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# The law on Arms, explosives, explosive substances and ammunitions

## Chapter 1 General Provisions

art 1 :

The law goal is to insure lasting security, calmness and peace for the people of Kingdom of Cambodia and to develop civil society without arm. This law helps to eliminate the threat caused by illegal arms, explosives and ammunitions, and to strengthen to the government the controlling and responsibility on arms, explosives and ammunitions use.

art 2 :

This law has efficiency to cover the ownership, possession, carrying, utilization, stock, loan, rent, transfer, distribution, transport, production, assembly, repair, import, export, purchase, sale of all arms, explosives, explosive substance and ammunitions.

art 3 :

The arms in this law are mentioned to :

- The rifles, pistols of big and small calibers and all kinds arms accessories that are produced to attack, to wound, to threaten though these arms can fire non-automatically, semi-automatically or automatically, though these arms fire with projectile or flame or tear gaz or toxic gaz or biological agent, though these arms are made in any kind.
- Rifle is fire arm joined with butt or foldable butt, long barrel, when fire people put the butt against or on shoulder. It can measure from..... And, the rifle which the butt or barrel is cut off, when fire people can hold on hand, is considered "pistol".
- Artillery is gun that is used for curve fire in a short or long distance, that its projectile trajectory is curve or straight forward the target though this target is visible or invisible.
- All kind of small or big, short, medium or long range missiles and mount.
- Explosives and explosive substances in this law are mentioned to :
  - \* All projectiles that are produced for the arms as defined in art 3.
  - \* Bombs/grenades, explosive devices and all kind of explosive substances even any origin that have the blast and cause a danger or destruction.

art 5 :

Carrying, equipping, utilization, stock, loan, rent, transfer, distribution, transport, production, assembly, repair, import, export purchase, sale of all arms, explosives, explosive substance and ammunitions out of state management are forbidden.

art 6 :

The arms, explosives, explosive substance are allowed :

- Pistolet used as shelf-projection and protect property in case of eventual menace.
- Arms/ammunitions used as collection, historical arms/ammunitions, shooting arms/ammunitions, arms/ammunitions for making the signal, arms/ammunition for sport and entertainment.
- Arms fired without bullet, arms propelled firework or arms used only to explode without bullet for art performance.
- Explosive/explosive substance for public service or decorative blast.  
Procedure and condition for provision application are defined by the Royal government.

art 7 :

Definitions below are the law goal :

- Civil person is individual person that is out of officials sector of Royal government or elected officials.
- Civil services are officialized persons of Kingdom of Cambodia
- Uniformed forces are mentioned to Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, gendarmerie, national police, intelligence officials or agent from Ministry of Defense or Ministry of Interior or custom agent, tax agent, national bank, environment, forestry and fishery and others uniformed forces as defined in the laws.

art 8 :

The arms, explosive, explosive substance as defined in art 3 and 4 are not considered as object of private possession.

art 9 :

Equipping of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions to the uniformed forces and civil officials is defined by the Royal government.

art 10 :

The citizen who has Cambodian nationality, being at least 25 years old, has right to request a permission for :

- To sell or to repair arms and ammunitions as defined in art 6 or open shooting club or sport club.
- To sell explosives or explosive substances for ceremony decoration or for public service.

Procedure and condition of permission are competent of ministry of interior.

art 11 :

Any foreigner who is living or traveling in Cambodia has not right to obtain permission for carrying or using all kinds of arms, explosives, explosive substance and ammunition, in the territory of the Cambodian Kingdom.

Except international envoys or protection agent for high ranking leaders who visit Cambodia or diplomatic envoys as defined in the bilateral agreement or treaty or international treaty. This case must be permitted by the Royal government.

art 12 :

Any person who is carrying, keeping the arms, explosives, explosive substance and ammunitions as defined in art 3, 4 and 6 without permission, must hand over to competent authority with clear notification.

This principle is defined by inter ministerial declaration of interior and defense.

## Chapter 2

### Import, export, production, management, use permission, transport and security guarantee

art 13 :

- Import, export, production of all kinds of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions are government competence how to consider and decide.
- If fore national defense purpose, it will be proposed by the ministry of national defense.
- If fore internal security protection and public services, it will be proposed by ministry of interior.
- All export of arms, explosives, explosive substance, proposed by ministry of defense or ministry of defense or ministry of interior must be coordinated with ministry of justice, ministry of commerce and ministry of foreign affairs for guaranteeing the compatibility to concerned international or regional treaty or agreement.

art 14 :

The internal transport of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions is within the competence of ministry of defense when the is security protection and public services.

art 15 :

The transport of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions through the Kingdom of Cambodia must be approved previously by the Royal government via ministry of interior.

art 16 :

All transport of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions through Phnom Penh must be permitted.

art 17 :

Ministry of defense is responsible fore management of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions belonging to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.

art 18 :

Ministry of interior is responsible fore management of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions belonging to national police, uniformrmed forces, officials and civilian persons.

art 19 :

The ministry of defense is within the competence to license to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions use.

art 20 :

The ministry of interior is within the competence to license to the national police, uniformed forces, officials and civilian person all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions use.

art 21 :

- The ministry of defense is responsible for safety and security on transport and stock of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.
- The ministry of interior is responsible fore safety and security on transport and stock of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions of national police, uniformed forces, officials and civilian person.

art 22 :

Procedure and condition for application of art 14-15-16-17-18-19-20 and 21 are defined by interministerial declaration of defense and interior.

art 23 :

To guarantee security, ministry of defense and ministry of interior :

- Alert, ban the traffic or evacuate temporarily the population in case that area may explode and damage lives and materials.
- Control around the stockpile of all king of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions, fore preventing possible disaster.
- Request to vehicle user or property owner or warehouse owner to allow fore control being suspected of hiding of all king of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions.
- Design armament and explosive specialist, equipped with technical materials to control some area where the traffic of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions is.

- Investigate, collect information regarding to arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions and send to the tribunal.

### Chapter 3

#### Loss, destruction of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions

art 24 :

In any case, person who loses all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions, under his/her control, must report immediately to competent at least before 24:00 H.

art 25 :

Any kind of destruction of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions may be carried out if there is permission from ministry of defense if they are served as defense sector or there is permission from ministry of interior if they are served as security and public service sectors.

## Expert conception regarding to penalties:

- Any person violates the provision on carrying out his law has efficiency to cover the ownership, possession, carrying, utilization, stock, loan, rent, transfer, distribution, transport production, assembly, repair, import, export, purchase, sale of all arms, explosives, explosive substance and ammunitions will be sentenced.....
- Any person profits his/her role and competence fore seeking his/her own interest or uses his/her role to cheat or lose arms/ explosives will be sentenced...
- Any person destroys all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions without permission will be sentenced.....
- Any person loses all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions will be sentenced.....
- Any person uses fake arms fore intimidate other person(s) will be sentenced.....  
In fake arms use fore other crimes, this fake arms is considered as real arms and the owner will be sentenced.....
- Any person is careless by letting someone to use arms fore crime will be sentenced.....
- Any person is no competent but he/she bars the competence from existing operation on all king of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions he/ she will be in any cases, sentenced.....
- Any person licenses the use of all kind of arms, explosive, explosive substances and ammunitions contrary to his/her competence will be sentenced...
- Any person holds fake license of arm uses will be sentenced.....
- Any residence owner who allow armed person to lodge without report to competent authority will be sentenced.....
- Any guardian whose minor carries arms will be sentenced.....