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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 256**

Pursuant to Section 8 of Executive Order 256, dated 21 December 1995, promulgated hereunder are the implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order 256 for the guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Purpose. — These Implementing Rules and Regulations shall prescribe and promulgate Executive Order 256, which supersedes Executive Order 58 Series of 1987 and which further rationalizes the fees and charges on firearms, firearm spare parts, firearm accessories, ammunition and ammunition components, explosives, explosive ingredients, pyrotechnics and firecrackers and other fees and charges related thereto.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. —

FIREARMS LICENSE

a. **Regular License (RL)** — issued to private individuals for personally-owned firearms and to security agencies/company guard forces for the sole use of their security guards.

b. **Long Regular License (LRL)** — issued to private firms, establishments, or corporations for firearms used by their employees who are not security guards.

c. **Short Regular License (SRL)** — issued to private employees by their employers for firearms covered by LRL.

d. **Special Permit (SP)** — issued to government officials and employees for privately owned firearms.

e. **Long Certificate of Registration (LCR)** — issued to government agencies or offices and government-owned or controlled corporations for firearms used by their officials and employees.

f. **Short Certificate of Registration (SCR)** — granted to government officials or employees for firearms covered by a Long Certificate of Registration (LCR).

g. **Permit to Import firearms, firearm spare parts, firearm accessories, ammunition and ammunition components, reloading machines, and bullet proof vests/vestments** — a permit issued to authorized persons, entities or corporations desiring to import firearms, firearm spare parts, firearm accessories, ammunition and ammunition components, reloading machines, bullet proof vest/vestments and any other products controlled by the Firearms and Explosives

Division of the PNP.

h. **Storage Fee** — fee charged to licensed firearms and ammunition dealers utilizing and occupying the FED bodega in the course of their business.

i. **Registration Fee for Reloading Machines and Bullet Proof Vest/Vestments** — fee paid by manufacturers, importers and dealers for the processing and registration of reloading machines and bullet proof vests and vestments.

j. **Permit to Transport Firearms and Ammunition** — a permit issued to those authorized by law to transport their firearms to and from specified places.

1. Permit granted to individual licensees for the transport of their firearms for any of the following purposes: change of residence, transfer of ownership, repair of firearms by legitimate gun repair shops, and target practice at authorized firing ranges.

2. Permit granted to juridical entities to transport their firearms for the purposes of posting, repair, training and any other legitimate activity.

3. Permit granted to licensees or their authorized representatives to move firearms from source to residence, firing range, and any other authorized destinations, for Gun and Hunting Club Members who need to transport their firearms and ammunition from their residence to authorized and specified places.

k. **Records Authentication Fee** — fee charged to those who request authenticated copies of any document under the custody of FED and or papers that have been filed at FED.

l. **Permit to Carry Firearms Outside of Residence** — permit issued to individuals who are under actual threat or whose lives are in imminent danger due to the nature of their position, occupation or calling so as to enable them to carry their licensed firearms outside their residences.

m. **Permit to Hold Competition** — permit granted to recognized Gun Clubs and any other legitimate organization duly authorized to conduct or hold competitions.

n. **Authority to Display Firearms** — authority granted to authorized dealers of firearms, ammunition, major parts and ammunition components to display the same at their business establishments.

o. **Permit to Hold an Armshow** — permit issued to an applicant to organize and hold an armshow.

p. **Administrative Fines for the Loss of Firearms Covered by Special Permit and Certificate of Registration** — fines paid for the loss of firearms covered by Special Permit and Certificate of Registration.

q. **Firearm Bond** — amount intended as a security against the loss of licensed firearms and payment for the administrative fine as a consequence therein. It is likewise intended as a commitment bond to follow all existing laws and regulations.

Firearms bond for firearms covered by Regular License (RL) in the amount equivalent to the administrative fine shall be deposited as a cash bond with any duly designated bank(s) with extensive network in the country capable of servicing the licensed firearm holders nationwide. The corresponding bond certificate shall be surrendered by the applicant/licensee to the Firearms and Explosive Division which shall be forfeited in favor of the Philippine National Police if and when a particular firearm is reported lost and/or upon revocation of license by proper authority.

r. **Firearm Dealer's License** — license authorizing the conduct of general business such as importation, purchase, possession, sale and transfer of firearms, ammunition, major spare parts and ammunition components.

s. **Firearm Manufacturer's License** — license authorizing the conduct of general business such as manufacture of firearms, ammunition, major spare parts and ammunition components.

t. **Firearm Indentor's License** — license authorizing the importation of firearms, ammunition, major spare parts and ammunition components purposely for the use of government entities.

u. **License to Repair Firearms** — license authorizing the conduct of repair of firearms.

v. **Repairman's License (Gunsmith)** — license authorizing a gunsmith to repair firearms.

w. **Gun Club Recognition Fee** — recognition fee before a Gun Club shall be duly registered and recognized by the PNP.

x. **Air Gun Dealer's License** — license authorizing the conduct of general business such as importation, purchase, possession, sale and transfer of air guns.

y. **Air Gun Manufacturer's License** — license, authorizing the conduct of general business, such as manufacture of air guns, spare parts and accessories.

z. **License to Deal in Spare Parts, Accessories and Ammunition Components** — license authorizing the conduct of general business, such as importation, sale and transfer of spare parts, accessories and ammunition components.

aa. **Accreditation of Firing Ranges** — accreditation issued by the PNP to Firing Range operator/owner after a thorough compliance to all requirements set forth by FED.

bb. **Seminar Fee for Gun Safety and Responsible Gun Ownership** — this is a fee collected from firearm license and PTCFOR applicants to cover for the seminar cost as required.

EXPLOSIVES AND EXPLOSIVE INGREDIENTS

cc. **Dealer's License** — license authorizing the importation, purchase, possession, sale, transfer, and general conduct of business handling explosives and their ingredients and any other similar substances.

dd. **Manufacturer's License** — license authorizing the manufacture of explosives or their ingredients and any other similar substances.

ee. **Purchaser's License** — license authorizing the purchase and possession of explosive or their ingredients and any other similar substance for use in mining, quarrying, road construction, salvaging operations and any other legitimate purpose.

ff. **Foreman's License/Blaster License** — license authorizing the purchase, possession and use of explosives and their ingredients by workmen in mines, quarries, road construction, salvaging operation and in any other legitimate purpose.

gg. **Permit to Import Explosives/Explosives Ingredients** — permit granted to all persons, entities or corporation applying to import explosives and explosive ingredients and any other similar substances as determined by competent authority.

hh. **Permit to Unload Explosives and Explosive Ingredients** — Permit issued to manufacturers, dealers, and purchasers in order to unload explosives, explosive ingredients and any other similar substances in any port of entry in the Philippines.

ii. **Permit to Purchase Explosives/Explosive Ingredients** — permit issued to any person, entity or corporation who shall purchase explosives/explosive ingredients for any legitimate purpose.

jj. **Permit to Transport Pyrotechnics/Firecrackers** — permit granted to all dealers or distributors of pyrotechnics and firecrackers for the transport of more than 50 kilograms of such items, specifying therein the place of origin and destination.

PYROTECHNICS AND FIRECRACKERS

kk. **Pyrotechnics and Firecrackers Manufacturer's License** — license authorizing manufacture of pyrotechnics and firecrackers.

ll. **Pyrotechnics and Firecrackers Dealers License** — license authorizing the purchase, possession, sale, distribution, movement of firecrackers and pyrotechnics for the general conduct of business within their respective authorized area as defined by competent authority.

SECTION 3. Scope. — These Implementing Rules and Regulations cover the charges and fees, exemptions, procedure of payment and administrative fines for all Firearm Licensees, Manufacturers, Dealers, Indentors, Repairmen, and Importers of firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories, spare parts, and ammunition components, explosives, and explosive ingredients, firecrackers and pyrotechnics, bullet proof vests, and vestments, reloading machines, as well as Gun Clubs, Hunting Clubs, Firing Ranges and all other transacting business with the Firearms and Explosives Division (FED), Civil Security Command (CIVISCOM).

SECTION 4. General Guidelines. —

a. The Firearms and Explosive Division (FED), CIVISCOM shall impose and implement these revised rates of license/registration/permit fees, other charges and administrative fines, relative to firearms, ammunition, spare parts, accessories, components, explosives, explosive ingredients, pyrotechnics, and firecrackers.

b. All fees shall be collected by the PNP Finance Service which shall provide a separate official receipt for this purpose.

SECTION 5. Exemptions. —

a. Firearm License Fees —

1. Registered organic firearms of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and other law enforcement agencies, including the National Police Commission (Napolcom) shall be exempt from payment of license fees provided for in this IRR.

2. All government employees and retirees from the government service and military officer reservists shall have 50% discount on firearms license fees and charges provided it shall not be less than P150.00 per firearm.

3. Senior citizens as provided for under the law shall have 20% discount on these charges.

b. Permit to Carry Firearms Outside Residence

1. The following shall be exempt from the PTCFOR fee:

a. Senior Government Officials

b. Senators and Congressman

c. Cabinet Members

d. Department Secretaries, Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries

e. Bureau Directors or Heads of Offices with Equivalent Rank and Heads and Members of Constitutional Commissions

f. Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

g. Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsman

h. Justices of the Sandiganbayan

2. Active AFP/PNP Personnel, Officials and Employees of the NBI, BJMP and Napolcom duly certified as such by their respective heads of offices, and Military Officer Reservists on Annual Duty Training or Week-End Active Duty Training.

3. All others whom the C, PNP may exempt from payment of PTCFOR fee.