

**[ PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, April 17, 2018 ]**

**REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS 2018 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591**

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WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10591, otherwise known as "An Act Providing For A Comprehensive law on Firearms and Ammunition and Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof", was signed into law by the President of the Philippines on May 29, 2013;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 44, Article VI of said law, the Chief of the Philippine National Police (C, PNP), after public hearings and consultations with concerned sectors of the society, exercised his mandated rule-making power and issued the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 10591;

WHEREAS, after its issuance, the Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO) and the Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies (SOSIA) of the PNP Civil Security Group (CSG) determined the need to revise several provisions of the IRR;

WHEREAS, for this purpose, various PNP Technical Working Groups (TWGs) were created and. after series of public hearings and consultations with concerned sectors of society, the TWG recommended to revise several provisions of the IRR;

NOW, THEN, the Chief, PNP, pursuant to his mandated rule making power, hereby promulgates this Revised IRR in order to carry out the provisions of RA No. 10591.

**RULE I GENERAL  
PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Short Title**

These Rules shall be known and cited as the Revised IRR of RA No. 10591, otherwise known as "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act".

**Section 2. Construction and Interpretation**

These Rules shall be construed and interpreted in the light of the State policies declared in Section 2, Article I of RA No 10591, which stipulates that:

"It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order and to protect the people from violence. The State also recognizes the right of its qualified citizens to self-defense through, when it is the reasonable

means to repel unlawful aggression under the circumstances, the use of firearms. Towards this end, the State shall provide for a comprehensive law regulating ownership, possession, carrying, manufacture, dealing in and importation of firearms, ammunition, or parts thereof, in order to provide legal support to law enforcement agencies in their campaign against crime, stop the proliferation of illegal firearms or weapons and the illegal manufacture of firearms or weapons, ammunition and parts thereof.”

### **Section 3. Definition of Terms**

For purposes of this Revised IRR, the following terms, words, and phrases shall mean or, be understood, as follows:

**3.1 Accessories** - refer to parts of a firearm which may enhance or increase the operational efficiency or accuracy of a firearm but will not constitute any of the major or minor internal parts thereof such as, but not limited to, laser scope, telescopic sight, and sound suppressor or silencer.

**3.2 Ammunition** - refers to a complete unfired unit consisting of a bullet, gunpowder, cartridge case and primer or loaded shell for use in any firearm.

a. **Bullet** - refers to the projectile propelled through the barrel of a firearm by means of the expansive force of gases coming from burning gunpowder.

b. **Cartridge Case** - refers to the container, usually metal and cylindrical in shape, to be loaded with a primer, powder charge and bullet. After loading, it becomes a complete cartridge, of which the case is but one element. It is commonly made of brass, although some modern cartridge cases are made of steel, aluminum, or other materials.

c. **Gun Powder** - refers to any explosive powder used to propel projectiles intended for firearms.

d. **Primer** - also called an “igniter”, refers to a cartridge component used for the purpose of setting fire to ignite the gunpowder.

**3.3 Antique Firearm** - refers to any: (1) firearm which was manufactured at least seventy-five (75) years prior to the current date but not including replicas; (2) firearm which is certified by the National Museum of the Philippines to be curio or relic of museum interest; and (3) any other firearm which derives a substantial part of its monetary value from the fact that it is novel, rare, bizarre or because of its association with some historical figure, period or event.

**3.4 Arms Smuggling** - refers to the import, export, acquisition, sale, delivery, movement or transfer of firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, from or across the territory of one country to that of another country which has not been authorized in accordance with domestic law in either or both country/countries.

**3.5 Assembling of Firearms** - refers to the fitting together of legally acquired parts or spare parts of firearms to create a complete firearm.

3.6 **Authorized Bonded Firearm Custodian** - refers to the employee of the juridical entity who is covered by bond to be accountable for the registered firearms under the name of the juridical entity.

3.7 **Authorized Importer** - refers to any person, legal entity, corporation, partnership or business duly licensed by the FEO to engage in the business of importing ammunition and firearms, or parts thereof into the territory of the Republic of the Philippines for purposes of sale or distribution under the provisions of this Revised IRR.

3.8 **Bolt Action** - refers to a type of firearm action in which the weapon's bolt is operated manually by the opening and closing of the breech.

3.9 **Bond** - refers to the cash or surety intended as a security and commitment of licensed citizens, dealers, and manufacturers to comply with all the existing laws, rules and regulations.

a. **Dealer's Bond** - refers to the bond duly issued by an insurer or insurance company with a valid certificate of authority from the Insurance Commission to a licensed dealer in such amount as may be determined by the C, PNP.

b. **Firearm's Licensee Bond** - refers to the bond duly issued by an insurer or insurance company with a valid certificate of authority from the Insurance Commission to a licensed citizen for Types 3 to 5 licenses.

c. **Manufacturer's Bond** - refers to the bond duly issued by an Insurer or insurance company with a valid certificate of authority from the Insurance Commission to a licensed manufacturer in such amount as may be determined by the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (SILG).

3.10 **Caliber** - refers to the diameter of the gun's bore and is expressed in hundredths or thousandths of an inch, as in .22 or .357, or in millimetres, as in 9 mm, such that the metric equivalent of '.38' cartridge is a '9 mm' projectile.

3.11 **Certified Gun Collector** - refers to a licensed citizen who collects registered firearms pursuant to Section 9 and Section 10 of the law and this Revised IRR.

3.12 **Company Security Force** - refers to a security unit maintained and operated by any private company/corporation utilizing its authorized employees to watch, secure or guard its business establishment premises, compound or properties.

3.13 **Concealed Carry** - refers to the practice of carrying firearms in public in a concealed or hidden manner such that, for handguns, it must be encased in a hand luggage such as clutch bag, belt bag, gun case or the like, and for rifles and shotguns categorized as small arms, it must be cased and secured inside a vehicle.

3.14 **Confiscated Firearm** - refers to a firearm taken into custody by the PNP, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency

(PDEA) and all other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) by reason of their mandate and must be necessarily reported or to the FEO.

3.15 **CSG** - refers to the Civil Security Group of the Philippine National Police.

3.16 **Demilitarized firearm** - refers to a firearm deliberately made incapable of performing its main purpose of firing a projectile.

3.17 **Duty Detail Order (DDO)** - refers to a document issued to a person by the juridical entity or employer wherein the details of the disposition of firearm is spelled out, thus indicating the name of the employee, the firearm information, the specific duration and location of posting or assignment and the authorized bonded firearm custodian for the juridical entity to whom such firearm is after the lapse of the order.

3.18 **End-user's Certificate (EUC)** - refers to a document which contains confirmation of the following: (a) that the end-user has undertaken to import the goods with specific value and amount; (b) the purpose of the use of the goods; and (c) that the end-user shall not re-export or re-assign the goods without prior authorization. The certificate likewise refers to a document that verifies the end-use and end-user of military and dual-use items as defined by RA No. 10697;

3.19 **Export Permit** - refers to a document issued by the C, PNP authorizing the exportation of firearms, or their parts, ammunition, and other components.

3.20 **FEO** - refers to the Firearms and Explosives Office of the Philippine National Police.

3.21 **Firearm** - refers to any handheld or portable weapon, whether a small arm or light weapon, that expels or is designed to expel a bullet, shot, slug, missile or any projectile which is discharged by means of expansive force of gases from burning gunpowder or other form of combustion or any similar instrument or implement. For purposes of the law, the barrel, frame or receiver is considered a firearm.

3.22 **FEO Classification Board (FCB)** - refers to the FEO classification body with a regulatory role to classify firearms, ammunition, explosives, explosives ingredients and other regulated items prior to sale, distribution and/or exhibition to ensure that such items conform to existing laws and regulations.

3.23 **FEO license Revocation and Restoration Board (FLRRB)** - refers to the FEO board with a regulatory function to study, review, validate, and recommend, after due process, the correction, deletion, revocation, cancellation, suspension or restoration of all issued licenses, registrations, and permits relative to firearms, ammunition, and explosives through a Resolution to be approved by the C, PNP or the SILG, as the case may be.

3.24 **Firearms Information Management System (FIMS)** - refers to a computerized system that establishes a database of the licensee and the registered firearms information and generates reports which include the printing of license and certificate of registration and disposition.

3.25 **Firearm Registration Card/Firearm Certificate of Registration** – refers to

the document issued by the FEO as proof that the firearm is duly registered to a licensed citizen or licensed juridical entity and recorded in the FIMS.

**3.26. Forfeited Firearm** - refers to a firearm that is subject to forfeiture by reason of court order as accessory penalty or for the disposition by the FEO of the PNP of firearms considered as abandoned, surrendered, confiscated or revoked in compliance with existing rules and regulations.

**3.27 Forging or Casting** - refers to the shaping of raw materials used in the manufacture of firearm parts or ammunition components using localized compressive forces or pouring molten metal or other material into a mold.

**3.28 Full Automatic or Fully Automatic** - refers to the firing mode and action of a firearm in which the discharge of the entire magazine load with a single pull of its trigger is continuous until the triggering device is disengaged.

**3.29 Government Guard Unit** - a security unit whose members have permanent plantilla positions in the government, maintained and operated by any government entity other than military or police, which is established and maintained for the purpose of securing the office or compound and/or extension of such government entity.

**3.30 Gun Club** - refers to an organization with at least fifteen (15) licensed citizens as members, duly registered with and authorized by the FEO which is established for the purpose of propagating gun safety and responsible gun ownership, proper appreciation and use of firearms by its members, for the purpose of sports and shooting competition, self-defense and collection purposes.

**3.31 Gunsmith** - refers to any person, legal entity, corporation, partnership or business duly licensed by the FEO to engage in the business of repairing firearms and other weapons, or constructing or assembling firearms and weapons from finished or manufactured parts thereof on a per order basis and not in commercial quantities, or of making minor parts for the purpose of repairing or assembling said firearms or weapons.

**3.32 Imminent Danger** - refers to the recognized presence of threatened harm and/or impending injury to certain licensed citizens, as provided in this Revised IRR or in subsequent rules and regulations, due to the nature of their profession, occupation or business or for being exposed to high risk of being targets of criminal elements as would reasonably justify the grant of permits for carrying firearms outside of residence or place of business.

**3.33 Imitation Firearm** - refers to a replica of a firearm, or other device that is substantially similar in coloration and overall appearance to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to believe that such imitation firearm is a real firearm.

**3.34 Import Permit** - refers to a document issued by the C, PNP to licensed manufacturers or dealers authorizing the importation of firearms, or their parts, ammunition, and other components.

**3.35 Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs)** - refer to government agencies or its units thereof mandated to enforce laws.