(3) The information under paragraph 1, item 2 shall be kept by the persons who have obtained a permit for trade with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products for a period of ten years after the date of their entry in the register and shall be presented to the MoI authorities on request.

(4) Where the person, who has obtained a permit for trade with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products terminates his activity, he shall hand over the information under paragraph 1, item 2 to the respective body of the Ministry of the Interior.

(5) In the cases under paragraph 4 the trade permit shall expire and this circumstance shall be entered in the register under article 11.

Article 46. (1) On the sale of firearms and ammunition for them the person under article 35, paragraph 1 shall fill in a control form presented to him by the person, who has obtained an acquisition permit.

(2) The person who has obtained a trade permit shall submit the filled in control form under paragraph 1 to the body that has issued the acquisition permit within ten working days.

Article 47. New firearms and ammunition for them may be sold in the trade facilities, accompanied by a quality certificate under article 25, paragraph 4 and used ones - by a certificate for good working order under article 87, paragraph 2.

Article 48. (1) (Amended, SG No. 56/2015) Trade with steel core ammunition, ammunition under Article 5, paragraph 1, item 4 and silencers for firearms may take place only between persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture, trade, import or export pursuant to the procedures herein.

(2) It shall be forbidden to:

1. sell fireworks of category 1 to persons under the age of 12, of category 2 - to persons under the age of 16 and of category 3 - to persons under the age of 18;

2. trade with apparently faulty pyrotechnical products or ones in a torn smallest standard production packing;

3. trade and sell shell ammunition under article 6, paragraph 5.

Article 49. (1) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) When organising trade exhibitions of defence-related explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products the organiser of the exhibition shall be obliged to observe the requirements for physical protection of buildings pursuant to the Spatial Development Act.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 56/2015) Only persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture, trade, import or export under the procedures herein may take part in trade exhibitions.

(3) Single items of weapons and single smallest standard production packings of ammunition and pyrotechnical products which have a visible mark showing unambiguously that they are not intended for sale may be presented and stored at trade exhibitions. Where the mark cannot be applied to the product it shall be applied on its packing.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) It shall be prohibited to sell on the

spot explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products in the course of the trade exhibition.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) The organiser of the trade exhibition shall be obliged within one month before the start of the exhibition to notify the chief of the respective MoI regional directorate on the territory of which the exhibition is to take place, to present a list of all participants and a copy of a contract with a person, engaged in private security business under the terms and procedures of the Private Security Business Act. Where the protection of the trade exhibition site is carried out by employees of the organiser, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio.

Article 49a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) When organising trade exhibitions of explosives for civil use, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products unrelated to defence, the requirements under article 49, paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 shall be fulfilled.

(2) At trade exhibitions under paragraph 1 it shall be prohibited to sell explosives, firearms under article 5, paragraph 1 and pyrotechnical products, except for category 1 fireworks and categories 2 and 3 fireworks in the quantities under article 53.

Chapter Four

ACQUISITION, SAFE-KEEPING, CARRYING AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND PYROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS

Section I

General Provisions

Article 50. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Natural and legal persons registered as traders under the Commerce Act, persons established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers and cultural organisations in the meaning of the Protection and Development of Culture Act may acquire explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, through purchase, by inheritance, by donation or through barter after obtaining an acquisition permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or by the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facility.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Bulgarian citizens, citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of third states residing on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and non-profit legal persons registered under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act may acquire explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, only by inheritance after obtaining an acquisition permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an

official authorised by him/her or by the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facility.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraphs 1 and 2 may acquire firearms and ammunition for them through purchase, barter or by inheritance after obtaining an acquisition permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or by the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facility or the permanent address of the natural person.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In case the items under paragraphs 1 - 3 are inherited the inheritor shall submit, within 14 days of receiving the inheritance, an application form to the Director of NPDG of the MoI or to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facility for issuing an acquisition permit.

(5) In case the chief of the MoI regional directorate is absent the respective permit shall be issued by an official authorised with an order of the Minister of the Interior.

Article 51. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Natural persons staying on the territory of another member state, natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons registered under the law of another member state may acquire firearms and ammunition for them on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria through purchase, by inheritance, by donation or through barter after obtaining an acquisition permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons registered under the law of another member state may acquire explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria through purchase, by inheritance, by donation or through barter after obtaining an acquisition permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Natural persons staying on the territory of another member state may acquire explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria after obtaining an acquisition permit issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue the permit under paragraphs 1 - 3 only after a prior written authorisation by the respective body of the member state where the person resides.

Article 52. Where the firearm is acquired as an award the award order shall substitute the acquisition permit.

Article 53. No permit shall be required for acquisition, safe-keeping and use of fireworks of category 2 - up to 5 kg gross weight, and of category 3 - up to ten single items.

Article 54. (1) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Bulgarian citizens, citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of third states residing permanently on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, natural and legal persons registered as traders under the Commerce Act, persons established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers and non-profit legal persons registered under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act shall be obliged, within 14 days after acquiring a gas or signal weapon and/or a pneumatic weapon with kinetic energy over 24 joules, to notify in writing the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the registered address of the legal entity or at the permanent address of the natural person.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Where the persons under paragraph 1 have acquired a weapon in another member state they shall be obliged, within four months after the acquisition, to notify the chief of the MoI regional directorate by registered address of the legal entity or by permanent address of the natural person.

(3) Where a natural person imports and/or exports a non-firing weapon owned by him/her and ammunition for it he/she shall be obliged to declare it at the border check point.

(4) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The chief of the MoI regional directorate by registered address of the legal entity or by permanent address of the natural person or an official authorized by him shall issue a certifying document of the notification made under paragraphs 1 and 2.

Article 55. (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who sells or presents to another person a gas or signal weapon owned by him/her and/or a pneumatic weapon with kinetic energy over 24 joules shall be obliged, within seven days after the transfer, to notify in writing the chief of the MoI regional directorate by registered address of the legal entity or by permanent address of the natural person.

Article 56. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person under article 50, paragraphs 1 - 3 who has obtained an acquisition permit may keep and/or use the explosives and the pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, or to keep, carry and/or use firearms and ammunition for them after obtaining a permit for the respective activities from the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or by the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facility or the permanent address of the natural person.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person under article 51, paragraphs 2 and 3 who has obtained an acquisition permit may keep and/or use the explosives and the pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only with a permit for the respective activities issued by the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The

person under article 51, paragraphs 2 and 3 who has obtained an acquisition permit may keep and/or carry and use firearms and ammunition for them on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only with a permit for the respective activities issued by the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her after a prior written authorisation by the respective competent body of the member state where the persons resides.

(4) The persons under paragraph 1 - 3 may submit applications for issuing permits for acquisition, safe-keeping, carrying and use at the same time or consecutively.

(5) Several types of activities may be entered in the issued permit.

Article 57. (1) The person who has obtained a permit for acquisition or safe-keeping and/or carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them shall notify in writing the body that has issued the respective permits of the intention to sell, barter or donate of the firearms owned by him/her and the ammunition for them to a person, who has been issued with a permit for acquisition of this type of firearm(s) and ammunition for them.

(2) The transaction may be completed after an amendment to the respective permit of the transferor or after the termination of its validity when only one firearm has been entered in the permit.

(3) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) In instances of proceedings instituted under the order of the Code of Civil Procedure or the Tax and Social Insurance Procedure Code the notification under paragraph 1 shall be made by the respective bailiff or official executor.

Article 58. (1) No permits for acquisition and/or safe-keeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products, nor permits for acquisition, safe-keeping and/or carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them shall be issued to a person:

1. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) who is under 18 years of age;
 - 1a. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) who has not completed elementary education - if he/she applies for issuance of permit for acquisition;
2. who has been convicted for a deliberate crime of a general nature or against whom criminal proceedings have been instituted for a deliberate crime of a general nature;
3. (amended, SG No. 94/2015, effective 1.01.2016) of whom notification has been received under Article 182, paragraph 2, item 2 or under Article 221, paragraph 6 of the Tax-Insurance Procedure Code;
4. who suffers from a mental disorder;
5. who in the last three years has been obligatorily placed in medical establishments under Chapter Five, Section II of the Health Act or has been treated for abuse of drugs;
6. (amended, SG No. 53/2014) who in the last three years has been placed more than twice

in a sobering establishment;

7. who in the last three years has breached public order more than three times for which administrative sanctions have been imposed;

8. who has been subject in the last three years to protection measures under the Protection from Domestic Violence Act;

9. who has not completed a course on safe handling of firearms in the cases where the person is applying for a permit to carry and use firearms and ammunition for them;

10. who has no valid reason - self defence, hunting, sport, cultural purposes, collection which justifies undoubtedly the issuing of the permit;

(2) Minors and underage persons may use weapons and ammunition only at a firing range for training and sports purposes and only with the written authorisation of their lawful representatives and under the guidance of a licensed instructor or a trainer.

(3) A natural person may use firearms and ammunition without a permit only at a firing range for training and sport purposes under the guidance of a licensed instructor or a trainer.

(4) No permit for use shall be issued to persons who do not have the necessary qualification and certificate for work safety during explosive works and for working with stage pyrotechnical products of category T2, other pyrotechnical products of category 2 and fireworks of category 4.

(5) The terms and procedures for conducting the courses under paragraph 1, item 9 shall be determined with a regulation of the Minister of the Interior. Where the courses on safe handling of firearms are conducted by the MoI a charge shall be collected for an amount specified in the tariff under article 12.

(6) Natural persons under the age of 18 may not acquire and carry non-firing weapons.

Article 59. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition, safe-keeping, carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them and a permit for acquisition and safe-keeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall be obliged to protect them from theft, loss and access of other persons and to take measures to prevent accidents and injuries in the course of their use.

(2) A person, who loses explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products or a permit for activities with them shall be obliged to notify the MoI authorities forthwith.

(3) A person, who finds explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall notify the MoI authorities forthwith without disturbing their layout.

Article 60. (1) The following shall be prohibited:

1. to carry weapons openly in public places except when performing security work;

2. to keep and carry weapons for sports and cultural purposes with a round in the barrel or the cylinder;

3. to carry and use weapons and ammunition:

a) (supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) at political, trade union and cultural events, unless required for the cultural event;

b) at sports events unless they are needed for the events itself;

c) in public catering and entertainment establishments;

d) in prayer houses, temples and monasteries;

e) in medical and health establishments in educational establishments and social homes;

f) during and after the use of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating substances;

3a. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) to use:

a) firearms for any purpose other than that for which they were acquired, except for the cases under article 95, paragraph 1;

b) non-firing weapons in public areas;

4. to acquire, keep, carry and use weapon silencers;

5. to use for other purposes firearms or ammunition for them when they have been acquired for cultural purposes;

6. to use pyrotechnic products in vehicles, with the exception of the pyrotechnical products for vehicles, in the vicinity of flammable materials as well as in the vicinity of medical and health establishments, of educational establishments, social homes, prayer houses, temples and monasteries and the use of pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, in closed premises.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The prohibition under paragraph 1, item 3, "a" - "e" and item 3a, "b" shall not apply to persons who are performing official security duties.

(3) The prohibition under paragraph 1, item 6 shall not apply to persons who have the necessary qualification and are licensed for safety of work with explosives, pyrotechnical products for political, sports, religious, cultural events and shooting movie productions after notification to the respective MoI regional directorate at the location of their use.

Section II

Acquisition, Safe-keeping and Use of explosives and Pyrotechnical Products

Article 61. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for acquisition of explosives and/or pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria the persons under article 50, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facility respectively, and the persons under article 51, paragraphs 2 and 3 - to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form in which they shall indicate:

1. name and address of the legator or transferor;
2. the type and quantity of explosives and/or pyrotechnical products;
3. a justifiable reason for issuing the permit in the cases of purchase, barter and donation.

(2) The following documents shall be attached to the application:

1. a document certifying the method of acquisition in the cases of inheritance;
2. a statement that the acquired explosives for civil use and the pyrotechnical products have an applied "CE" mark pursuant to article 28, unique identification pursuant to article 29 for the explosives for civil use respectively;
3. a list of the persons who will have access to the explosives and/or pyrotechnical products coordinated with the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of their safe-keeping;
4. a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 20/2018) Natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons registered under the national law of a member state shall present with their documentation under paragraph 2 also a copy of a certificate for registration in the respective register under the national law of the other member state in a legalised translation in Bulgarian.

(4) The Bulgarian citizens, the citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and citizens of third countries residing permanently on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the manager(s) or the members of the management bodies of the persons under paragraph 3 in addition to the documents under paragraph 2 shall submit also the following documents:

1. (amended, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) if the person is a foreign citizen – a document attesting that the respective person has not been convicted for a deliberate crime of a

general nature; for Bulgarian citizens this circumstance shall be checked by official channels;

2. an official document issued by a body of the judiciary or a corresponding document under the national law of the other state certifying that the person is not subject to criminal proceedings for deliberate crime of a general nature;

3. a medical certificate from a medical establishment or a respective document under the national law of the other state certifying that the person does not suffer from mental disorders.

Article 62. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for safe-keeping the person, who has obtained a permit for acquisition of explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, shall submit an application in standard form to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate respectively at the location of the warehouse, accompanied by the following documents:

1. permission to use the facilities or another substituting document issued under the Spatial Development Act;

2. a document certifying the legal grounds for using the facilities;

3. passport of the warehouse for safe-keeping of the explosives and pyrotechnical products;

4. a copy of a certificate for qualification obtained by the managers of the respective warehouses for safety of work with explosives or a corresponding document under the national law of another member state;

5. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person, engaged in private security business under the Private Security Business Act; when the protection of the warehouses will be carried out by employees of the person, who has obtained an acquisition permit, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;

6. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

Article 63. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) Natural and legal persons registered as traders on the territory of a member state and the persons, established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers, who apply for obtaining permit for safekeeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products, except for category 1 fireworks, must have available:

1. storage warehouses - own or leased, which conform to the technical rules and norms on design of construction projects, intended for manufacture and safekeeping of explosives, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and to the requirements for physical protection of construction projects in accordance with the Spatial Development Act.

2. chief of the storage warehouse;

3. employees who exercise control over compliance with the workplace safety rules in regard to handling of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

4. specialists, who keep track of the products placed in safekeeping.

(2) The requirements regarding the qualification of the persons under paragraph 1 shall be determined by the ordinance under article 14, paragraph 2.

Article 63a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain permit for safekeeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products, except for category 1 fireworks, the persons under article 63, paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, respectively to the chief of the MoI regional directorate by location of the warehouse an application according to template, accompanied by:

1. the documents under article 17, paragraph 1, item 1 and article 62;

2. the documents under article 61, paragraph 4 in regard to the manager/s or members of the governing bodies of persons under article 63, paragraph 1;

3. copy of employment contract, document of qualification acquired, in accordance with the requirements of article 63, paragraph 2 and the documents under article 61, paragraph 4 in regard to persons under article 63, paragraph 1, items 2-4.

Article 64. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for use the person under article 62 who has obtained a safe-keeping permit shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI - for the entire territory of this country, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the warehouse respectively, an application in standard form accompanied by the following documents:

1. a copy of a certificate for acquired qualification in safety at work with explosives or a corresponding document under the national law of another member state for the persons or the employees who will carry out the explosive works;

2. a list of the employees who will carry out the explosive works;

6. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

Article 65. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for use of pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, Bulgarian citizens, citizens of other member states staying on the territory of a member state and citizens of third states residing permanently in the Republic of Bulgaria shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI for the territory of the country, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of their use, respectively, an application in standard form accompanied by the following documents:

1. the documents under article 61, paragraph 4;
2. a copy of a certificate for acquired qualification in safety at work with explosives or a corresponding document under the national law of another member-state;
3. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

(2) In order to obtain a permit for use of explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons, registered under the national law of a member-state, shall submit to the body under paragraph 1 an application in standard form accompanied by:

1. (amended, SG No. 20/2018) a certificate for registration in the respective register under the national law of another member state – in a legalised translation in Bulgarian;
2. a list of the employees who will carry out the explosive works;
3. the documentation under paragraph 1, items 1 and 2 for the persons under item 2;
4. the documentation under article 61 paragraph 4 for the manager(s) or the members of the management bodies;
5. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

Article 66. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition of explosives and pyrotechnical products may enter into safekeeping contracts with persons who have obtained a safekeeping permit under article 63a.

(2) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition and/or safe-keeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products may conclude a contract with persons who have obtained a permit for use, for carrying out explosive works.

Article 67. The persons who have obtained a permit or a certificate for manufacture of explosives and pyrotechnical products may use them without the permit under article 65, paragraph 2 when they use them to obtain products with industrial, special or cultural purpose.

Article 68. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receipt of the application and the documentation under articles 61, 62, 63a, 64 and 65 the NPDG of the MoI, the MoI regional directorate respectively, shall assess the completeness and the compatibility of the documentation supplied with the requirements for issuing the respective permit and shall carry out an on-site inspection of the storage facilities.

(2) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the body under paragraph 1 shall notify the applicant in writing and shall issue instructions and allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 5 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or the chief of the MoI regional directorate shall verify ex officio the circumstances under article 58, paragraph 1, items 3, 6 and 7 and whether pre-trial proceedings have been instituted for a deliberate crime of a general nature against manager(s) and/or the members of the management bodies of the legal person.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her, or the chief of the MoI regional directorate respectively, shall issue a permit or deny the issue with motivation within one month after the submission of the application.

(6) The denial under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

(7) In case of a motivated denial to issue a permit for acquisition in the cases of inheritance the inheritor shall submit the explosives and /or pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1, to the body under paragraph 1 for safe-keeping immediately after receiving the decision of denial. The owner of the products may transfer the ownership on them to a person, who has obtained an acquisition permit after the decision on denial becomes effective.

Article 69. (1) The permits for acquisition of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall be issued for a period of three months and within this term they may be used once.

(2) The permits for safe-keeping and/or using explosives and pyrotechnical products shall be valid for a period of five years of the date of their issue.

(3) The issued permits for safe-keeping and/or use shall be valid only for the types and/or quantities of explosives and pyrotechnical products specified in them and may be used only by the persons to whom they were issued.

Article 70. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person who has obtained a permit for acquisition, safe-keeping and/or use of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall notify the NPDG of the MoI, the MoI regional directorate respectively, about

1. reconstruction of the storage facilities;
2. changes of the storage warehouse managers and/or the employees who carry out explosive works;
3. changes in the commercial registration or of the registration as a non-profit legal person.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 20/2018) In the cases under paragraph 1, items 1 and 2 the person who has obtained a permit for acquisition, safe-keeping and/or use of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall submit within 14 days of the occurrence of the change the documents related to it and a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(3) The assessment of the documentation under paragraph 2 and the on-site inspection of the storage warehouses, if needed, shall be carried out pursuant to article 68, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her, or the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the storage facilities shall enter the change in the issued permit for acquisition, safe-keeping and/or use within 14 days of the submission of the documentation.

Article 71. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Within one month before the expiry of the term under article 69, paragraph 2 the person who has obtained a permit for safe-keeping and/or use of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall submit an application in standard form accompanied by the documentation under articles 62, 63a, 64 or 65 to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or the respective chief of the MoI regional directorate for renewal of the permit.

(2) The permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued pursuant to article 68.

Article 72. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition, safe-keeping and use of explosives for civil use shall establish and maintain the system under article 33 and shall comply with the obligations under article 34.

Article 73. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for safe-keeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall keep a register which shall contain:

1. the name and address of the person from whom the explosives and pyrotechnical products were received;

2. the name and address of the person, who received the explosives and pyrotechnical products;

3. the quantities of explosives and pyrotechnical products, identification data of them as well as the date of receipt and handing over;

4. identification data and quantities of discarded explosives and pyrotechnical products.

(2) The persons who have obtained a permit for use of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall keep a register which shall contain:

1. the name and address of the person from whom the explosives and pyrotechnical products were received;

2. the type and quantities of explosives and pyrotechnical products received and used;
3. the type and remaining quantities of explosives and pyrotechnical products and name and address of the person to whom they were provided.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall present, within ten working days after the end of every quarter, to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI who has issued the permit or to the respective chief of the MoI regional directorate respectively, a copy of the registers for the elapsed quarter on a paper or electronic carrier.

(4) The data of the registers under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be kept for a period of ten years and shall be presented to the bodies of the MoI on request.

Article 74. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for safe-keeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall ensure round the clock armed protection in coordination with the body which has issued the permit and shall comply with the technical rules and norms for safe-keeping of explosives and pyrotechnical products pursuant to the Spatial Development Act.

(2) It shall be permitted to store together in the warehouses under paragraph 1 different types of explosives in amounts determined in the Spatial Development Act.

Article 75. The persons who have obtained a permit for use pursuant to this section when carrying out special and technical explosion works or pyrotechnic effects shall notify in writing the chief of the MoI regional directorate on the territory of which the respective works shall be carried out and shall present a permit for carrying out explosive works and/or pyrotechnical effects issued by the respective Labour Inspectorate.

Section III

Acquisition, Safe-keeping, Carrying and Use of Firearms and Ammunition for Them

Article 76. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for acquisition of firearms and ammunition for them Bulgarian citizens, citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of a third state residing permanently on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, natural and legal persons registered as traders pursuant to the Commerce Act, persons established by legislative act or by an act of the Council of Ministers and non-profit legal persons registered under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act shall submit an application form to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, the chief of the MoI regional directorate respectively, according to permanent address, storage address respectively.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In

order to obtain a permit for acquisition of firearms and ammunition for them the natural persons staying on the territory of another member state, natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons registered under the national law of another member-state shall submit an application form to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI.

(3) The application under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall specify:

1. method of acquisition;
2. name and address of the legator or transferor;
3. justifiable reason for issuing the permit in case of donation, purchase or barter;
4. the type and quantity of firearms and ammunition for them.

(4) The applications shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. a document certifying the method of acquisition of the firearms and ammunition in case of inheritance and award;
2. a statement that the acquired firearms and ammunition for them shall be kept under the provision of article 98;
3. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) a document, certifying completion of elementary education - as regards individuals;
4. a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(5) The persons under paragraph 2 shall submit with the documentation under paragraphs 3 and 4 also a prior written authorisation by the respective body of the member state in which the person resides.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 20/2018) Natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons registered under the national law of a member state shall submit with the documentation under paragraphs 3 and 4 also a certificate for registration in the respective register under the national law of the other member state – in a legalised translation in Bulgarian.

(7) The Bulgarian citizens, the citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of a third state residing permanently on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the manager(s) and members of the management bodies of the legal persons under paragraph 1 shall submit with the documentation under paragraphs 3 and 4 the documents under article 61, paragraph 4.

Article 77. (1) Natural persons applying for a permit for acquisition of firearms and ammunition for them for sports purposes in addition to the documents under article 76, paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 shall also submit a document for membership in the respective sports organisation under the Physical Education and Sports Act, and when the persons are staying on

the territory of another member state - a respective document in a legalised Bulgarian translation.

(2) Natural persons applying for a permit for acquisition of firearms and ammunition for them for hunting purposes in addition to the documents under article 76, paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 shall also submit a certified hunting ticket pursuant to the Hunting and Game Protection Act, and when the persons are staying on the territory of another member-state - a respective document in a legalised Bulgarian translation.

(3) When applying for a permit for acquisition of hunting rifled weapons the natural persons shall submit also a certificate for selective hunting.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 20/2018) The persons under 76, paragraphs 1 and 2, possessing firearms and ammunition for them for which they have issued permits for safe-keeping and/or carrying and use and their term has not expired, may acquire another firearm and ammunition for it after obtaining a permit for acquisition. The persons shall submit an application to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, the chief of the MoI regional directorate, respectively, at the location of the storage facility or the permanent address, in which they shall indicate the type and quantity of firearms and ammunition for them and a document for paid charges for an amount determined by the tariff under article 12.

Article 78. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 88/2010, amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, supplemented, SG No. 70/2013, effective 9.08.2013, amended and supplemented, SG No. 53/2014, amended, SG No. 14/2015, amended and supplemented, SG No. 79/2015, effective 1.11.2015, supplemented, SG No. 81/2016, effective 1.01.2017) The civil servants at the MoI, NSSA, SIA, SATO, the Security Directorate General and the Sanctions Implementation Directorate General at the Ministry of Justice, the employees of the Protection Bureau with the Prosecutor General and the servicemen in the Armed Forces, commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers of NPS, as well as the government officials from the SCIS, carrying out their activity under Article 9, item 18 of the Classified Information Protection Act, shall obtain a permit for acquisition, safe-keeping and/or carrying and use of short-barrelled firearms and ammunition for them from the Director of the GPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her, by the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the permanent address, respectively, on the basis of an application in standard form, indicating the type and quantity of firearms and ammunition for them, accompanied by the following documents:

1. certificate from the respective agency evidencing that they are employees or servicemen;
2. two photographs with dimensions 3 x 4 cm;
3. certificate of fitness for use, issued under the procedure of article 87, paragraph 2, in case the firearm is not new;
4. document for paid state charges for an amount, determined by the tariff under article 12.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In

order to obtain a permit for acquisition, safe-keeping and/or carrying and use of short-barrelled firearms and ammunition for them the persons under paragraph 1 with terminated contracts, with the exception of the ones on whom the disciplinary sanction "dismissal" has been imposed, shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the permanent address, respectively an application in standard form in which they shall indicate the type and quantity of firearms and ammunition for them, accompanied by the following documents:

1. an official letter from the respective department certifying that the persons is a former public servant;
2. the documents under article 61, paragraph 4;
3. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) two photographs with dimensions 3 x 4 cm;
4. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) certificate of fitness for use, issued under the procedure of article 87, paragraph 2, in case the firearm is not new;
5. (renumbered from item 3, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Officials of a foreign diplomatic mission who are citizens of the sending state may acquire and/or carry and use short barrelled firearms and ammunition for them for official purposes complying with the principle of reciprocity after obtaining the respective permit from the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to receive the permit under paragraph 3 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall present to the NPDG of the MoI the following documents:

1. a note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the respective state to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria with a request to issue a permit for each official;
2. copy and translation of the document issued by the competent authority of the sending state, endorsed by a Bulgarian diplomatic mission, certifying the entitlement of the diplomatic official under paragraph 3 to possess and carry the specified type of firearm and ammunition for it;
3. an official letter from a Bulgarian diplomatic mission issued to the official under paragraph 3 in case of forthcoming import or transport on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of firearms and ammunition for them owned by him/her.

Article 78a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Bulgarian citizens, citizens of another Member State, staying in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of third states, permanently residing in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, may obtain prior written approval for acquisition of firearms in another

Member State by the Director of NPDG of MoI, provided they meet the requirements of article 58, paragraph 1.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Any person under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of NPDG of MoI an application according to template accompanied by documents, certifying compliance with the requirements of article 58, paragraph 1 and a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of MoI shall issue the advance written approval according to template under the procedure of article 83. If the person under paragraph 1 holds a license issued for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them, the Director of NPDG of MoI shall issue the prior written approval within 7 days of submission of the application under paragraph 2.

(4) The prior written approval shall be valid for a term of up to three months as of the date of obtaining it and if the person holds a license issued for acquisition under article 76 - until the expiry of the validity of the same.

Article 79. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a safe-keeping permit the person, who has obtained a permit for acquisition of firearms and ammunition for them shall submit an application in standard form and a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12 to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate, respectively, at the location of the safe-keeping facility or of the permanent address - for natural persons.

(2) The persons under paragraph 1 who possess warehouses for safe-keeping of firearms and ammunition for them shall present with the documents under paragraph 1 the following documents:

1. a permit to use the facilities or a another substituting document issued pursuant to the Spatial Development Act;

2. a document certifying the legal grounds for using the facilities;

3. a passport of the warehouse for safekeeping the firearms and the ammunition for them;

4. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person engaged in private security work under the Private Security Business Act; when the protection of the warehouses shall be carried out by employees of the person under paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;

5. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) copy of employment contract, document of qualification acquired, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4 and the documentation under Article 61, paragraph 4 in regard to the persons under paragraph 3.

(3) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Persons under paragraph 1, who have available warehouses for safekeeping of firearms and ammunition for them, must have available:

1. chief of the storage warehouse;
2. employees exercising control over compliance with the safety rules in regard to handling of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;
3. experts who keep records of the movement of the products.

(4) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The requirements for the qualification of individuals under paragraph 3 shall be determined by the ordinance under Article 14, paragraph 2.

Article 80. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) Natural and legal persons, registered as traders in the territory of a Member State and persons established by legislative act or by an act of the Council of Ministers, which apply for issuance of permit for safekeeping of firearms and ammunition for them, must have available:

1. storage warehouses - own or leased, which conform to the requirements for physical protection of construction projects in accordance with the Spatial Development Act - in regard to the firearms warehouses and to the technical rules and norms on design of construction projects, intended for manufacture and safekeeping of explosives, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and to the requirements for physical protection of construction projects in accordance with the Spatial Development Act - in regard to the ammunition warehouses;

2. chief of the storage warehouse;

3. employees exercising control for compliance with the safety rules in regard to handling of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products - in regard to the ammunition warehouses;

4. experts who keep records of the movement of the products.

(2) The requirements for qualification of individuals under paragraph 1, items 2 - 4 shall be determined by the ordinance under Article 14, paragraph 2.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for safekeeping of firearms and ammunition for them the persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the warehouse, respectively, an application in standard form accompanied by:

1. the documents under Article 79, paragraph 2, items 1 - 4;
2. the documents under Article 61, paragraph 4 for the manager/s or members of their management bodies;

3. (amended, SG No. 20/2018) a certificate of entry in the respective register under the national law of the other member state – in a legalised Bulgarian translation;

4. copy of employment contract, document of qualification acquired, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 2 and documentation under Article 61, paragraph 4 in regard to the persons under paragraph 1, items 2 - 4;

5. a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for safekeeping of firearms the cultural organisations in the meaning of the Protection and Development of Culture Act and similar ones under the national law of another member state, which have no acquisition permit and wish to lease firearms under Article 6, paragraph 3, item 4, shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate by location of the safekeeping facility, respectively, an application in standard form in which the following must be indicated:

1. the address of the safekeeping facility;
2. a justifiable reason for issuing the permit;
3. name and address of the lessor;
4. type and quantity of the firearms.

(5) The application under paragraph 4 shall be accompanied by:

1. (amended, SG No. 20/2018) a certificate of registration in the respective register under the national law of the other member state – in a legalised Bulgarian translation;

2. a copy of the contract for carrying out security activity using signals security equipment;

3. a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under Article 12.

Article 81. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for carrying and using firearms the Bulgarian citizens, the citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of a third state residing permanently on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria who have obtained a permit for acquisition and safekeeping shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the permanent address respectively, an application form accompanied by:

1. (supplemented, SG No. 103/2016) a document of a completed course on safe handling of firearms or an official note from the respective institution under article 78, paragraph 1 that they are former officers or servicemen – for official purposes or self-defence, a hunting ticket – for hunting purposes, or a document for membership in a respective sports organisation under the Physical Education and Sports Act – for sports purposes;

2. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);

3. certificate for good working order issued pursuant to article 87, paragraph 2, when the arms are not new;

4. a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) When natural or legal persons registered as merchants, sports and cultural organisations and hunting societies, registered under the domestic legislation of a Member State and persons established by legislative act or by an act of the Council of Ministers have obtained permits for acquisition and safekeeping, they shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the safekeeping facility of the firearms and ammunition for them, respectively, an application in standard form for issuing permits for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them to their employees or members.

(3) The application under paragraph 2 shall specify the reason for issuing the permits and the following shall be submitted:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);

2. copies of the employment or service contracts of the employees or a document certifying the membership in the respective organisation;

3. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);

4. the documents under paragraph 1 for each employee or member and for each firearm;

5. the documents under article 61, paragraph 4 for each employee or member.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for carrying and using firearms and ammunition for them a natural person, staying on the territory of another member state, shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI the documents under paragraph 1 and a prior written authorisation, issued by a competent authority of the other member state.

Article 81a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Firearms and ammunition may be used at shooting ranges after obtaining a permit for use, issued by the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, respectively by the chief of the MoI regional directorate by the location of the shooting range

(2) The permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued to natural and legal persons, registered as traders and to non-profit legal entities, registered under the domestic law of a member state, which are owners or users of a shooting range.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain the permit under paragraph 1 any natural and legal persons registered as merchants and any non-profit legal entities, registered under the domestic law of another member state, who are owners or users of a shooting range, shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, respectively to the chief of the MoI regional directorate by the location of the shooting range an application in standard form, accompanied by:

1. (amended, SG No. 20/2018) a certificate of listing in the respective register under the domestic law of the other member state – in a legalised translation into Bulgarian language;

2. permit for use of the facilities or any other document in lieu of it, issued under the procedure of the Spatial Development Act;

3. document, evidencing the legal grounds of usage of the facilities;

4. the types of firearms and ammunition for them, which are to be used;

5. the documents under Article 61, paragraph 4 in regard to the manager/s or members of their governing bodies;

6. document of qualification of the shooting instructor/s or trainer/s and the documents under Article 61, paragraph 4 in regard to each of them;

7. document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under Article 12.

Article 82. (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquiring firearms and ammunition for them may enter into safekeeping contracts with persons, who have obtained a permit for safekeeping under Article 80, paragraph 1.

Article 83. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Upon receiving the documents under Article 76, paragraph 3 - 7, article 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 and 81a the NPDG of the MoI, the MoI regional directorate, respectively, shall assess the completeness and the compliance of the submitted documents with the requirements for issuing a permit and shall conduct an on-site inspection of the storage facilities if needed.

(2) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the body under paragraph 1 shall notify the applicant in writing and shall allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 5 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or the chief of the MoI regional directorate shall verify ex officio the circumstances under Article 58, paragraph 1, items 3, 6 and 7 and whether pre-trial

proceedings have been instituted for a deliberate crime of a general nature against the natural persons or against the respective person.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or the chief of the MoI regional directorate respectively, shall issue a permit or deny the issue with motivation within one month after the submission of the application.

(6) The denial under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

(7) In case of a motivated denial to issue a permit for acquisition in the cases of inheritance the inheritor shall submit the firearms and/or the ammunition for them to the body under paragraph 1 for safe-keeping immediately after receiving the decision of denial. The owner of the products may transfer the ownership on them to a person, who has obtained an acquisition permit after the decision on denial becomes effective.

Article 84. (1) The permit for acquisition of firearms and the ammunition for them shall be issued for a period of three months and within this term they may be used once.

(2) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The permits for safe-keeping, for using firearms and ammunition for them and the permit under Article 81a shall be valid for a period of five years after the date of their issue except in the cases under paragraph 3.

(3) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) When the permit for carrying and using firearms and ammunition for them or the permit under article 81a is issued after the permit for safekeeping its validity term shall continue until the expiry of the safekeeping permit.

(4) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The permit for safekeeping, the permit for carrying and use and the permit under article 81a shall be valid only for the types of firearms and ammunition for them specified in them and may be used only by the person to whom they were issued.

Article 85. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Bulgarian citizens, citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, natural and legal persons registered as traders under the Commerce Act, persons established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers and non-profit legal persons registered under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act who have acquired firearms and ammunition for them in another member-state shall be obliged, within seven days after entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to hand over to the MoI authorities the acquired firearms and the ammunition for them if they do not have a permit for safekeeping until they obtain the respective permit.

(2) When the persons under paragraph 1 have obtained the respective permits under this section they shall notify the MoI authorities within seven days after entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria so that this fact should be entered in the issued permits.

Article 86. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person, who has obtained a permit for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them or the permit under article 81a shall notify the NPDG of the MoI, the MoI regional directorate, respectively, about:

1. changes in the permanent address - for the natural persons, or

2. (amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) changes in the address of the facilities for safekeeping of the firearms and the ammunition for them; termination of the contract with the employees or members pursuant to article 81, paragraph 2, who have obtained permits for carrying and use of firearms and the ammunition for them, of changes in the commercial registration/the registration as a non-profit legal person or upon acquisition of firearms under the terms of Article 77, paragraph 4.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 20/2018) In the cases under paragraph 1 the person, who has obtained a permit for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them or the permit under article 81a shall submit within 14 days of the occurrence of the change the documents related to it and a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under article 12. No documents, related to changes in the commercial registration/registration as a non-profit legal entity need not be submitted.

(3) The assessment of the documentation under paragraph 2 and the on-site inspection of the safekeeping warehouses, if needed, shall be carried out pursuant to Article 83, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the safekeeping facilities shall enter the change within 14 day of the date of submission of the documentation in the issued permit for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use.

Article 87. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Within one month before he expiry of the term under Article 84, paragraph 2 the person, who has obtained a permit for safekeeping and/or carrying firearms and ammunition for them or the permit under article 81a shall submit an application form for renewal of the permit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or to the respective chief of the MoI regional directorate accompanied by:

1. (amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, SG No. 20/2018) the documents under Articles 79, 80, Article 81, paragraph 1, item 4 and paragraph 2 - 4 or Article 81a, and

2. certificate of good working order of the firearms.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) In order to obtain the certificate under paragraph 1, item 2 the person, who has obtained a permit for safekeeping and/or carrying and use or the permit under Article 81a shall provide the firearms possessed by him to the

persons under Article 133 to carry out a technical examination.

(3) The permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued pursuant to Article 83.

Article 88. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for safekeeping under Article 80, paragraph 1 shall keep a register which shall contain:

1. name and address of the person from whom the firearms and the ammunition for them were received;

2. name and address of the person, who received the firearms and the ammunition for them;

3. the quantities of firearms and the ammunition for them; identification data of them and the date of receipt or transfer;

4. identification data of the discarded firearms and the ammunition for them.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall present, within ten working days after the end of every quarter, to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or to the respective chief of the MoI regional directorate who has issued the permit a copy of the register for the preceding quarter on a paper or electronic carrier.

(3) The information of the register under paragraph 1 shall be kept for ten years of their entry and shall be provided to the MoI authorities on request.

(4) On terminating their activities the persons under paragraph 1 shall, within one month, hand over the register to the respective MoI body.

(5) In the cases under paragraph 4 the permit for safekeeping shall expire and this fact shall be entered in the register under Article 11.

Article 89. The MoI shall notify the competent authority of another member state of any issued permit pursuant to this section to a person staying on its territory.

Article 90. The persons who have obtained permits for the respective activities pursuant to this section may, after concluding a lease contract with the MoI, keep, carry and use the leased firearms and ammunition for them.

Article 91. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition and safekeeping of firearms under Article 6, paragraph 3, items 4 and 5 shall provide the firearms within 14 days of their acquisition to the persons under Article 133 for securing them against operation as intended.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for safekeeping under Article 80, paragraph 3 shall provide the leased firearms forthwith to the persons under Article 133 for securing them against operation as intended.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The terms and procedure for securing the firearms under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be determined by a regulation of the Minister of the Interior.

Article 92. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition of short-barrelled firearms (pistol and revolver) with the exception of the firearms under Article 91, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall present them for testing within seven days after the acquisition date.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 81/2016, effective 14.10.2016) Officials from the Capital City MoI Directorate or from the regional MoI directorate designated with an order of the Director of the GDNP of MoI Minister of the Interior shall carry out the testing and shall draw up a protocol form. The Capital City MoI Directorate or the regional MoI directorate shall collect and file in databases of cartridges and bullets samples suitable for comparative analysis.

(3) The firearms for which a lease contract has been concluded under Article 90 shall also be subject to testing.

(4) Charges in amounts determined in the tariff under Article 12 shall be paid for the testing.

Article 93. (1) The natural persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them may carry and use the firearm possessed only when it is accompanied by the issued permit.

(2) The natural persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms shall carry only one firearm of the ones enumerated in the issued permit for self defence.

Article 94. (1) (Effective 1.03.2011 - SG No. 73/2010, amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) When the persons under Article 81, paragraph 2 engage in security activity, their employees who have obtained a permit for carrying and use may, in the course of performing their security work, carry only firearms and ammunition for them for official purposes. During the rest of the time the firearms and ammunition for them shall be kept in the facilities specified in the permit for safekeeping.

(2) The persons under paragraph 1 shall insure their employees with civil liability insurance for inflicted property and non-property damages.

Article 95. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Firearms and ammunition for them, acquired under the procedure of this Act, may be used for sports and training purposes only at shooting ranges.

(2) (Repealed, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012).

(3) The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for sports purposes shall carry the firearms and the ammunition separately.

Article 95a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) Any persons, having obtained

permit under Article 81a, shall draw up a protocol on a form for the ammunition used in accordance with article 95, paragraph 1.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 103/2016, effective 28.06.2017) The persons under paragraph 1 shall keep a register, containing the information from the protocols under paragraph 1 and identification information on the persons using firearms under article 6, paragraphs 2 and 3, items 1 and 3 and ammunition for them.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 103/2016, effective 28.06.2017) Within 10 business days of the end of each quarter the persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of MoI or to the respective chief of MoI regional directorate, having issued the permit, a copy of the register under paragraph 2 for the past quarter in hard copy or on electronic carrier.

(4) The data from the register under paragraph 2 shall be stored for a period of 10 years of it being recorded and be made available to MoI bodies upon request.

(5) In case of winding up of their activity persons under paragraph 1 shall deliver within one month the register to the respective MoI body.

(6) In the cases under paragraph 5 the permit under article 81a shall expire and that circumstance shall be recorded in the register under article 11.

(7) (New, SG No. 103/2016, effective 27.12.2016) The Minister of Interior shall determine with an ordinance the terms and procedures for providing the information from the register under paragraph 2.

Article 96. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for hunting purposes may purchase ammunition for them as well as gunpowder and fuses for the purposes under article 6, paragraph 5, item 1 after producing the permit and an identity document.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 20/2018) The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for sports purposes may purchase fuses and gunpowder for the purposes under Article 6, paragraph 5, item 2 with a permit issued pursuant to Article 83 and a document proving the required quantity.

(3) The purchase of ammunition for other calibres of firearms different from the ones specified in the permit shall not be permitted.

(4) The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for hunting or sports purposes shall carry the firearms and the ammunition for them, the gunpowder and the fuses under Article 6, paragraph 5, item 1 separately.

Article 97. The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them under the procedures of this section may acquire spare parts for the firearms without permission with the exception of the main components of the firearms.

Article 98. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 103/2016) The firearms and the ammunition for them shall be kept in metal anchored safes equipped with combination locks – for natural persons at their permanent address.

(2) When the firearms and the ammunition for them cannot fit in the metal safes they shall be kept in a separate room with a door fitted with a combination lock and a metal entrance door.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for safekeeping of firearms and ammunition for them when they have safekeeping facilities shall ensure round the clock armed physical protection of the facilities or signal protection.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) When a natural person, who has obtained a permit for safekeeping and/or carrying and use is absent from the country for longer than three months and does not carry on him/her the firearms possessed, he/she shall store them at the safekeeping place created at his/her permanent address, or hand them over for safekeeping to the MoI authorities, or to a person, who has obtained a safekeeping permit under Article 80, paragraph 1 of which a bilateral transfer and receipt protocol shall be drawn up.

Chapter Five

TRANSPORT OF EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS, FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Section I

Transport of Explosives, Pyrotechnical Products Firearms and Ammunition on the Territory of the Republic of Bulgaria

Article 99. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A permit for transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be issued to natural and legal persons registered as traders, to non-profit legal persons registered under the national law of a member state and to persons established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers, who have obtained a permit for manufacture, trade, acquisition and/or safekeeping under the procedures herein from the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or from the chief of the MoI regional directorate on the territory of which they will be transported.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A permit for transport of explosives and pyrotechnical products shall be issued to natural persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition under Article 50, paragraph 2 and under Article 51, paragraph 3 from the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or

from the chief of the MoI regional directorate on the territory of which they will be transported.

(3) The natural persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use shall transport their own firearms, ammunition for them as well as the fuses and the gunpowder under article 6, paragraph 5 on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria with the respective permit.

(4) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Persons having obtained a permit for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them for collecting or cultural purposes, shall transport their own firearms and ammunition for them for collecting or cultural purposes in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria under the respective permit, if rendered safe under the procedure of Article 91, paragraph 3.

(5) (Renumbered from paragraph 4, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) No permit shall be required for transport of fireworks of category 1, neither of categories 2 and 3 for the quantities specified in article 53, nor of stage pyrotechnical products of categories T1 and T2 in quantities up to ten kg gross weight.

(6) (Renumbered from paragraph 5, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) No permit shall be required for transport of ammunition for non-firing arms.

(7) (Renumbered from paragraph 6, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) When carrying out explosive works the remaining quantities of explosives shall be transported by the persons who have obtained a permit under paragraph 1.

Article 100. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done with armed protection with the exception of the cases under Article 99, paragraphs 3 - 6.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The transport of explosives and pyrotechnical products on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done with vehicles and in transportation packages, meeting the requirements of international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, when that is required.

(3) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Approval of the transportation packages under paragraph 2 in the Republic of Bulgaria shall be provided by the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications under terms and procedure, determined by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications.

(4) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A fee shall be paid for the approval of transportation packages in amount, determined by the tariff under Article 12.

Article 101. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit the persons under Article 99, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall submit an application in standard form to the NPDG of the MoI or the MoI regional directorate on the territory of which the explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition will be

transported, accompanied by the following documents:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);
2. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person, engaged in private security business pursuant to the Private Security Business Act; when the consignment will be guarded by employees of the person under article 99, paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;
3. a certificate for good working order of the vehicle in the cases where one is required pursuant to the international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party;
4. a document for paid charges for an amount determined with the tariff under paragraph 12.

Article 102. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receipt of the application the NPDG of the MoI or the MoI regional directorate on the territory of which the explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition will be transported shall assess the completeness and the compatibility of the submitted documents with the requirements for issuing a permit.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the NPDG of the MoI or the MoI regional directorate, respectively, shall notify the applicant in writing and shall allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 4 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her or the chief of the district directorate of the MoI shall issue a permit or shall deny the issue with motivation within one month of the submission of the application.

(5) The denial under paragraph 4 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Article 103. (1) The permits for transport of explosives, firearms, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be issued for a period of six months and can be used within this period repeatedly.

(2) The person who has obtained a transport permit shall produce, at least three days before the specific transport, to the regional MoI directorate on the territory of which the explosives, firearms, ammunition and pyrotechnical products will be transported an application form containing the address of the recipient's seat, address of the facility to which the transport will

take place, the quantity and the identification data of the products to be transported, the vehicle and route of the consignment.

(3) The issued permits for transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms, and ammunition shall be valid only for the types of products and quantities specified in them and may be used only by the persons to whom they were issued.

Article 104. A copy of the permit for transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms, and ammunition shall accompany the consignment and shall be produced for inspection to the MoI authorities on request.

Article 105. (1) The person, who has obtained a transport permit shall be obliged to ensure safe performance of the loading/unloading operations of the explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearm, and ammunition and to limit the access to them of persons who are not related to the operation.

(2) The person who has obtained a transport permit shall be obliged in case of joint transport of explosives for which there is a risk of self-explosion and/or self-ignition to comply with the requirements specified by the manufacturer for each type of explosive.

Article 106. It shall be prohibited to transport on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria:

1. explosives and pyrotechnical products, with the exception of fireworks of category 1 and of fireworks of categories 2 and 3 up to the quantities under Article 53 as hand luggage in the public transport;

2. firearms and ammunition, explosives and pyrotechnical products in the form of parcels on any type of transport.

Article 107. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for transport of explosives for civil use shall establish and maintain the system under Article 33 and shall comply with the obligations pursuant to Article 34.

Section II

Transport of Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products on the Territory of the European Union

Article 108. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The transport of explosives for civil use from the territory of another member state to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done with a document for transport of explosives for civil use within the European Union pursuant to Annex No. 2 issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) The document under paragraph 1 shall be issued to a person, who has obtained permits for manufacture, trade, acquisition and/or safekeeping of explosives for civil use under the

procedures herein, referred to hereinafter "the recipient".

(3) With a view of obtaining prior authorisation by the member states through which the consignment will transit and from the member-state of origin of the consignment the recipient shall send to the respective competent authorities the document according to the form in Annex No. 2 which shall contain the following information:

1. number and expiry date of the respective permit of the recipient;
2. name, address, phone number and electronic mail address of the recipient, the supplier and of the persons carrying out the transport of the consignment;
3. a description of the transport method and of the consignment route and, if possible, entry and exit border crossing points in the member states;
4. dispatch date and estimated date of receipt;
5. name and seat of the manufacturer and quantity of the explosives for civil use;
6. identification number pursuant to the UN Recommendation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The recipient shall resent to the NPDG of the MoI the document, duly filled in and stamped by the competent authorities, or a document certifying the authorisation of the competent authorities of each of the member states through which the consignment will transit, a statement that the explosives for civil use have a "CE" compliance proofmark applied to them pursuant to the Technical Requirements to Products Act and have a unique identification pursuant to article 29 when they are to be released on the Bulgaria market, and a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(5) When the persons under paragraph 2 have obtained only an acquisition permit they shall specify the address of the safekeeping facility of the consignment.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue the document under paragraph 1.

(7) The document for transport of explosives for civil use within the European Union under paragraph 1 shall accompany the consignment along the entire route and shall be produced on request by the respective competent authorities of the member states.

(8) The recipient shall keep the document under paragraph 1 for a period of three years after the receipt of the consignment and shall present it to the MoI authorities on request.

Article 109. (1) The transport of explosives for civil use from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to another member state or from a member state through the territory of the Republic

of Bulgaria to another member state shall be done with a document for transport of explosives for civil use within the European Union issued by the competent authority of the receiving member state.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In the cases under paragraph 1 the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue a document certifying the authorisation of the Republic of Bulgaria for transit or for sending the consignment, or shall apply the respective seal in the document for transport of explosives for civil use within the European Union.

(3) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In instances of transportation of explosives for civil use from any member state across the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to any third country the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him shall issue a document certifying the authorisation of the Republic of Bulgaria for the transit passage.

Article 110. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The persons who have obtained a document pursuant to Article 108, paragraph 1 for transport of explosives for civil use shall establish and maintain the system under Article 33 and shall comply with the obligations under Article 34.

Article 111. (1) The transport of pyrotechnical products and explosives, with the exception of the ones under Article 108, from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done under the terms and procedures of Section I of this chapter and in addition to the documentation under Article 101 the prior authorisation of the member state shall be presented when this is required pursuant to its national law.

(2) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Transportation of pyrotechnical products and explosives, except for those under Article 108, from another member state to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be performed under the terms and procedure of Section I of this Chapter.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 26/2011, effective 30.06.2012, renumbered from paragraph 2, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) When the explosives and pyrotechnical products fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided therein shall also apply.

Section III

Transport of Firearms and Ammunition on the Territory of the European Union

Article 112. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A permit for repeated transport of firearms and ammunition from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to the territory of (an)other member state(s) shall be issued to persons, who have obtained a permit for manufacture pursuant to the procedures herein from the Director of the

NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit an application in standard form to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI accompanied by:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);

2. copies of commercial transaction contracts with manufacturers registered under the national law of another member state with deleted information which is commercial secret. Or a document certifying that the person under paragraph 1 possesses a manufacturing facility on the territory of another member-state(s);

3. a certificate for good working order of the vehicle, if required, pursuant to the international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party;

4. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person, engaged in private security business pursuant to the Private Security Business Act; when the consignment will be protected by employees of the person under paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;

5. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 26/2011, effective 30.06.2012) When the firearms and the ammunition fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided therein shall also apply.

(4) The transport permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued under the procedure of Article 118 and shall be valid for three years of the date of its issue.

Article 113. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person under article 112, paragraph 1 who has obtained a transport permit shall submit to the NPDG of the MoI at least one week before each consignment of firearms and ammunition:

1. an application in standard form containing: name and seat of the recipient; address of the facility to which the firearms and ammunition will be delivered; the quantity of firearms and ammunition; the identification data for the firearms and ammunition and the delivery route;

2. a prior written authorisation on receiving the consignment issued by a competent authority of the receiving member state when one is required under its national law.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The National Police Directorate General of the MoI, where required, shall perform an on-site inspection, before

dispatching the consignment, for compliance between the data specified in the application under paragraph 1, item 1 and the firearms and ammunition designated for transport and shall inspect the persons, who will carry out the armed protection of the vehicles. If compliance with the requirements is established a document on a sample form for transport of firearms and ammunition within the European Union shall be issued.

(3) The document under paragraph 2 shall accompany the consignment and shall be produced on request by the competent authorities of the other member states.

Article 114. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A permit for a single transport of firearms and ammunition from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to the territory of another member state(s) shall be issued to persons who have obtained a permit for trade pursuant to this act from the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit an application form to the NPDG of the MoI accompanied by:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);

2. the documentation under Article 112, paragraph 2;

3. a prior written authorisation for accepting the consignment issued by a competent authority of the receiving member state if one is required under its national law.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 26/2011, effective 30.06.2012) When the firearms and ammunition fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided therein shall also apply.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The National Police Directorate General of the MoI, where required, shall carry out an on-site inspection, before dispatching the consignment, for compliance of the information specified in the application under paragraph 2 with the firearms and ammunition designated for transport and of the persons who will carry out the armed protection of the vehicles.

(5) The transport permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued under the procedure of Article 118 and shall be valid for three months after the date of issue and within this period it can be used once.

(6) The permit for transport of firearms and ammunition for them shall accompany the consignment and shall be produced on request by the competent authorities of the other member states.

Article 115. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A permit for a single transport of firearms and ammunition from the territory of the

Republic of Bulgaria to the territory of another member state(s) shall be issued to persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition and/or safekeeping under the procedure herein from the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit an application form to the NPDG of the MoI accompanied by:

1. a justifiable reason for issuing the permit;
2. information on the recipient, supplier and on the persons carrying out the transport of the consignment - name, address, phone number and electronic mail address;
3. quantity and identification data of the firearms and ammunition for them;
4. description of the method of transport and the route of the consignment;
5. dispatch date and estimated date of receipt.

(3) The application under paragraph 2 shall be accompanied by:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);
- 2 a prior written authorisation to receive the consignment issued by a competent authority of the receiving member state if one is required under its national law;
3. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under article 12.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The National Police Directorate General of the MoI, where required, shall carry out an on-site inspection, before dispatching the consignment, for compliance of the information specified in the application with the type and quantity of firearms and ammunition in the consignment.

(5) The transport permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued under the procedure of article 118 and shall be valid for three months after the date of issue and within this period it can be used once.

(6) The permit for transport of firearms and ammunition for them shall accompany the consignment and shall be produced on request by the competent authorities of the member-states.

Article 116. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and using firearms under the procedure of Chapter Four may travel with the firearms possessed by them to the territory of other member states with a European firearms pass.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) A European firearms pass shall be issued by the NPDG of the MoI together with the issuing of a

permit for carrying and using firearms and ammunition for them during the permit's validity term or by the date of its renewal.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The National Police Directorate General of the MoI shall enter in the European firearms pass the member states in which firearms of categories B, C or D with specific identification data are prohibited for acquisition and/or carrying or are subject to a respective permission regime.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 20/2018) In order to obtain a European firearms pass the persons under paragraph 1 shall submit an application in standard form to the NPDG of the MoI accompanied by a document of payment of fee in amount, determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(5) The persons to whom a European firearms pass has been issued when travelling to another member-state have to obtain a prior written authorisation from the competent authority of that state and from the competent authority(ies) of the member state(s) through which the weapons will transit.

(6) The authorisation under paragraph 5 shall be valid for one or several trips within one year. In case of need the term may be extended. The date on which the authorisation is received and its validity shall be entered in the European firearms pass by the respective competent authority(ies) of the member state(s) on the territory of which the weapons will be carried or through the territory of which the weapons will transit.

Article 117. (1) The persons who have obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms under the procedure of Chapter Four may travel with the firearms of category C and D for hunting purposes possessed by them or with firearms of categories B, C and D for sports purposes to the territory of other member states with a European firearms pass.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form, an invitation for participation in a sports or hunting event from the respective organisation of the member-state and the documents under Article 116, paragraph 4.

(3) The authorisation under Article 116, paragraph 5 shall not be necessary for the issuing of the pass under paragraph 1.

(4) When the national law of the member state hosting the event, or of the member states through which the firearms will transit, envisages a permission regime for acquiring and possessing the transported firearms, prior written authorisation shall be produced issued by the respective competent authority(ies) of the member state(s).

Article 118. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receipt of the documentation under Article 112, paragraph 2, Article 114, paragraph 4 and Article 115, paragraphs 2 and 3 the NPDG of the MoI shall assess the completeness and compatibility of the submitted documents with the requirements for issuing a permit.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the NPDG of the MoI shall notify the applicant in writing and shall allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 4 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue a permit or shall deny the issue with motivation within one month of the submission of the application.

(5) The denial under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receipt of the documents under Article 116, paragraph 4 and Article 117, paragraph 2 the NPDG of the MoI shall issue a European firearms pass.

Article 119. (1) The European firearms pass shall be issued for a term of five years. The term may be extended pursuant to Articles 116 and 117.

(2) When the holder of a European firearms pass fails to apply for renewal he shall be obliged to return the pass to the MoI within 14 days after the expiry of its validity.

(3) The European firearms pass shall be according to a sample pursuant to Annex No. 3.

(4) The European firearms pass may not be given to another person.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The holder of a European firearms pass shall notify the Director of the NPDG of the MoI in the cases of acquisition of new firearms, of theft or loss of the possessed firearms and in the cases pursuant to Article 57, paragraph 2.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI shall enter the circumstances under paragraph 5 in the European firearms pass.

Article 120. (1) Persons staying on the territory of other member states may transport firearms and ammunition for them on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria with a transport permit or with a European firearms pass issued by the respective competent authority of the member state where they stay after a prior written authorisation by the MoI.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Persons staying on the territories of other member states may transport category C and D firearms for hunting purposes or category B, C and D firearms for sports purposes on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without prior

written authorisation of MoI, accompanied by an European firearms pass and an invitation or other document, evidencing their participation in a sports or hunting event.

(3) (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Persons under paragraph 2 may carry or use the respective firearms and ammunition for them only within the deadline and for the purposes specified in the invitation or in the document certifying the participation in a sports or hunting event.

(4) (Renumbered from paragraph 3, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) No permit shall be required for transport of ammunition for non-firing arms under the procedures herein.

Article 120a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain the prior written authorisation by MoI under Article 120, paragraph 1 any person, staying on the territory of another member state shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of MoI an application, indicating:

1. in cases of consignment;

a) a valid reason for issuance of the prior written authorization;

b) data regarding the consignee, supplier and persons, performing the transportation of the consignment - names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses;

c) quantity and identification data concerning the firearms and the ammunition for them;

d) description of the mode of transportation, the delivery route and details of the security in the process of transportation;

d) date of shipment and expected date of receipt;

2. in cases of visit:

a) reason for the visit;

b) period and place of visit;

c) quantity and identification data of the firearms and the ammunition for them.

(2) The application under paragraph 1 shall be accompanied by document of payment of fee in amount, determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In cases of delivery on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria the application under paragraph 1, item 1 and the document under paragraph 2 may be submitted to the Director of the NPDG of MoI also by the consignee of the delivery.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, supplemented, SG No. 103/2016) The

Director of the NPDG of MoI or an official authorised by him/her shall issue the prior written authorization according to template within one month of submission of the application and the document under paragraphs 1 and 2.

(5) The prior written authorisation under paragraph 1 shall be issued also in the cases of passage through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria from one member state to another member state or to any third country.

(6) The prior written authorization shall be valid for one occasion for the period of delivery, of the passage through the territory or of the visit and only for the types and quantities of firearms and ammunition for them, indicated therein and may be used only by the person, in the name of which it was issued.

Article 120b. (New, SG No. 103/2016) Persons residing on the territory of other member-states may keep and transport their own firearms under article 4, paragraph 2, item 1 on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria if the firearms have a common unique marking pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 and a deactivation certificate pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403. issued by the respective competent authority of the member-state where they reside.

Chapter Six

IMPORT, EXPORT AND TRANSIT TRANSPORT OF EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICAL PRODUCT, FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Article 121. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 56/2015) Import of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition and/or export of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition under Article 5, paragraph 1 to and/or from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done by natural and legal persons registered as traders under the national law of a member state and persons established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers, after obtaining a permit for import of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition or a permit for export of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition under Article 5, paragraph 1 issued by the Director of GPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form accompanied by the following documents:

1. (amended, SG No. 20/2018) a certificate of entry in the respective register under the national law of the other member state – in a legalised Bulgarian translation;

2. the documents under Article 64, paragraph 4 for the members of the management board of the persons under paragraph 1;

3. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);
4. address of the facility for safekeeping explosives, pyrotechnical product, firearms and ammunition - in case of import;
5. a copy of a document certifying the legal grounds for using the facility under paragraph 4 when the person under paragraph 1 has no permit for safekeeping;
6. copies of commercial contracts with partners established on the territory of the third state with deleted information which is commercial secret;
7. certificate of good working order of the vehicle when required pursuant to the requirements of the international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party;
8. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person, engaged in private security business; when the consignment will be guarded by employees of the person under article 99, paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;
9. a letter of prior authorisation issued by a competent authority of the third state when this is provided for in its national law - in case of export;
10. (effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) a statement that the facility for manufacture of explosives for civil use located on the territory of the third state has obtained an alphanumeric code pursuant to the requirements of article 15, paragraph 3 or has obtained an alphanumeric code from a competent authority of another member state;
11. a document for paid state charges for an amount determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(3) When the person under paragraph 1 has obtained a permit for manufacture, trade or safekeeping under the procedures herein he/she shall not submit the documents under paragraph 2, items 1 - 5.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 26/2011, effective 30.06.2012) When the explosives, pyrotechnical product, firearms and ammunition fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided in it shall also apply and the documents under paragraph 2, items 1, 2, 6 and 9 shall not be submitted.

(5) Where the explosives for civil use have no "CE" mark only quantities intended for carrying out tests for evaluating their compliance pursuant to the Technical Requirements to Products Act may be imported.

(6) The permit under paragraph 1 shall accompany the consignment and shall be produced on request by the competent authorities of the states through the territory of which the

consignment passes.

Article 121a. (New, SG No. 56/2015) Export of firearms and ammunition for them with the exception of the ones under article 5, paragraph 1 shall be carried out by natural and legal persons registered as traders under the national law of a member state and persons established by a legislative act or by an act of the Council of Ministers, after obtaining a permit for export of firearms and ammunition with the exception of the ones under Article 5, paragraph 1 issued by the Director of GPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) The export referred to in paragraph 1 shall be done in compliance with the requirements and procedures of Regulation (EU) 258/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UN Firearms Protocol), and establishing export authorisation, and import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition (OJ, L 94/1 of 30 March 2012), referred to hereinafter as "Regulation (EU) 258/2012".

(3) The persons referred to in paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of GPDG of the MoI an application form, the documents referred to in Article 121, paragraph 2, items 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 11 and:

1. a document issued by a competent authority of a third state certifying that it has permitted the import when this is provided for in national law;

2. a document certifying that the respective third transit state does not object to carrying out the transit;

(3) A filled in form for export permit as per Annex II of Regulation (EU) 258/2012.

(4) The documents referred to in paragraph 3, item 2 shall not be required in the cases referred to in Article 7, paragraph 1, item "b" of Regulation (EU) 258/2012.

(5) When the person referred to in paragraph 1 has obtained a permit for for manufacture, trade or safekeeping under the procedures herein he/she shall not submit the documents referred to in Article 121, paragraph 2, items 1 and 2.

(6) When the firearms and ammunition for them fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual-Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided for therein shall apply and the documents referred to in Article 121, paragraph 2, items 1, 2 and 6 shall not be submitted.

(7) The permit referred to in paragraph 1 shall accompany the delivery and shall be produced on request by the competent authorities of the the states through the territory of which the shipment passes.

Article 122. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No.

14/2015) Firearms for self-defence, for hunting, sports or cultural purposes and ammunition for them may be imported and exported by persons who have obtained a permit for acquisition, safekeeping and/or carrying and use under the procedure of Chapter Four after obtaining a permit for import and export issued by the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form accompanied by the following documents:

1. (repealed, SG No. 20/2018);

2. a document certifying the reason for issuing the permit for import and/or export;

3. (amended, SG No. 56/2015) a document issued by a competent authority of the third state of import certifying that it has permitted the import when this is provided for in its national law - in case of export;

3a. (new, SG No. 56/2015) a document certifying that the respective third transit state does not object to the transit - in case of export;

4. a quality certificate - in case of import of new firearms and ammunition for them;

5. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(3) (New, SG No. 56/2015) The documents referred to in paragraph 2, item 3a shall not be required in the cases referred to in 1, item "b" of Regulation 258/2012.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, renumbered from Paragraph 3, SG No. 56/2015) When the persons under paragraph 1 do not accompany the consignment they shall ensure its transport with vehicles meeting the requirements of the international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, when this is required.

(5) (Renumbered from Paragraph 4, SG No. 56/2015) The permit for import and export shall accompany the consignment and shall be produced on request by the competent authorities of the states through which it passes.

Article 122a. (New, SG No. 56/2015) No export permit pursuant to Article 121a, paragraph 1 shall be required in case of temporary export or re-export when:

1. the temporary export is performed by persons who have obtained a permit to carry and use firearms and ammunition for them for hunting and sports purposes and the following conditions are met:

a) they accompany the firearms and the ammunition when travelling to the third state;

b) they produce a document certifying the reason for the export - an invitation or another

document proving participation in a sports or hunting event;

c) the quantity of ammunition does not exceed a total of 800 rounds for hunting purposes and a total of 1200 rounds for sports purposes;

2. the re-export is carried out after temporary import for hunting or sports purposes and the ownership of the firearms has not been changed.

(2) Temporary export pursuant to paragraph 1, item 1 shall be done through producing a European Firearms Pass.

Article 123. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Bulgarian citizens, citizens of other member states staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, citizens of a third state residing permanently on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal persons registered under the national law of a member state and persons established by legislative act or by act of the Council of Ministers, may import firearms and ammunition for them acquired in a third state when in advance they have obtained a permit for acquisition under the procedure of article 76 and an import permit.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, SG No. 20/2018) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form accompanied by the documentation under Article 122, paragraph 2, items 2, 4 and 5.

(3) The persons under paragraph 1 shall comply with the requirements of article 85.

Article 124. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015, supplemented, SG No. 56/2015) On receipt of the application and the documentation under Articles 121, 121a, 122 and 123 or Article 126, paragraph 2 the NPDG of the MoI shall assess the completeness and compatibility of the submitted documentation to the requirements for issuing a permit.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the NPDG of the MoI shall notify the applicant in writing and shall allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 4 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her shall issue a permit or shall deny the issue with motivation within one month of the submission of the application.

(5) The denial under paragraph 4 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Article 125. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 56/2015) The permits under Articles 121, 121a, 122, 123 and Article 126, paragraph 1 shall be issued for a term of six months and may be used repeatedly within this term.

(2) The issued permits shall be valid only for the types of products in the respective quantities specified in them and may be used only by the persons in the name of which they were issued.

(3) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 56/2015) No permits shall be required for import and/or export of ammunition for non-firing arms, category 1 fireworks and category 2 and 3 fireworks for the quantities, indicated in Article 53.

(4) (New, SG No. 56/2015) The permits under Articles 121 and 121a shall include also transportation of the respective products from the storage facility to and from the place of leaving the Territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 126. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Natural persons, staying on the territory of a third state may import/export to and from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria firearms for hunting, sports and cultural purposes and ammunition for them after obtaining an import/export permit from the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of NPDG of the MoI an application in standard form in which they shall specify identification data of the firearms and the ammunition for them, accompanied by the following documents:

1. a document certifying the reason for import/export - an invitation indicating the place where the respective event will take place and its duration;

2. a copy of the certifying document that the person is entitled to carry and use firearms issued by the competent authority of the third state;

3. a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(3) The import/export permit under paragraph 1 shall be issued under the procedure of Article 124.

(4) The persons under paragraph 1 may transport the firearms and ammunition for them imported in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to the territory of another member state after obtaining a European firearms pass under the procedure of Articles 117 and 118.

(5) Natural persons staying on the territory of a third state may import/export to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria firearms for self-defence and ammunition for them only in the cases when they are employees of a state or international organisation with a subject to combat crime or exercise protection of official delegations from third states.

(6) When the persons under paragraph 1 import/export firearms and ammunition for them they may carry and use the firearms only within the term and for the purposes specified in the document certifying the reasons for their stay or in the invitation in the sports or hunting event. The firearms and ammunition for them shall be kept under the conditions of Article 98, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(7) The persons under paragraph 5 shall declare the imported/exported firearms and ammunition for them at the border crossing points.

Article 126a. (New, SG No. 56/2015) No export permit shall be required in case of re-export of:

1. firearms with the exception of the ones referred to in Article 5, paragraph 1 following temporary import for the purpose of carrying out expert evaluation, participation in trade exhibition pursuant to Article 49 without sale or carrying out repairs provided the ownership is not changed;

2. firearms and ammunition for them with the exception of the ones referred to in Article 5, paragraph 1 when they are stored in a temporary warehouse after their introduction on the customs territory of the European Union until they leave it.

(2) In the cases referred to in paragraph 1 the person carrying out re-export shall submit a written notification to the Director of the GPDG of the MoI at least two days before the re-export.

(3) When the firearms, and in the cases referred to in paragraph 1, item 2 also the ammunition for them, fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided for therein shall also apply.

Article 126b. (New, SG No. 56/2015) (1) Temporary export of firearms with the exception of the ones referred to in Article 5, paragraph 1 following temporary import for the purpose of carrying out expert evaluation, participation in trade exhibition without sale or carrying out repairs shall be done without an export permit after obtaining written consent issued by the Director of the GPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 20/2018) The person who will carry out the temporary export pursuant to paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI an application form accompanied by copies of the customs documents certifying the temporary export and a document for paid charges in an amount specified in the tariff referred to in article 12.

(3) The Director of the GPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her shall issue written consent on standard form under the procedure of Article 124 within seven days after the application under paragraph 2 has been submitted.

(4) The written consent referred to in paragraph 1 shall be valid for three months after its issuing and may be used only once.

(5) The issued written consent referred to in paragraph 1 shall be valid only for the firearms

specified in it and may be used only by the person in whose name it was issued.

(6) When the firearms fall within the scope of the Defence-Related Products and Dual Use Items and Technologies Export Control Act the requirements provided therein shall also apply.

Article 127. (1) Natural persons staying on the territory of a third state who are transiting through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall transfer the firearms owned by them for self-defence, for hunting, sports and cultural purposes and ammunition for them without a permit but shall be obliged to declare them at the border crossing point.

(2) The triggering mechanism of the weapons under paragraph 1 shall be sealed on import by the border crossing point MoI authorities.

Article 128. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Transit carriage of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be done by natural and legal persons registered as traders and non-profit legal entities, registered under the respective legislation, after obtaining a transit carriage permit from the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall submit an application form to the Director of NPDG of the MoI accompanied by the following documents:

1. a permit for import or transit carriage through the territory of the state following the Republic of Bulgaria along the route of the transit carriage issued by the competent authority of the respective state;

2. a certificate of good working order of the vehicles in the cases ones are needed pursuant to the international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party;

3. in case of road transport - valid ADR licenses of the drivers when the goods are included in the international agreements for transport of dangerous goods to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party;

4. (new, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012, amended, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) copy of contract with any person, conducting private security business under the terms and procedure of the Private Security Business Act; if the cargo is to be guarded by employees of the person under paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;

5. (renumbered from item 4, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) a document for paid charges for an amount determined by the tariff under article 12.

Article 129. (1) The permit for transit carriage of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition shall be issued under the procedure of article 124, it shall have a

validity term of six months and within this term it can be used once.

(2) The permits issued under paragraph 1 shall be valid only for the types of products in the respective quantities and may be used only by the persons to whom they were issued.

(3) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) No permit shall be required for transit carriage of ammunition for non-firing arms and category 1 fireworks.

Article 130. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for import of explosives for civil use shall observe the requirements in articles 33 and 34.

Article 131. The customs authorities at the border crossing points shall enter in the permits issued under this chapter the date of the import, export and transit carriage as well as the respective quantity of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition.

Chapter Seven

REPAIR WORKS, DISCARDING, DESTRUCTION AND UTILISATION

Repairs of firearms and ammunition for them

Article 132. (1) Repairs in the meaning herein shall be:

1. dismantling of weapons, replacement of faulty parts with new or recycled ones and assembly with the purpose of bringing them in good working order;

2. operations provided for in the respective technologies for bringing the ammunition for the firearms in compliance with the established standards with the purpose of bringing them in good working order.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Technical inspections, providing expert assessment of the technical fitness and the securing against operating as intended of firearms shall also be deemed repairs, as well as providing expert assessment of the barrel energy of pneumatic weapons.

(3) The following shall not be deemed repairs:

1. restoration of collection weapons unfit for use;

2. reprocessing of explosives with a view of bringing them in compliance with established standards.

Article 133. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Repairs under article 132 may be done in addition to the persons who have obtained a permit for manufacture under the procedure of Chapter Two also by natural and legal persons

registered as traders under the national law of a member state, who have obtained a permit for repairs issued by the Director of NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her or by the chief of the district directorate of the MoI at the location of the facility for repairs.

(2) Repairs under article 132, paragraph 2 shall be done also by employees of the competent structures of the MoI, the capital city MoI directorate, the regional MoI directorates for which charges shall be paid for an amount determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(3) (New, SG No. 103/2016) Repairs under article 132, paragraph 1 shall be carried out also by employees of the competent structures of the armed forces of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 134. (1) The persons under article 133, paragraph 1 carrying out repairs under article 132, paragraph 1, item 1 must have repair facilities complying with the requirements for physical protection of buildings pursuant to the Spatial Development Act and a permit for use or another substituting document issued pursuant to the Spatial Development Act.

(2) The persons under article 133, paragraph 1 performing repairs under article 132, paragraph 1, item 2 must have facilities complying with the technical rules and norms for designing buildings intended for manufacture and safekeeping of explosives, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and with the requirements for physical protection of buildings pursuant to the Spatial Development Act and possessing a permit for use or another substituting document issued pursuant to the Spatial Development Act.

(3) The employees of the persons under article 133, paragraph 1 must have qualification for performing repairs of weapons and ammunition for them specified in the regulation under article 14, paragraph 2.

Article 135. (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) In order to obtain a permit for repairs the persons under Article 133, paragraph 1 shall submit to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, to the chief of the MoI regional directorate, respectively at the location of the repair facility an application form accompanied by:

1. the documents under Article 17 paragraph 1, items 1 - 4, 6 and 15;
2. a document certifying the qualification of the persons under Article 134, paragraph 3;
3. (amended, SG No. 43/2011, SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018, SG No. 20/2018, effective 31.03.2018) a copy of a contract with a person engaged in private security business under the Private Security Business Act; when the protection of the repair facilities shall be carried out by employees of the person under article 133, paragraph 1, this circumstance shall be reflected in the application and verified ex officio;
4. a copy of a contract with a signal security company for the facilities under Article 134, paragraph 1;
5. (amended, SG No. 103/2017, effective 1.01.2018) for the manager, managers or members of the management bodies of the person under article 133, paragraph 1, if such persons are

foreign citizens – a document attesting that the respective person has not been convicted for a deliberate crime of a general nature; for Bulgarian citizens this circumstance shall be checked by official channels;

6. an official document issued by a body of the judiciary or a corresponding document under the national law of another state certifying that the manger(s) or the members of the management bodies of the person under Article 133, paragraph 1 are not subject to criminal proceedings for deliberate crime of a general nature;

7. a medical certificate from a medical establishment or a respective document under the national law of another state certifying that the manger(s) or the members of the management bodies of the person under Article 133, paragraph 1 do not suffer from mental disorders;

8. a statement of the manger(s) or the members of the management bodies of the person under Article 133, paragraph 1 that the circumstances under Article 58, paragraph 1, items 5 - 8 do not apply to them.

Article 136. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) On receipt of the application and the documentation under article 135 the NPDG of the MoI, the MoI regional directorate, respectively at the location of the repairs facility shall assess the completeness and compatibility of the submitted documentation to the requirements for issuing a permit and shall carry out an on-site inspection of the repairs facility.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) If omissions and/or incompatibilities with the requirements herein are established the NPDG of the MoI, the MoI regional directorate, respectively, shall notify the applicant in writing and shall allow a 30-day term for their correction during which time the term under paragraph 4 shall be suspended.

(3) If the omissions and/or incompatibilities are not corrected within the term allowed under paragraph 2 the proceedings on issuing the permit shall be terminated.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of NPDG of the MoI or a person authorised by him/her, the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the repairs facility, respectively shall issue a permit or shall deny the issue with motivation within one month of the submission of the application.

(5) The denial under paragraph 4 shall be subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Article 137. The permit for repairs of weapons and ammunition for them shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of its issue, and only for the activities specified in it and may be used only by the person in the name of whom it was issued.

Article 138. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) Within one month before the expiry of the term under article 137 the person who has obtained a permit for repairs shall submit an application in standard form accompanied by the

documents under article 135 to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, or the respective chief of the MoI regional directorate for renewal of the permit.

(2) The permit shall be issued under the procedure of article 136.

Article 139. (1) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The person who has obtained a permit for repairs of weapons and ammunition for them shall notify the Director of the NPDG of the MoI, the chief of the MoI regional directorate, respectively about:

1. reconstruction of the facilities under Article 134, paragraphs 1 and 2;
2. changes of the persons under Article 134, paragraph 3;
3. changes in the commercial registration.

(2) In the cases under paragraph 1 the person who has obtained a permit for repairs shall present within 14 days after the occurrence of the change the documents related to it and a document for paid charges for an amount determined in the tariff under Article 12.

(3) The assessment of the documents under paragraph 2 and the on-site inspection of the repairs facilities if necessary, shall be performed under the procedure of Article 136, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The Director of the NPDG of the MoI or an official authorised by him/her, the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the location of the repairs facility, respectively, shall enter within 14 days the change in the issued permit for repairs.

Article 140. (1) The persons under article 133, paragraph 1 shall keep a register containing:

1. identification data of the weapons and ammunition for them accepted for repairs;
2. name and address of the person who has provided for repairs the weapons and/or ammunition for them, number of the permit for carrying and use and date;
3. identification data of the main parts and components which have been replaced and number of the permit for their acquisition.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) The persons under paragraph 1 shall present, within ten working days after the end of every quarter, to the Director of the NPDG of the MoI or to the respective chief of the MoI regional directorate who has issued the permit, a copy of the register for the preceding quarter on a paper or electronic carrier.

(3) The data under paragraph 1 shall be kept for ten years of their entry in the register and shall be provided to the MoI authorities on request.

(4) On terminating their activities the persons under Article 133, paragraph 1 shall, within one month, hand over the register to the respective MoI body.

(5) In the cases under paragraph 4 the permit for repairs shall expire and this fact shall be entered in the register under Article 11.

Article 141. The persons who have obtained a permit for repairs may perform the activities under article 133, paragraph 1, item 1 after obtaining a permit for acquisition of parts for firearms under the procedure of Chapter Four.

Article 142. (1) When accepting weapons for repairs the person, who has obtained a repairs permit shall draw up a bilateral transfer and receipt protocol on a sample form.

(2) The firearms accepted for repairs outside office hours shall be kept in compliance with the requirements of article 98.

Article 143. The persons under Article 133, paragraph 1 and the persons who have obtained a permit for trade under the procedure herein may transport the weapons accepted for repairs from the repairs facility or the trade facility to a shooting range for the purposes of testing, as well as to any other repairs facility or trade facility and back after prior notification of the respective competent authority on the territory of which the facility to which the transport takes place is located.

Article 144. It shall be prohibited:

1. to carry out repairs of ammunition without prior briefing instructions pursuant to the technical requirements of the regulations for safety of work with them determined by the manufacturer;

2. to change the construction and mechanisms of the weapons and the ammunition related to their operation;

3. to assemble parts of different models and systems or parts manufactured from material which is different from the original, with the exception of non-metal parts (stocks, fore ends, grips, etc.);

4. to change the numbers embossed by the factory on the main components and/or of unique marks under Articles 26 and 27 or the proofmarks pursuant to the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969.

Section II

Discarding and Destroying Explosives, Weapons, Ammunition and Pyrotechnical Products and Utilisation of Weapons and Ammunition

Article 145. (1) The following shall be subject to obligatory discarding and destruction:

1. pyrotechnical products and explosives that are unfit for use;
2. firearms and ammunition for them the dismantling of which is dangerous or technically impossible;
3. weapons, with the exception of the ones for collection, when the damages to their main parts have brought about a permanent unfunctionality and it is impossible to remove, replace or modify them without disrupting their construction;
4. firearms and ammunition for them without applied unique proofmarks under Articles 26 and 17;
5. (effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) explosives for civil use without applied unique identification under Article 29, paragraph 1.

(2) Good parts from discarded firearms may be used for repairs under the provisions of Article 141 after carrying out their utilisation and deleting the unique proofmark if it is applied to the respective good main component.

(3) The deletion of the proofmark under paragraph 2 shall be done by the person, who has carried out the utilisation.

(4) The explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, except the ones under paragraph 1, may be discarded or destroyed under the procedure of Articles 146 - 150 on the wish of their owner.

Article 146. (1) Discarding and destroying of products under Article 145, paragraph 1, items 4 and 5 shall be done in the presence of representatives of the MoI and the person who has obtained a permit for manufacture, for trade or for import, respectively.

(2) Discarding and destroying of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products acquired under the procedures of Chapter Four shall be carried out in the presence of representatives of the MoI and of the Ministry of Culture when the weapons have been acquired for cultural purposes.

(3) When the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products have been acquired by natural persons they shall be discarded and destroyed by a commission appointed with an order of the competent body which has issued the permit and it shall include the person who has obtained an acquisition permit, a representative of the MoI and a representative of the Ministry of Culture when the weapons have been acquired for cultural purposes.

Article 147. (1) When explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products are being discarded a protocol shall be drawn up according to a sample form in which the type and quantity of the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products that are discarded

shall be entered and the reasons for the discarding.

(2) When explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products are being destroyed a protocol shall be drawn up according to a sample form in which the type and quantity of the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, the method of destruction and the place of destruction shall be entered.

(3) The protocols under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be drawn up in two copies - one for the person, whose products are being discarded/destroyed and one for the MoI authorities.

(4) The costs for destroying explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be at the expense of the persons who have acquired, manufactured, imported them or released them on the market.

Article 148. (1) Explosives, ammunition for weapons and pyrotechnical products shall be destroyed through explosion or incineration.

(2) Explosives which have not lost their capacity to detonate shall be destroyed through explosion - shells, mines, heads of jet grenades and fuses, capsules, electric detonators and other blow-up devices, exuded nitroester explosives.

(3) Explosives which have lost their capacity to detonate shall be destroyed through incineration - gunpowder, pyrotechnical means and components and cartridges for up to 15-mm calibre weapons.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Destruction of explosives by chemical methods shall be allowed if performed in compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act and the Protection from Harmful Impact of Chemical Substances and Compounds Act.

(5) Weapons shall be destroyed by mechanical method through breaking, crushing, dismantling and other methods after which they shall be melted.

Article 149. (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The destruction of explosives, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be done on special sites in compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act and the Protection from Harmful Impact of Chemical Substances and Compounds Act.

Article 150. The destruction of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be done by persons who have the required qualification and a license for safety of work with explosives.

Article 151. (1) The utilisation of weapons shall be a process of irreversible transformation through dismantling during which the respective weapon falls apart to its components which after that are ready for use as designated.

(2) Utilisation of ammunition shall be a process of irreversible transformation through

disassembling into separate constituent elements with subsequent use of the resulting gunpowder, explosives, empty shell, ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

(3) The utilisation under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be carried out by persons who have permission for manufacture of weapons and ammunition.

Chapter Eight

CONTROL

Article 152. (1) The control over the activities with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be exercised by the MoI police authorities.

(2) The control over the manufacture of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products shall be exercised by the authorities under paragraph 1 and the commission under Article 19, paragraph 2.

(3) The control over the activities with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products may be exercised jointly with representatives of other state authorities which have been assigned certain powers related to the activities with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products pursuant to applicable law.

(4) The terms and conditions for exercising control over the activities under article 1, paragraph 1 shall be determined with a regulation of the Minister of the Interior.

Article 153. When exercising control the bodies under Article 152 shall be entitled:

1. to access to any facilities related to the performance of the activities under Article 1, paragraph 1 with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

2. to access to the registers kept under this act, to the system for tracing the movement of the explosives for civil use and to any other documentation related to the activities under Article 1, paragraph 1;

3. to inspect the documents under item 2 and to make copies of them;

4. to perform inspections of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

5. to take samples of explosives and pyrotechnical products and to submit them for tests;

6. to revoke the permits issued under the provisions herein and to seize explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

7. to terminate the transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition for them when they find out that the consignment is not accompanied by the issued permit or by a document for transport within the European Union until the permit or the document for transport within the European Union is produced;

8. to seize firearms from a person, who carries them without an issued European firearms pass until it is produced to the competent authority;

9. to order explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products to be discarded in the cases under article 145, paragraph 1;

10. to issue obligatory instructions related to the implementation of the provisions herein for performing activities with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

11. to participate in commissions for holding examinations for licensing, discarding and destruction, securing firearms, for implementation of training programmes related to activities with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products;

12. to issue acts on establishing administrative violations under this act;

13. to notify the prosecution authorities when there is information of a committed crime.

Article 154. (1) The bodies under article 152 after issuing the permits under the procedures herein shall perform inspections of the facilities under article 152, item 1 and of the documentation under article 153, item 2:

1. (amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012, SG No. 53/2014, SG No. 14/2015) in compliance with an annual plan approved in advance by the Director of NPDG of the MoI;

2. following warnings by other control bodies;

3. on request by the European Commission or by competent authorities of other member states;

4. following signals from citizens.

(2) The bodies under article 152 may also perform unexpected inspections.

(3) In the course of the inspections under paragraphs 1 and 2 the bodies under Article 152 shall establish whether the activities under this act with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products are performed in compliance with the issued permits.

(4) If violations are established of the requirements herein the bodies under Article 152 shall issue mandatory instructions for their correction. The order of the mandatory instructions shall be implemented forthwith unless a court orders otherwise.

(5) The order shall be issued, appealed against and implemented under the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Code.

Article 155. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) In case any of the circumstances under Article 58, paragraph 1, item 2 - 8 occurs or the valid reason under Article

58, paragraph 1, item 10 would cease to apply, the issued permit shall be withdrawn with a decision of the body which had issued the permit.

(2) The decision under paragraph 1 shall be subject to appeal under the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Code and the appeal shall not suspend its implementation.

Chapter Nine

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PENAL PROVISIONS

Article 156. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the provisions of Article 6, paragraph 6, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 200 to BGN 500.

(2) On a repeated violation the fine shall be from BGN 500 to BGN 2000.

Article 157. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the provisions of Article 154, paragraph 4, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 3000 to BGN 5000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 5000 to BGN 10000 and withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 158. (1) A person, who refuses to provide explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and/or documents on them for inspection or hinders and/or refuses access to the facilities under article 153, item 1 and to the documentation under Article 153, item 2 of an official in the course of exercising control under this act, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 159. (1) A person, who fails to comply with his obligation to keep a register under this act, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 3000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 1000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 6000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 160. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the requirements herein for keeping a register, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2000 to BGN 5000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1000 to BGN 2000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 5 000 to BGN 8000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 161. (1) A person, who keeps a register under this act and fails to provide to the

competent authorities within ten working days after the end of every quarter a copy of the register for the preceding period, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

(2) A person, who after having terminated his activities under this act fails to hand over the register to the competent authorities within one month, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2000/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000.

(3) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 162. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) A person, who maintains the system under article 33, paragraph 1 and fails to provide the data from the system for the preceding period to the competent authorities within ten working days after the end of each quarter, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

(2) A person, who after having terminated his activities under this act fails to hand over to the competent authorities within one month, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2000/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000.

(3) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 163. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) A person, who has obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives for civil use and who does not maintain a system for collecting and storage of information for the entire lifecycle of the explosives for civil use, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 164. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) A person, who has obtained a permit for manufacture of explosives for civil use who fails to maintain the system for collection and storage of information for the entire lifecycle of the explosives for civil use in compliance with the requirements herein, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2 000 to BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1000 to BGN 2000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 5000 to BGN 8000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 165. (1) A person, who within 15 days fails to submit documents related to a change of the circumstances under which the permit for the respective activity with explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition under this act was issued, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 200 and /or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 400 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 166. (1) A person, who has obtained a manufacturing permit who fails to comply with the obligation under articles 26 and 27, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

(2) (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The sanction under paragraph 1 shall be imposed also on a person, who has obtained a manufacturing permit and who fails to comply with the obligation under Article 29, paragraphs 1 and 2.

(3) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 40 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

(4) (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) The sanction under paragraph 3 shall be imposed also for a repeated violation under paragraph 2.

Article 167. (1) A person, who has obtained a manufacturing permit and fails to comply with the requirements of the regulation under article 29, paragraph 4 related to the method of applying the unique identification, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 200 to BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 3 000 to BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1 000 to BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 6 000 to BGN 8 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 168. (1) A person, who fails to provide the activities for manufacture and safekeeping of explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products with armed protection, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 15 000 and withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 169. (Effective 5.04.2015 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) (1) A person, who fails to comply with the requirements in article 34, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2 000 to BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1 000 to BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 6 000 to BGN 8 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 170. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the requirements of the regulation under article 35, paragraph 5 related to the specific requirements for the structure of the facilities and terms for trade, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 200 to BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 1 000 to BGN 3 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1 000 to BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 3 000 to BGN 5 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 171. (1) A person, who engages in activities with explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition for them in violation of Article 9, paragraph 1, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 1 000 to BGN 3 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 5 000 to BGN 15 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 3 000 to BGN 6 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 15 000 to BGN 30 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 172. (1) A person, who has obtained a trade permit and fails to comply with the requirements in article 45, paragraph 1, item 1, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 3 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 15 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 173. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who has obtained a trade permit and fails to submit to the competent authority the filled-in control form to a permit for acquisition on the sale of firearms and ammunition for them within 10 business days, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 174. (1) A person, who has obtained a trade permit who sells new firearms and ammunition for them without a quality certificate under article 25, paragraph 4 and/or used firearms and ammunition for them without a certificate for good working order, issued under the procedure of article 87, paragraph 2, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 175. (1) A person, who has obtained a trade permit and violates article 45, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 176. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who violates Article 49 or article 49a, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 20 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 177. A person under Article 50, paragraphs 1 - 3 who fails to submit to the competent authority an application for issuing an acquisition permit within the prescribed term shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 200 and/or a property sanction of BGN 1 000.

Article 178. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the term under Article 54, paragraph 1, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 1500.

(2) The sanction under paragraph 1 shall be imposed also on a person, who fails to comply with the term under Article 54, paragraph 2.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraphs 1 and 2 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 3 000.

Article 179. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the obligation under Article 55, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 1 500.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 3 000.

Article 180. (1) A person, who sells, donates or exchanges firearms and ammunition for them without an advance notification of the respective competent authority, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 181. (1) A person, who allows a minor or an underage person to use firearms and ammunition at a firing range without a written consent of his/her legal representatives, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000.

Article 182. (1) A person, who allows a person under the age of 18 to acquire or carry firearms, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 4 000 and a withdrawal of the trade permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 183. (1) A person, who loses explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and fails to notify thereof the MoI authorities forthwith, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) A person, who finds explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products and fails to notify thereof the MoI authorities forthwith or interferes with their layout, shall be

sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000.

Article 184. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who carries and uses weapons and ammunition during or after the use of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating substances established under the procedure of the Road Traffic Act, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 3 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 3 000 to BGN 5 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 184a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) A person, who carries and uses weapons and ammunition and refuses to undergo a check for use of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating substances under the procedure of the Road Traffic Act, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 3 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 a fine from BGN 3 000 to BGN 5 000 shall be imposed and the permit shall be withdrawn for a period of up to two years.

Article 185. (1) A person, who violates article 60, paragraph 1 except in the cases under article 184, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 2 500.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 3 000 to BGN 8 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 186. (1) A person, who does not possess the respective permits under this act and has acquired firearms and ammunition for them in another member state and fails to submit the acquired firearms and ammunition for them to the MoI authorities within the prescribed term, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) A person, who possesses the respective permits under this act and has acquired firearms and ammunition for them in another member-state and fails to notify the MoI authorities within the prescribed term, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 3 000.

Article 187. (1) A person, who within seven days of the acquisition of a short-barrelled firearm (pistols and revolvers) with the exception of the ones under article 91, paragraphs 1 and 2 fails to submit the weapons to the MoI authorities for testing, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

Article 188. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who within 14 days of the acquisition of firearms under article 6, paragraph 3, items 4 and 5 fails to submit them to the persons under Article 133 for securing them against operation as intended, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 3 000.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who, has obtained a safekeeping permit under Article 80, paragraph 3 who fails to submit the leased firearms to the persons under article 133 for securing them against operation as intended, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 3 000.

(3) On a repeated violation under paragraphs 1 and 2 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 6 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 189. (1) A person, who carries more than one piece of firearms for self-defence from the ones specified in the issued permit for carrying and use or carries the firearm he/she possesses and ammunition for it without it being accompanied by the respective permit, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to two years.

Article 190. (1) A person, who has obtained a permit for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them for sports or hunting purposes who does not carry separately the firearms, the ammunition for them, the gunpowder and the fuses under Article 6, paragraph 5, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 191. (1) A person, who carries firearms and ammunition for them in violation of article 94, paragraph 1, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000.

(2) In the cases under paragraph 1 the persons under Article 81, paragraph 2 shall be sanctioned with a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(3) On a repeated violation under paragraphs 1 and 2 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 15 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 192. (1) A person, who fails to insure for "civil liability" his/her employees who have obtained permits for carrying and use of firearms and ammunition for them for performing security work shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 15 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 4 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 30 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 193. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the requirements of Article 98, paragraphs 1 - 3 for safekeeping firearms and ammunition for them, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1500 and/or a property sanction from BGN 5 000 to BGN 10 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 2 000 to BGN 4 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 15 000 to BGN 30 000 and a withdrawal of the permit

for a period of up to one year.

Article 194. (1) A person, who fails to comply with the requirements of Article 98, paragraph 4, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1 500 to BGN 3 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 195. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) A person, who transports explosives, firearms, ammunition and pyrotechnical products on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without armed protection, when such is required, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 4 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 196. (1) A person, who transports explosives, firearms, ammunition and pyrotechnical products on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without the consignment being accompanied by a copy of the permit issued or fails to comply with the requirements of Article 103, paragraph 2, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 3 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 6 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 197. (1) A person, who in the course of loading/unloading works of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition for them fails to comply with the requirements of Article 105, paragraph 1, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 4 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 198. (1) A person, who in the course of joint transport of explosives fails to comply with the requirements specified by the manufacturer, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 200 to BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2 000 to BGN 4 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 500 to BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 4 000 to BGN 6 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 199. (1) A person, who violates article 106, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 4 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 200. (1) A person, who transports explosives for civil use, firearms and ammunition from or to the territory of another member state without the consignment being accompanied by the respective permit or by the respective document for transport within the European Union, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 201. (1) A person, who when travelling from or to another member state, carries his firearms and ammunition for them without an issued European firearms pass, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 4 000.

Article 202. (1) A person, who does not keep his/her document for transport within the European Union of explosives for civil use for a period of three years after receiving the consignment, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 4 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 203. (1) A person, who fails to submit the European firearms pass in the cases under article 119, paragraph 2, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 300.

(2) A person, who gives his/her European firearms pass to another person, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500.

(3) A person, who loses, damages or destroys his/her European firearms pass, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 100.

(4) The fine under paragraph 1 shall be imposed also on a person, who fails to notify the competent authority in the cases under article 119, paragraph 5.

(5) On a repeated violation the fine shall be:

1. BGN 600 - in the cases under paragraphs 1 and 4;
2. BGN 1000 - in the cases under paragraph 2;
3. BGN 200 - in the cases under paragraph 3.

Article 204. A person, who carries and uses firearms and ammunition for them for hunting, sports or cultural purposes outside the timeframe and in contravention to the purposes specified in the document certifying the reason for the stay or in the invitation for participation in the respective event, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000.

Article 205. A person, who crosses in transit the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and fails to declare at the border crossing point the firearms and ammunition for them carried by him/her, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 3 000.

Article 206. (1) A person, who fails to notify in advance the competent authority of transport of firearms accepted for repairs in the cases under article 143, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 200 and/or a property sanction of BGN 1 500.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 500 and/or a property sanction of BGN 2 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 207. (1) A person, who violates Article 144, paragraphs 1 and 2, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2 000 to BGN 5 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 1 000 to BGN 3 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 6 000 to BGN 10 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 208. (1) A person, who violates Article 144, paragraphs 3 and 4, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 1 000 to BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 5 000 to BGN 10 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 2 000 to BGN 6 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 10 000 to BGN 20 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 209. (1) A person, who destroys explosives, ammunition and pyrotechnical products with the exception of fireworks of category 1, as well as of category 2 and category 3 in the quantities under article 53 without having the qualification or license for safety of work with explosives, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 1 000 to BGN 3 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 2 000 to BGN 6 000.

Article 210. (1) A person under Article 13, paragraph 4, who manufactures explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products without a certificate for manufacture or in contravention of an issued certificate or trades with products manufactured by him/her, shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 1 000 to BGN 5 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 10 000 to BGN 30 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be from BGN 5 000 to BGN 8 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 30 000 to BGN 50 000 and a withdrawal of the permit for a period of up to one year.

Article 211. (1) A person, who in the cases under Article 68, paragraph 7 fails to submit immediately for safekeeping by the competent authority the received explosives, pyrotechnical

products, firearms and ammunition shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 6 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the fine shall be BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction of BGN 10 000.

Article 211a. (New, SG No. 56/2015) (1) A person who fails to notify on time the Director of the GPDG of the MoI on carrying out re-export pursuant to Article 126a shall be fined from BGN 500 to BGN 1000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 2000 to BGN 5000.

(2) In case of a repeated violation of paragraph 1 a fine shall be imposed from BGN 1000 to BGN 3000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 6000 to BGN 10000.

Article 211b. (New, SG No. 103/2016) (1) A person who has obtained a permit for manufacture or repairs who deactivates firearms in contravention of the technical specifications set out in annex I of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 shall be sanctioned with a fine to the amount of BGN 1 000 and/or a property sanction amounting to BGN 3 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the sanction shall be a fine of BGN 1 000 and/or property sanction of BGN 4 000.

Article 211c. (New, SG No. 103/2016) (1) A person who is keeping and transporting his/her own deactivated firearms on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without a common unique marking pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 and/or without a deactivation certificate pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 issued by the respective competent authority of the member-state where he/she resides shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 500 and/or a property sanction amounting to BGN 2 000.

(2) On a repeated violation under paragraph 1 the sanction shall be BGN 1 000 and/or the property sanction shall amount to BGN 4 000.

Article 212. For a violation of this act and of the normative documents issued on its basis, for which no other sanction is envisaged, the culpable persons shall be sanctioned with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 2 000 and/or a property sanction from BGN 3 000 to BGN 10 000.

Article 213. (1) When issuing a decision under Article 155 on withdrawing a permit for work with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products or on withdrawal of the permit due to the termination of the activity of the person the authorities under Article 152 shall seize from the person with a protocol form the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products. The seized articles shall be kept pursuant to the requirements of Article 74, Article 98, paragraphs 1 - 3 respectively.

(2) The owner of the articles under paragraph 1 may transfer the ownership on the explosives and the pyrotechnical products within six months and on the firearms and the ammunition - within one year to persons who have obtained permits for manufacture, trade or acquisition.

(3) When issuing a decision under Article 155 on withdrawing a permit for performing activity with explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products, in the cases when criminal proceedings have been instituted against the person for a deliberate crime of a general nature, the bodies under Article 152 shall seize from the person with a protocol form the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products. The seized articles shall be kept pursuant to the requirements of Article 74, Article 98, paragraphs 1 - 3 respectively for a period of up to three months after the completion of the criminal proceedings.

(4) The owner of the articles under paragraph 3 may transfer the ownership on them or may submit an application for the issue of a respective permit for activities with them under this act or for the return of the withdrawn permit within the term under paragraph 3.

(5) When the owner fails to transfer the ownership on the articles or to submit an application for the issue of the respective permit or for the return of the withdrawn permit within the terms under paragraphs 2 or 4 the articles shall be confiscated for the benefit of the state with an order of the body under Article 155, paragraph 1.

(6) A copy of the order under paragraph 5 shall be sent to the National Revenue Agency for enforcement.

(7) The order under paragraph 5 shall be subject to appeal under the procedure of the Administrative Procedure Code and the appeal shall not suspend its enforcement.

Article 213a. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) (1) In cases of refusal to renew a permit the person, in regard to which the refusal was issued, shall hand over the products - object of the permit, to the body having issued the permit and in case of refusal to transfer them they shall be confiscated based on protocol under the procedure of Article 213, paragraph 1.

(2) The articles handed over or confiscated shall be stored according to the requirements of article 74, respectively Article 98, paragraphs 1 - 3.

(3) The owner of the articles under paragraph 1 may transfer the title over the explosives and pyrotechnical products within 6 months and over the weapons and ammunition - within one year of the confiscation to any persons, who have obtained permits for manufacture, trading or acquisition.

(4) Should the owner fail to transfer the title over the articles within the term under paragraph 3, such articles shall be confiscated in favour of the state by order of the body under Article 155, paragraph 1.

(5) A transcript of the order under paragraph 4 shall be forwarded to the National Revenue Agency for enforcement.

(6) The order under paragraph 4 shall be subject to appeal under the order of the Code of Administrative Procedure and appeals do not suspend its enforcement.

Article 214. (1) Where a violation is established under this act for which the penalty

"withdrawal of the permit for a certain period" is envisaged, the bodies under Article 152 shall seize with a protocol form the explosives, weapons, ammunition and pyrotechnical products that are the object of the violation. The seized articles shall be kept pursuant to the requirements of Article 74, Article 98, paragraphs 1 - 3 respectively for the period of the imposed sanction and after its expiry shall be handed to the persons whose permit had been withdrawn.

(2) When the permit issued for the respective activity under this act has expired before or at the moment of the expiry of the period under paragraph 1, the seized articles shall be kept by the MoI until the renewal of the permit. If the respective permit is not renewed within six months after the expiry of the period under paragraph 1, the seized articles shall be confiscated for the benefit of the state with an order of the respective administrative sanctioning body.

(3) The order under paragraph 2 shall be subject to appeal under the procedure of the Administrative Procedure Code and the appeal shall not suspend its enforcement.

(4) A copy of the order under paragraph 2 shall be sent to the National Revenue Agency.

(5) (Effective 5.04.2013 - amended, SG No. 73/2012) After the penal order for the violation committed under Article 166 has entered into force the seized explosives for civil use shall be subject to immediate destruction in compliance with the requirements of Chapter Seven, Section II and the costs for it shall be borne by the culpable person.

(6) After the entry into force of the penal order for the violation committed under Article 166 the seized firearms and ammunition for them shall be subject to immediate destruction in compliance with the requirements of Chapter Seven, Section II and the costs for it shall be borne by the culpable person.

Article 214a. (New, SG No. 103/2016) (1) In case a violation is established of the technical characteristics set out in annex I of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 when deactivating firearms the bodies under article 152 shall seize the firearms that are the object of the violation with a sample protocol.

(2) The seized firearms shall be confiscated in favour of the state with an order of the respective administrative sanctioning body.

(3) The order under paragraph 2 shall be subject to appeal under the procedure of the Administrative Procedure Code and the appeal shall not suspend its execution.

(4) A copy of the order under paragraph 2 shall be sent to the National Revenue Agency.

Article 215. (1) The acts with which violations of this act are established shall be drawn up by the MoI police authorities.

(2) The penal orders shall be issued by the Minister of the Interior or by officials authorised by him/her in compliance with their competence.

(3) For cases of drawing up the acts and the issuing of penal orders that are not regulated

herein and of the enforcement of the sanctions imposed, the provisions of the Administrative Violations and Sanctions Act shall apply.

Article 216. (1) After the entry into force of the penal order imposing a sanction a copy of it shall be submitted to the competent MoI body which has issued the respective permit. The permits withdrawn in this case shall be sent to the respective competent MoI body for safekeeping and reporting.

(2) The sanction "withdrawal of the permit" shall run as of the date the permit is withdrawn.

Article 217. (1) The fines provided herein shall be imposed on a natural person or on an official in a legal person registered as a trader, in a non-profit legal person registered under the national law of a member state or on a legal person established by law or by an act of the Council of Ministers.

(2) The property sanctions provided herein shall be imposed on natural and legal persons registered as traders, on non-profit legal persons registered under the national law of a member state or on a legal person established by law or by an act of the Council of Ministers.

(3) The fines and property sanctions provided herein shall be imposed if what is perpetrated does not constitute a crime.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

§ 1. For the purpose of this act:

1. "Automatic firearms" shall mean a firearm which loads itself automatically after every shot and which may produce a series of several shots with one pull of the trigger.

2. "Ammunition with armour-piercing action" shall mean ammunition for military use with jacketed bullets with hard perforating core.

3. "Ammunition with explosive action" shall mean ammunition for military use with gunpowder charged bullets which explode on impact on the target.

4. "Ammunition with incendiary action" shall mean ammunition for military use with bullets with a charge of a chemical mixture which explode on contact with the air or on impact on the target.

5. (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) "Explosives for civil use" shall mean explosives falling within Class I of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, with the exception of:

a) explosives, intended for the Ministry of Defence or the Ministry of Interior;

b) pyrotechnical products;

c) ammunition.

6. "Modification" shall mean any technical operation leading to a significant change in the main characteristics of the weapon as well as of its main components and parts.

7. "Import and export" shall mean the physical crossing of explosives, pyrotechnical products, firearms and ammunition of the border from a third country to the Republic of Bulgaria and from the Republic of Bulgaria to a third country.

8. "Gas and signal weapon" shall mean a technical device constructed for use of firearms using the energy of explosives which have suffocating, intoxicating or lachrymatory effect or a light and sound effect.

9. "Long-barrelled firearm" shall mean any firearm which is not a short-barrelled firearm.

10. "Member State" shall mean a state that is a member of the European Union.

11. "European Firearms Pass" shall mean an official certifying document, issued by the competent authorities of a member state on the request of a person who possesses a permit for carrying and using firearms when crossing from the territory of one member state to another one. The European Pass contains a number, validity term, personal information on the person, identification data of the firearm, date and validity term of the permit for carrying and use as well as information on prohibitions and permission regime for the arms specified in the pass in the respective member states.

12. "Single-shot firearm" shall mean a firearm without a magazine, which has to be loaded before every shot through manually inserting the cartridge in the barrel or in a chamber designed for this purpose located at the entrance of the barrel.

13. "Identification information on explosives" shall mean name, quality and quantity composition, batch or serial number, date of manufacture, shelf life, name and address of the manufacturer and instructions for safety and transport.

14. "Identification information on pyrotechnical products" shall mean type, make, category, trademark, batch or serial number, date of manufacture, shelf life, name and address of the manufacturer and safety instructions.

15. "Identification information on firearms products" shall mean type, make, calibre, category, trademark and data of the unique mark under Article 26 or the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969.

16. "Identification information on ammunition for firearms" shall mean information on the unique mark under Article 27 or the proofmark pursuant to the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969.

17. "Identification information on non-firing firearms" shall mean type, make, calibre, serial

number, name of manufacturer, year of manufacture.

18. "Identification information on ammunition for non-firing firearms" shall mean type, calibre, name of manufacturer, state of manufacture and year of manufacture.

19. "Identification information on parts of firearms and of main components" shall mean type, make, calibre, and data of the unique mark under Article 27 or the proofmark pursuant to the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969.

20. "Short-barrelled firearm" shall mean a firearm whose barrel does not exceed 20 centimetres or the total length of which does not exceed 60 centimetres.

21. "Multi-shot firearm" shall mean a firearm which after every shot is loaded manually through feeding in the barrel a cartridge which enters from a magazine through the movement of a mechanism.

22. "Main component of a firearm" shall mean a closed mechanism, breech and barrel of the firearm which as single items are included in the category of firearms on which they are mounted or are designed to be mounted.

23. "Semi-automatic firearm" shall mean a firearm which after every shot is reloaded automatically and which cannot produce more than one shot with a single pull on trigger.

24. "Pneumatic weapon" shall mean a technical device which through using the energy of compressed gases may eject shots, which have barrel run and receive a targeted movement and cause mechanical damage on the target.

25. "Pyrotechnical products for vehicles" shall mean parts of safety devices in vehicles which contain chemical substances used to trigger these or other devices.

26. "Tracing" shall mean systematic registering of the movement of explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition from the person who has obtained a permit for manufacture to the end user for the purpose of preventing, detecting and investigating crimes by the competent authorities.

27. "Repeated" shall mean a violation perpetrated within one year after the entry into force of a penal order with which the perpetrator was sanctioned for the same violation.

28. "Stage pyrotechnical product" shall mean a pyrotechnical product intended for use on stage in closed premises or in the open, including in film or television productions or for other similar use.

29. (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) "Charged cartridge" shall mean a combination of a cartridge and an unfired fuse.

30. "Transit transport" shall mean the transport of explosives, pyrotechnical products, weapons and ammunition from the territory of a third state through the territory of the Republic

of Bulgaria to the territory of another third state.

31. "Third state" shall mean any state than is not a member of the European Union, is not a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and or is not the Swiss Confederation.

32. "Firework" shall mean a pyrotechnical product for entertainment.

33. "Natural person" shall mean a person staying on the territory of the state in which the person's permanent address is which is entered in his/her identity document.

34. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) "Blank cartridge" shall mean a combination of charged cartridge and explosive substance, which produces a sonic effect when fired.

35. (Renumbered from item 34, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) "Part of a firearm" shall mean any component or spare component designed specifically for a firearm which is indispensable for its functioning, including barrel, bolt or breech, bolt or cylinder, striker mechanism or pin block and any device that is designed to silence the sound of a shot from a firearm.

§ 2. The provisions herein that apply to the states - members and the citizens of the European Union shall also apply to the states - parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation and their citizens.

§ 3. The hunting smooth-barrelled weapons with an additionally installed rifled barrel shall have the same status as the hunting weapons with a rifled barrel.

§ 4. (Supplemented, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) This act shall introduce the requirements of Council Directive 91/477/EEC of 18 June 1991 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons, the respective requirements of Council Directive 93/15/EEC of 5 April 1993 on the harmonisation of the provisions relating to the placing on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses, the respective requirements of Directive 2007/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 on the placing on the market of pyrotechnic articles(OJ, L 154/1 of 14 June 2007), the requirements of Commission Directive 2008/43/EC of 4 April 2008 on setting up, pursuant to Council Directive 93/15/EEC, a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses (OJ, L 94/8 of 5 April 2008) and the requirements of Directive 2008/51/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (OJ, L 179/5 of 8 July 2008) and the requirements of Commission Directive 2012/4/EU of 22 February 2012 amending Directive 2008/43/EC setting up, pursuant to Council Directive 93/15/EEC, a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses (OJ, L 50/18 of 23 February 2012).

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 5. This act shall repeal the Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act

(promulgated in the State Gazette No. 133/1998, amended, No. 85/2000, No. 99/2002, No. 71/2003, No. 102 and 105/2005, No. 17, 30 and 38/2006, No. 11 and 95/2007, No. 69/2008 and No. 88/2009).

§ 6. (1) Pending proceedings on issuing or renewing permits for production, trade and repairs before the entry into force of this act shall be completed under the existing procedures.

(2) Pending proceedings on issuing or renewing permits for activities which are different from the ones specified in paragraph 1 before the entry into force of this act shall be completed under the terms and procedures herein.

§ 7. The validity terms of the permits for production, trade and repairs issued under the repealed Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act which expire by the date of the entry into force of this act shall be extended ex officio by six months by the authority which has issued the permit.

§ 8. The permits for engaging in activities with explosive substances, firearms and ammunition for them issued before the entry into force of this act with the exception of the permits under § 7 and the documents for transporting the products within the European Union shall retain their validity until the expiry of their term.

§ 9. (1) The persons who engage in production, trade, transport and/or import/export of pyrotechnical products shall, within six months of the entry into force of this act, take steps for obtaining the respective permits.

(2) The persons who have acquired pyrotechnical products with the exception of fireworks of category 1 or who keep or use such products shall, within the term under paragraph 1, take steps for obtaining the respective permits.

§ 10. The persons who engage in manufacturing or trade with non-firing arms and ammunition for them shall, within six months of the entry into force of this act, take steps for obtaining the respective permits.

§ 11. The persons who have acquired non-firing arms (gas and signal weapons or pneumatic weapons with kinetic energy over 24 joules) before the entry into force of this act shall, within one year of its entry into force, declare them before the chief of the MoI regional directorate at the locality where they are kept or the permanent address of the natural person.

§ 12. (1) The fireworks of categories 1,2 and 3 manufactured in or imported into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria after July 4, 2010 must have a "CE" proofmark.

(2) Trade, transportation, acquisition, storage or use of fireworks of categories 1,2 and 3 manufactured before July 4, 2010 without a "CE" proofmark shall be done until the available quantities are exhausted.

§ 13. (1) The pyrotechnical products manufactured in or imported into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, which are different from the ones under § 12, after July 4, 2013 must have

a "CE" proofmark.

(2) The trade, transportation, acquisition, storage or use of pyrotechnical products under paragraph 1 manufactured before July 4, 2013 without a "CE" proofmark shall be done until the available quantities are exhausted.

§ 14. (1) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The explosives manufactured in or imported into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for civilian purposes after April 5, 2013 must have a unique identification pursuant to article 29.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The trade, transportation, acquisition, storage or use of explosive substances for civilian purposes manufactured before April 5, 2013 without a "CE" proofmark shall be done until the available quantities are exhausted.

§ 15. (1) Firearms and ammunition for them manufactured in or imported into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria after July 28 2010 must have a unique proofmark placed pursuant to Articles 26 and 27 or a proofmark in compliance with the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969.

(2) The trade transportation, acquisition, storage or bearing and/or use of firearms and ammunition for them manufactured before 28 July 2010 without a unique proofmark placed in compliance with articles 26 and 27 or a proofmark pursuant to the Convention on Reciprocal Recognition of Proofmarks on Small Arms signed on 1 July 1969 shall be done until the available quantities are exhausted.

§ 16. (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) The persons who have obtained a permit for the manufacture of explosive substances for civilian purposes shall keep the register under article 31 until 5 April 2015.

§ 17. Within six months after the entry of this act into force:

1. the Council of Ministers shall adopt the administrative acts on its implementation;
2. the Minister of the Interior shall issue the administrative acts on its implementation.

§ 18. (Supplemented, SG No. 20/2018) The Minister of the Interior shall endorse with an order the sample documents herein. The application forms under article 17, paragraph 1, article 18, article 61, article 65, paragraph 2, article 76, article 80, article 81a and article 121 shall contain a field reserved for entry of an identification code.

§ 19. The natural and legal persons registered as traders under the Commerce Act who have not reregistered within the term under § 4 of the transitional and final provisions of the Commercial Register Act shall submit an original or a notarized copy of a current state certificate instead of the Unique Identification Code before the expiry of the term under § 4 of the transitional and final provisions of the Commercial Register Act.

§ 20. The administrative normative acts on the implementation of the repealed Explosives,

Weapons and Ammunition Control Act shall apply insofar as they do not contradict this act.

§ 21. (Amended, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Transportation according to the provisions of articles 108 and 109 shall take place under the procedure, regulated in Article 3a, paragraphs 2 - 5 of Commission Decision 2010/347/EU of 19 June 2010 amending Decision 2004/388/EC on an Intra-Community transfer of explosives document (OJ, L 155/54 of 22 June 2010) when the Republic of Bulgaria joins the common electronic system for approval of the transportation of explosives for civil use within the European Union.

§ 22. In article 56, paragraph 3 of the Hunting and Game Protection Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 78/2000, amended in No. 26/2001, No. 77 and 78/2002, No. 88/2005, No. 82 and 108/2006, No. 64/2007, No. 43, 67 and 91/2008 and No. 6, 80 and 92/2009) the words "Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act" shall be replaced with "Weapons, Munitions, Explosive Substances and Pyrotechnical Products Act".

§ 23. In article 54, paragraph 3 the Fishing and Aquacultures Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 41/2001, amended in No. 88, 94 and 105/2005, No. 30, 65, 82, 96 and 108/2006, No. 36, 43 and 71/2008, No. 12, 32, 42, 80 and 82/2009 and No. 61/2010) the words "Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act" shall be replaced with "Weapons, Munitions, Explosive Substances and Pyrotechnical Products Act".

§ 24. Everywhere in the Private Security Business Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 15/2004, amended in No. 105/2005, No. 30, 34, 80 and 82/2006, No. 53 and 109/2007, No. 69/2008 and No. 35 and 59/2010) the words "Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act" shall be replaced with "Weapons, Munitions, Explosive Substances and Pyrotechnical Products Act".

§ 25. In the annexes to article 9, paragraph 1, item 2 in point 12 of the Act Restricting Administrative Regulation and Administrative Control over Economic Activity (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 55/2003, amended in No. 107/2003, No. 39 and 52/2004, No. 31 and 87/2005, No. 24, 38 and 59/2006, No. 11 and 41/2007, No. 16/2008, No. 23, 36, 44 and 87/2009 and No. 25 and 59/2010) after the word "substances" the word "and" shall be replaced with a comma and the words "and pyrotechnical products" shall be added after the word "ammunition".

§ 26. In article 37, paragraph 3 of the Forests Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 125/1997, amended and supplemented in No. 70 and 133/1998, No. 26/1999, No. 29 and 78/2000, No. 77, 79 and 99/2002, No. 16 and 107/2003, No. 72 and 105/2005, No. 29, 30, 34, 36, 80, 82 and 102/2006, No. 13, 24, 53 and 64/2007, No. 43, 54, 63, 69, 70 and 91/2008 and No. 6, 12, 19, 32, 74, 80, 94 and 103/2009) the words "Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act under terms and procedures specified in the regulation on the implementation of the act" shall be replaced with the words "Weapons, Munitions, Explosive Substances and Pyrotechnical Products Act".

§ 27. In article 91 of the Civil Aviation Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 94/1972, amended in No. 30/1990, No. 16/1997, No. 85/1998, No. 12/2000, No. 34 and 111/2001, No. 52 and 70/2004, No. 88 and 102/2005, No. 30, 36, 66 and 67/2008, No. 35, 47, 82 and 102/2009 and in No. 63/2010) after the word "ammunition" a comma shall be placed and the words

"pyrotechnical products" shall be added.

§ 28. In article 97, paragraph 3 of the Implementation of Penal Sanctions and Detention Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 25/2009, amended in No. 74 and 82/2009 and No. 32/2010) after the word "explosive substances" a comma shall be placed and the words "pyrotechnical products" shall be added.

§ 29. In article 229, paragraph 5 of the Customs Act (promulgated in State Gazette No. 15/1998, amended in No. 89 and 153/1998, No. 30 and 83/1999, No. 63/2000, No. 110/2001, No. 76/2002, No. 37 and 95/2003, No. 38/2004, No. 45, 86, 91 and 105/2005, No. 30 and 105/2006, No. 59 and 109/2007, No. 28, 43 and 106/2008, No. 12, 32, 42, 44 and 95/2009 and No. 54 and 55/2010) after the word "ammunition" the word "and shall be replaced with a comma and the words "and pyrotechnical products" shall be added to the end.

§ 30. In article 10, paragraph 1, item 3 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 153/1998, amended in No. 70/1999, No. 42 and 112/2001, No. 45 and 54/2002, No. 37 and 103/2003, No. 37 and 70/2004, No. 11, 63 and 88/2005, No. 30 and 82/2006, No. 11, 29, 52, 63 and 109/2007, No. 13, 26, 28 and 69/2008 and No. 12, 32, 36, 74, 82, 93 and 103/2009) after the word "ammunition" a comma shall be placed and the words "pyrotechnical products" shall be added.

§ 31. The implementation of this act shall be assigned to Council of Ministers and the Minister of the Interior.

§ 32. This act shall enter into force as of the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette with the exception of:

1. articles 15, 16, article 17, paragraph 3, article 29, paragraphs 1 - 3, articles 30, 33, 34, 44, 72, 107, 110, article 121, paragraph 2, item 10, article 130, article 145, paragraph 1, item 5, article 162, 163, 164, article 166, paragraphs 2 and 4, article 169 and article 214, paragraph 5, which shall enter into force on 5 April 2012;

2. article 94, paragraph 1 which shall enter into force on 1 March 2011.

TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

to the Act Amending and Supplementing the Ministry of Interior Act

(SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012)

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§ 54. (1) The National Police Directorate General, established by this Act shall be successor in title to the assets, liabilities, rights and obligations of the Criminal Police Directorate General and Guarding Police Directorate General.

(2) The procedural representation on pending disputes of Criminal Police Directorate General and Guarding Police Directorate General shall be carried out by the Director of the National Police Directorate General.

§ 55. Upon entry into force of this Act any existing service and employment relationships of civil servants and of individuals engaged under employment relationships at the Criminal Police Directorate General and Guarding Police Directorate General shall be transformed respectively into service and employment relationships of civil servants and of individuals engaged under employment relationships at the National Police Directorate General.

§ 56. Any lower level normative acts, issued prior to the entry into force of this Act, shall apply pending the issuance of the respective new acts, to the extent they do not run counter to it.

§ 57. The length of service, accumulated under the Civil Servants Act and the Labour Code by the officials under § 64 of the Transitional and Concluding Provisions to the Act Amending and Supplementing the Ministry of Interior Act (SG No. 93/2009) shall be treated as employment with the same employer, respectively appointing body.

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§ 63. The following amendments shall be made in the Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act (promulg., SG No. 73/2010; amend., No. 88/2010, No. 26 and 43/2011):

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9. In the remaining texts of the act the abbreviation "GPDG" shall be replaced by "NPDG".

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TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

to the Act Amending and Supplementing the Weapons,

Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act

(SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012)

§ 79. Any procedures for issuance or renewal of permits for safekeeping of weapons, ammunition, explosives and pyrotechnical products, pending prior to the entry into force of this Act, shall be finalized under the terms and procedure of this Act.

§ 80. (1) Any persons, who are owners or users of shooting ranges shall arrange, within 6 months of the entry into force of this Act, for issuance of permits for use under Article 81a.

(2) Any persons, who have acquired, are safekeeping or using firearms under the hitherto existing

item 3 of Article 4, paragraph 2 and which are not covered by items 3 and 4 of Article 4, paragraph 2, shall arrange for issuance of the respective permits within the term under paragraph 1 without submitting a document of origin.

§ 81. Any lower level normative acts, issued prior to the entry into force of this Act, shall apply pending the issuance of the respective new ones, to the extent they would not run counter to it.

§ 82. (1) The provisions of Articles 15, 16, Article 17, paragraph 3, Article 29, paragraphs 1 - 3, Article 30, Article 44, paragraph 1, Article 121, paragraph 2, item 10, Article 145, paragraph 1, item 5, Article 166, paragraphs 2 and 4 and Article 214, paragraph 5 shall apply as of 5 April 2013.

(2) The provisions of Articles 33, 34, Article 44, paragraph 2, Article 72, 107, 110, 130, 162, 163, 164 and 169 shall apply as of 5 April 2015.

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TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

to the Ministry of Interior Act

(SG No. 53/2014)

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§ 61. The following amendments shall be made in the Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act (promulg., SG No. 73/2010; amend., No. 88/2010, No. 26 and 43/2011, No. 44 and 73/2012 and No. 66, 68 and 70/2013):

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9. In the remaining texts of the act the abbreviation "NPDG" shall be replaced by "GPDG".

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TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

to the Act Amending and Supplementing the Ministry of Interior Act

(SG No. 14/2015)

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§ 120. The following amendments shall be made in the Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act (promulg., SG No. 73/2010; amend., No. 88/2010, No. 26 and 43/2011, No. 44 and 73/2012, No. 66, 68 and 70/2013 and No. 53 and 98/2014):

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6. In the remaining texts of the act the abbreviation "GPDG" shall be replaced by "NPDG".

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TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

to the Act Amending and Supplementing the Ministry of Interior Act

(SG No. 81/2016, effective 1.01.2017)

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§ 102. This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 with the exception of:

1. paragraphs 6 – 8, § 12, item 1, 2 and 4, § 13, § 14, § 18 – 20, § 23, § 26 – 31, § 32, item 1 и 4, § 33 – 39, § 41 – 48, § 49 relating to Article 187, paragraph 3, first sentence, § 50 – 59, § 61 – 65, § 81 – 85, § 86, items 4 and 5, § 87, item 3, § 90, item 1, § 91, item 2 and 3, § 92, § 93 and § 97 – 101, which shall enter into force on the day of the promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette;

2. paragraph 32, items 2 and 3, § 49 relating to Article 187, paragraph 3, new second sentence, § 69 – 72, § 76 relating to the persons under § 70, § 78 in relation to the employees under § 69 and § 70, § 79 in relation to the employees under § 69 and § 70, § 91, item 1 and § 94, which shall enter into force on 1 February 2017.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

to the Counter-Terrorism Act

(SG No. 103/2016)

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§ 12. (Effective 28.06.2017 - SG No. 103/2016) The Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 73 of 2010; amended in No. 88 of 2010, Nos. 26 and 43 of 2011, Nos. 44 and 73 of 2012, Nos. 66, 68 and 70 of 2013, Nos. 53 and 98 of 2014, Nos. 14, 56, 79, 94 and 95 of 2015 and Nos. 47 and 81 of 2016) shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

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2. In Article 95a:

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(c) (effective 27.12.2016 - SG No. 103/2016) there shall be added a paragraph 7:

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§ 13. Within six months from the entry into force of this Act, the Minister of Interior shall issue the regulation referred to in Article 95a (7) of the Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act.

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§ 16. § 12 herein shall enter into force six months after the promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette, with the exception of Item 2 (c), which shall enter into force as from the day of promulgation of the said Act.

TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

to the Private Security Business Act

(SG No. 10/2018, effective 31.03.2018)

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§ 4. (1) Licences for private security business granted prior to the entry into force of this Act, including licences for self-guarding granted to persons under Article 2 (3), shall remain unaffected.

(2) A person with a licence granted under Items 1, 3 – 5 of Article 5 (1) of the repealed Private Security Business Act shall, within 6 months of the entry into force of this Act, certify that the private security business carried out thereby meets the minimum requirements laid down in Chapter Two.

(3) Where the licence under Item 4 of Article 5 (1) of the repealed Private Security Business Act has been granted to a person other than those referred to in Article 2 (3), § 5 shall apply.

(4) A person with a licence granted under Item 2 of Article 5 (1) of the repealed Private Security Business Act may carry out business under Items 3, 5 and 6 of Article 5 (1), if, within 6 months of the entry into force of this Act, submits an application to the authority under Article 40 that it carries out such a business and certifies that it meets the minimum requirements laid down in Chapter Two.

(5) The procedure for the submission of the application under Paragraph 4 and the certification under Paragraphs 2 and 4 shall be determined by the ordinance under Article 2 (4).

(6) The business under Paragraph 4, as applied for and certified under Paragraph 5, shall be entered in addition to the existing licence under Article 46.

§ 5. Licences for self-guarding granted prior to the entry into force of this Act to persons other than those referred to in Article 2 (3) shall cease to be valid within one year of its entry into force.

§ 6. For persons carrying out private security business under an employment contract concluded at the date of entry into force of this Act, the provisions of Article 50 on the education and professional qualifications shall not apply.

§ 7. Within two months of the entry into force of this Act, the Minister of Interior shall issue the ordinances under Article 2 (4) and Article 5 (4).

§ 8. The single automated centralized register of licences under Article 70 (1) shall be established within one year of the entry into force of this Act.

§ 9. Regulations issued under the revoked Private Security Business Act shall apply until issuance of the new instruments, insofar as they do not contravene this Act.

§ 10. Proceedings for licence granting or revocation, which have not been completed until the entry into force of this Act, except for the proceedings for a self-guarding licence of the persons other than those referred to in Article 2 (3) shall be completed in accordance with the hitherto existing procedure.

§ 11. Everywhere in the Explosives, Weapons and Ammunition Control Act (promulgated, SG No. 73/2010, amended, SG No. 88/2010, SG Nos. 26 and 43/2011, SG Nos. 44 and 73/2012, SG No. 66, 68 and 70/2013, SG Nos. 53 and 98/2014, SG Nos. 14, 56, 79, 94 and 95/2015, SG No. 47, 81 and 103/2016 and SG No. 103/2017) the words "Item 5 of Article 5 (1) of the Private Security Business Act" shall be replaced by "Item 4 of Article 5 (1) of the Private Security Business Act".

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FINAL PROVISION

to the Act to amend and supplement the Weapons,

Ammunition, Explosives and Pyrotechnical Products Act

(SG No. 20/2018)

§ 33. Paragraph 1, item 3, § 5, § 7, § 9, § 14, § 21, item 2, § 22, item 2, § 26, item 3, § 30 and § 31 shall enter into force as of 31st March 2018.

Annex No. 1

to Article 29

(Amended and supplemented, SG No. 73/2012,
effective 25.09.2012)

The unique identification pursuant to Article 29 shall include:

1. Information which can be read with a naked eye and which contains:

- a) the manufacturer's name;
- b) an alphanumeric code consisting of:

- aa) two letters identifying the member state (place of manufacture or of import into the single market, e.g. BG = Bulgaria);
- bb) three digits identifying the name of the manufacturing facility (issued by the competent national authorities);
- cc) the unique code of the product and logistic information specified by the manufacturer.

2. An identification number which can be read by an electronic reader in the form of barcode and/or a matrix code connected directly to the alphanumeric identification code.

3. Example:

"Name of the legal person



BG 001 100111 A 11111 222222

4. For products which are too small and no unique product code and the logistic information specified by the manufacturer can be applied to them the data specified in item 1b, sub-items "aa" and "bb" and item 2 shall be deemed sufficient.

5. (New, SG No. 73/2012, effective 25.09.2012) Where the products are of a very small size or their manufacture prevents the affixing of the information under item 4, the unique identification shall be placed on the smallest pack. Each smallest pack shall be closed and stamped.

Annex No. 2

to Article 108, paragraphs 1 and 3
(Amended, SG No. 44/2012, effective 1.07.2012,
SG No. 53/2014,
SG No. 14/2015)

Document for transport of explosives for civil use within the EU No. /, issued by the
Director of the NPDG

EC Transport of explosives for civil use within the EU

1. Type of the permit

Final date of validity*

Single transport

Multiple transport - fixed duration

2. Details of the operators

2.1. Recipient*

2.2. Supplier

Name:

Name:

Address (seat):

Address (seat):

Phone:

Phone:

Fax:

Fax:

E-mail:

E-mail:

Signature:

Signature:

2.3. Carrier(s)

Name:

Name:

Name:

Address (seat):

Address (seat):

Address (seat):

Phone:

Phone:

Phone:

Fax:

Fax:

Fax:

E-mail:

E-mail:

E-mail:

3. Full description of the explosives for civil use

UN No.*

Class/section

Trade name*

?CE? mark

(yes/no) Address of the manufacturing facility

Quantity*

Other essential information

4. Information on the transport

4.1. Location and calendar

Starting point

Date of departure

Delivery point

Estimated time of arrival

4.2. Description of the route

Member State

Entry point

Exit point

Type of transport

5. Authorisations from the competent authorities of the other member states through which the consignment transits, including security identification (e.g. seal)

State of origin

Date of permit

Permit No.

Validity date

Seal

Transit countries

Date of permit

Permit No.

Validity date

6. Authorisation issued by the competent authority of a member state in which the recipient is settled (including security identification)

Date:

Seal

Position of the signatory:

(signature)

Explanatory notes:

1. The recipient of the explosives for civil use shall fill in parts 1 ? 4 of the document for transport of explosives for civil use within the EU and present this document for approval to the

competent authority of the member state for which the consignment is destined.

2. In addition, in order to obtain prior authorisation from the competent authority of the member state for which the consignment is destined (part 6), the persons responsible for transport must declare it before the competent authorities of the transit member states and of the state of origin of the consignment whose prior authorisation is also required (part 5). (*1)

The prior authorisation of the competent authority may be either on the same document or on separate documents. In any case the prior authorisation should be securely identifiable.

3. When a competent authority of a member state decides that special security requirements are needed the prior presentation of the entire information in the document will be necessary. If neither of the competent authorities have any special security requirements only the information marked with * shall be presented.

4. In any case, the document must accompany the explosives for civil use until their arrival at their destination.

5. "Full description of the explosives" shall mean the trade name and/or UN number and any other relevant information which helps to identify the goods. When the explosives lack the "CE" mark this should be clearly specified.

6. "Quantity" shall mean the number of the products or the net mass of the explosives as the case may be.

(*1) Note: Item 2 of the explanatory notes shall not apply in case the joint electronic system for authorisation of the transport of explosives within the European Union is used.

Annex No. 3
to Article 119, paragraph 3

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

EUROPEAN FIREARMS PASS

1. Information on the owner

- 1.1. First name, second name, surname: place for photo
- 1.2. Date, place of birth and Personal Identification Number:
- 1.3. Nationality:
- 1.4. Address:
- 1.5. Signature of holder:
2. Particulars of the pass:
 - 2.1. Pass number:
 - 2.2. Valid until:
 - 2.3. Seal of the issuing authority: Date:
 - 2.4. Extended until:
 - 2.5. Seal of the issuing authority: Date:
 - 2.6. Extended until:
 - 2.7. Seal of the issuing authority: Date:
3. Identification particulars of the firearm:

	Type	Make/ model	Calibre/ diameter	Firearm number
3.1.				
3.2.				

	Category	Date of issue	Seal of the issuing authority	Comments
3.1.				
3.2.				

4. Permits which have been issued for the firearm:

Weapon	Date of issue	Valid until	Seal of the issuing authority
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3.

5. Prior authorisations of the visited member states:

Weapon	Valid until	Seal of the issuing authority
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Weapon	Valid until	Seal of the issuing authority
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3. .

6. Information on transferring firearms within the EU

- Travel to another member state with firearm(s) of the categories B, C and D entered in this pass may take place after a prior authorisation by the respective member state for one or more journeys on its territory. This authorisation shall be entered in section 5 of this pass.

- No prior authorisation shall be needed when the travel is for the purposes of hunting with firearms of categories C and D or for shooting with firearms of categories B, C and D, provided the firearms have a European pass and the purpose of the journey may be proven.

- In any case, according to the information received from the member state which prohibit and have a permission regime for the acquisition and possession of firearms of categories B, C and D, it follows that:

6.1. Travel to with firearm/s shall be prohibited

6.2. Travel to with firearm/s is subject to authorisation

Glossary:

1. Particulars of the owner

1.1. First name, second name, surname

1.2. Date, place of birth and Personal Identification Number:

1.3. Nationality:

1.4. Address:

1.5. Signature of holder:

2. Particulars of the passport:

2.1. Passport number:

2.2. Valid until:

2.3. Seal of the issuing authority:

2.4. Extended until:

3. Identification particulars of the firearm:

4. Permits which have been issued for the firearm:

5. Authorisations issued by visited member states

6. Information on carrying firearms within the EU

6.1. Travel to with firearms shall be prohibited

6.2. Travel to with firearms is subject to authorisation

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Ministry of Interior

DEACTIVATION CERTIFICATE

Certificate number:

The deactivation measures conform to the requirements of the common minimum technical specifications set out in Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403.

Name of entity that performed the deactivation:

Country:

Date/year of certification of the deactivation:

Manufacturer/brand of firearm deactivated:

Type:

Make/model:

Caliber:

Serial number(s):

Official EU deactivation mark		Name, title and signature of the responsible person
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PLEASE NOTE:

This certificate is an important document. It should be kept in a safe place. The deactivated firearm at all times. The essential components of the certificate relates have been marked with an official inspection stamp and cannot be removed or altered.

WARNING:

Forging a deactivation certificate could constitute an offence under the law.