

## **Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations 2018 of Republic Act No. 10591**

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

