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NEW POLICY ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION DEALERSHIP

1. References

- a. Presidential Decree 1866 dated 29 June 1983
- b. Republic Act No. 8294 dated 06 June 1997
- c. Executive Order 256 dated 21 December 1995
- d. Complimentary Policy on Firearms and Ammunition Dealership
- e. Section 878 of the Revised Administrative Code

2. Rationale

This Circular will reduce the volume and the processing time of the request for new applications and renewal of Licenses to Operate Dealership, Licenses to Manufacture, Licenses to Repair and Licenses of Indentor in firearms and ammunition, spare parts and accessories and related matters. This will also reduce paper works of such nature requiring the signature of C, PNP.

3. Purpose

This Circular prescribes the procedures in the issuance of new and renewal of licenses to operate and the general supervision in the control on the sales of firearms, ammunition, spare parts, etc.

4. Definition of Terms

- a. *License to Deal* — License authorizing the importation, purchase, sale and general business in handling firearms and ammunition, spare parts and accessories, airguns reloading machine and components, and bullet-proof vest.
- b. *License to Manufacture* — License authorizing the manufacture of firearms, ammunitions, airguns, load/reload ammunition, spare parts & accessories, ammo components, sporting rifle scope and bullet vests.
- c. *License to Repair* — License authorizing the repair of defective firearms to restore its original composition or to enhance or upgrade firearms.
- d. *Indent License to Deal* — License authorizing the importation and sales of firearms, ammunition, spare parts, etc. for the AFP, PNP and other government entities.

e. *Authority to Import* — Official document authorizing the importation of firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, raw materials, etc.

f. *Authority to Export* — Official document authorizing the exportation of firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, raw materials, etc.

5. *Processing of Applications*

a. All licenses to operate whether for new applications or renewal shall henceforth be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of issuance. Application for renewal thereof shall be filed at Headquarters FED, CSG, Camp Crame, Quezon City not later than ninety (90) days from the date of its expiration month regardless of the place of business upon application of the licensee.

b. In addition, all applications for issuance of licenses to operate, whether for new or renewal, covered by this policy shall be grouped and combined according to their business activity as applied, to wit:

Group I — License to Operate Dealership

- a. Firearms & Ammunition
- b. Firearm spare parts & accessories
- c. Air gun
- d. Ammunition Reloading Components
- e. Bullet Proof Vests

Group II — License to Operate as Manufacturer

- a. Firearms & Ammunition
- b. Load/Reload Ammunition
- c. Air gun
- d. Military Firearms & Ammunition
- e. Bullet Proof Vest
- f. Ammunition Components
- g. Firearm spare parts & accessories
- h. Sporting Riflescope

Group III — License to Operate Gun Repair Shop

Group IV — License to Operate as Indentor

Group V — Authority to Import Firearms, Ammunition, Spare Parts, Components etc.

Group VI — Authority to export Firearms, Ammunition, Spare Parts, Components, etc.

c. Application to operate several licenses of new applicant - for main (mother) license — with the same business activity will be processed as one and will be issued with only one (1) license to operate indicating therein the type of business subject to the approval of the C, PNP. The application for new license to operate as manufacturer will be processed on the same manner, except that the application shall be approved by the Office of the President prior to the issuance of license by C, PNP. The license to operate issued shall authorize the licensee concerned to engage in business only in the given address as indicated in the license. However, the amount of license fee to be collected shall depend on the number of business activities applied in accordance with Executive Order No. 256. Considering that the LTO had been previously approved/issued by C, PNP, succeeding renewal thereof shall be issued at the level of D, CSG unless certain amendment/changes in the license is needed which require the approval of C, PNP anew.

d. Applicant to operate new branch store for several licenses with the same business activity shall be approved by D, CSG. Each branch store shall be issued individual licenses without prejudice to the payment of license fees required in Executive Order No. 256 depending on business activities in the license. In no case shall applicant for branch store by any firm be allowed without mother license. Succeeding renewal of branch license shall be issued at the level of C, FED, unless certain changes in the license will be made which will require the approval of D, CSG anew.

6. Importation of Firearms, Ammunition and others

A licensed dealer or manufacturer may import firearms, ammunition, raw materials for manufacturing, etc., shall be based on the highest importation made by concerned dealer or manufacturer during the past three (3) years minus current stock on hand following the ratio of 70% and 30% for low-powered and high-powered handgun respectively based on their present quantity as reflected in their approved LTO and/or Import Authority. The number of firearms, ammunition, raw materials, etc., on Import Authority maybe applied not exceeding the quantities approved in the license including the actual stock on hand when the application was filed. All imported firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, raw materials, etc., except importation of ammunition components by manufacturer, upon arrival and payment of taxes due on imported articles with the Bureau of Customs shall be transferred to the Firearms & Explosives Division, Civil Security Group for deposit. In no case shall a branch be allowed to import other than that of the main license. Only the store with the mother (main) license shall be allowed to import.

The authority to import shall be issued by C, PNP with validity period co-terminus with the expiration date of the license to operate of the concerned firm.

All importation by license firearm dealers/indentors/manufacturers for the purpose of demonstration shall be re-exported back to the country of origin upon completion of the demonstration by the requesting unit/agency or before the expiration of the