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The Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Offices and International Organizations accredited to the Czech Republic and has the honour to inform that circular note No. 132377/2008-DP of December 1, 2008, concerning the legislation governing the issuance of arms permits and the purchases and possession or carrying of arms no longer applies.

The Diplomatic Protocol presents to the missions updated information on the name, new address and senior staff of the police department (see Enclosure 1 to this note) to which Act No. 119/2002 Coll., on Arms and Ammunition, as amended, delegates the competence to perform public administration functions regarding the issuance of arms permits and the purchases and possession or carrying of arms in respect of diplomatic missions.

This department is the only authorized contact for the missions. The name of the department (hereinafter referred to as "the competent police department") is:

*Police Presidium of the Czech Republic,
Directorate of Service for Weapons and Security Material
Department for Weapons and Security Material of Diplomatic Missions*

All

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The directorate is still headed by Col. Bc. Milan Komárek; the head of the "Department for Weapons and Security Material of Diplomatic Missions" group is Lt.-Col. Marie Spinková, her assistant is Mr. David Hanuška.

The Diplomatic Protocol would like to further point out that the Arms Act defines the categories of arms and ammunition, the conditions for acquisition, possession, carrying and use of arms or ammunition, the rights and obligations of holders of arms or ammunition, conditions for permanent exportation of arms or ammunition from the Czech Republic, conditions for permanent importation of arms or ammunition in the Czech Republic and the conditions for temporary importation, possession or carrying of arms or ammunition in the Czech Republic or transits of arms or ammunition through the Czech Republic.

The Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Offices and International Organizations accredited to the Czech Republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Prague, April 3, 2009

Functions of the competent police department

The competent police department provides comprehensive introductory information on the requirements of the Arms Act to members of diplomatic missions (and their families) who intend to apply for an arms permit and purchase or carry arms during their assignment to the Czech Republic. The department also performs the following functions relevant to the Arms Act:

(a) To organize professional capacity tests for arms permit applicants, to appoint examining commissioners and to hire, at the applicant's cost, an interpreter translating into the applicant's own language or any other language chosen by the applicant;

(b) To decide on applications for arms permits, arms licences and European firearms passes and to issue arms permits, arms licences and European firearms passes;

(c) To grant permissions for purchasing and carrying of arms;

(d) To register arms and issue arms passports;

(e) To grant permissions for permanent exportation of arms or ammunition from the Czech Republic and to issue arms waybills for permanent export of arms or ammunition;

(f) To grant permissions for permanent importation of arms or ammunition in the Czech Republic and to issue arms waybills for permanent import of arms or ammunition;

(g) *To provide information on the conditions for the granting of permits for temporary importation, possession or carrying of arms or ammunition in the territory of the Czech Republic and permits for the transit of arms or ammunition through the territory of the Czech Republic, and on the conditions under which arms waybills authorizing the transit of arms or ammunition may be issued by diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic abroad or by police departments at border crossing points at international airports in the Czech Republic;*

(h) *To charge and collect administrative fees under the Administrative Fees and Charges Act;*

(i) *Subject to the consent of the Head of Mission, to check the observance of the Arms Act in accordance with the provisions of the Act.*

The competent police authority provides comprehensive information and guidance services for members of diplomatic missions on issues related to the Arms Act, including the required application forms and study material.