L.N. 76 of 2026

ARMS ACT
(CAP. 480)

Firearms and Ammunition (Movement in Member States and other Matters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 65 of the Arms Act, the Minister responsible for the Police, after consultations with the Weapons Board, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Firearms and Ammunition (Movement in Member States and other Matters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Firearms and Ammunition (Movement in Member States and other Matters) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". S.L. 480.01.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to better transpose the provisions of Directive (EU) 2021/555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codification).

Amends regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

2. Sub-regulation (3) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(3) The Commissioner shall include all the information indicated in sub-regulation (1) in the licence, which licence shall accompany the firearm or ammunition to the Member State of destination and, where applicable, to the Member State of transit. The licence shall be produced by the holder when and as required:

Provided that the Commissioner shall also communicate the relevant details to the Member States of destination and transit prior to the transfer.".

Amends regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(2) A licence in accordance with the provisions of the Act may, for the purposes of these regulations, be

issued for a maximum period of three (3) years and may be suspended or revoked by means of a reasoned decision issued by the Commissioner at any time.";

(b) in sub-regulation (4) thereof the words "in regulation 5(1)(*a)* to *(f)* to the Commissioner" shall be substituted by the words "in regulation 5(1)(a) to (f) to the Commissioner in not less than ten (10) working days".

Amends regulation 7A of the principal regulations.

4. Regulation 7A of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) the second proviso to sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following new proviso:

"Provided further that no such marking shall be required for firearms or essential components that are of particular historical importance, as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with the Weapons Board.";

(b) sub-regulation (4) thereof shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(4) Each package of complete ammunition shall be marked with the name of the manufacturer, the identification batch number, the calibre and the type of ammunition.".

Amends regulation 8 of the principal regulations.

5. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Commissioner's right to inspect licences.

8. (1) The Commissioner shall request an inspection of all licences accompanying firearms and ammunition transferred to, or from Malta to be carried out in accordance with these regulations. The Commissioner shall also verify that the Member State of destination has issued its prior consent in relation to the firearms and ammunition in question.

(2) The Commissioner shall prohibit a transfer of a firearm to, or from Malta where a licence is not so produced.".

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