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NOTE VERBALE


The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Geneva, 22 December 2015

To: The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR &
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HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS
SECURITY SECTOR
DIRECTION FOR STATE SECURITY
3rd DEPARTMENT OF ARMS &
EXPLOSIVES/2nd

SUBJECT: Questionnaire for the Human Rights and the regulation of acquisition, possession and use of arms by citizens

Please be advised of the following:

1. The regulation of matters related to arms, ammunition, explosives, explosive mechanisms and other provisions is prescribed by the Law 2168 dated 03-09-1993 (GG 147, iss.A), as amended and currently in force.

2. The regulation of matters of private enterprises that provide security services also including the conditions of arm possession and carrying is prescribed by the Law 3707 dated 08-10-2008 (GG 209, iss.A) as well as by the Ministerial Decisions 1016/109/121/1-b dated 22/23-07-2009 (GG 1510/B), 1016/109/121-i dated 05-08-2009 (GG 1710/B) and 1016/109/169-c dated 03-11-2011 (GG 2457/B) as amended by the Ministerial Decisions 1016/109/169-id dated 16.10.2014 (GG 2775/B).

3. The import and export of arms is prescribed by articles 2 and 3 respectively, of the Law 2168 dated 03-09-1993 (GG 147 iss.A).

5. The matters of firearm possession, hunting gun possession and arm carrying are prescribed by the provisions of articles 7 on «possession», 8 on «possession of hunting guns» and 10 on «arm carrying» of Law 2168/93. As regards the types and features of shooting guns, these are determined in the Joint Ministerial Decision no. 4325/1999 dated 30/3-19/4-1999.

6. The categories of firearms according to Directive 91/477/EC of the Council of Europe are the following: Category A—Restricted firearms, Category B—Firearms that require a permission, Category C—Firearms that require a declaration, Category D—Other firearms.

7. Request for the issue of a firearm permission and arm carrying may be filed by anyone who fulfills the requirements of the provisions of article 10 on «arm carrying» of Law 2168/93 and for the specific reasons set out therein. According to the explanation filed with each request, the respective provisions below that prescribe the necessary supporting documents and conditions apply:

- Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/23-a dated 31/8-14/9-1994 on «Supporting documents and procedure of issue of the permits prescribed by the provisions of Law 2168/93 and 456/76».
- Joint Ministerial Decision no. 4325/1999 dated 30/3-19/4-1999 on «Terms, conditions and procedure of issue of the shooting arm possession permit and cartridges thereof».
- Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/20-f dated 7/26-01-1994 on «Definition of the procedure and supporting documents to issue a hunting gun purchase and possession permit and similar matters».

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TRANSLATION SERVICE
8. The terms of safekeeping of firearms, ammunition, explosives and explosive mechanisms are prescribed by the Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/28-c dated 16-21/06-1994.

9. Our Service keeps a computerised record of entry of firearms, as prescribed by article 28 of Law 2168/93.

10. Paragraph 5 of article 6 on «Dealing-Disposition» of Law 2168/93, the legal purchase-sale of firearms is prescribed. The same article determines the terms and conditions of trading of those items. By the Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/27-c dated 18-06/04-07-1994 the obligations of the warm dealers are prescribed.

11. The sanctions for illegal arm possession and arm carrying are prescribed in paragraph 8 of article 7 and in paragraph 13 of article 10 of Law 2168/93.

12. You are kindly requested to proceed accordingly.

Georgios Kanellos
Director
Chief

True copy. Athens, this day. Kleoniki Chatzipanteli, Police Sub-director (signed & sealed), Head of the Department
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ΘΕΜΑ: Ερωτηματολόγιο για τα Ανθρώπινα Δικαιώματα και τη ρύθμιση της απόκτησης,
κατοχής και χρήσης όπλων από πολίτες

Question no 13:
Law 2168/1993, as amended by law 3944/2011, which regulates issues related to the import, export,
transit, mediation, trading, possession, carrying and use of firearms, weapons, ammunition,
explosives etc provides also for criminal sanctions of imprisonment and fines in case of breach of the
interdictions imposed by the aforementioned law. The height of sanctions varies according to the
seriousness of the offence.
Especially, as regards illegal possession and lack of permission or license required for possessing a
firearm, ar. 7 par. 8 of law 2168/1993 provides for imprisonment of at least 6 months (6 months to 5
years) and for a fine of at least 590 euros.

Η ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΓΕΝ. ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗΣ
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Η Προϊσταμένη του Τμήματος
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