



PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

LEGISLATION ON FIREARMS ACT



COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION GOVERNING SAFE KEEPING, TRANSPORT, ISSUE AND USE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION BY CORPORATE BODIES, SMALL BUSINESS AND PRIVATE OWNERS

1. Introduction

Serious and Violent Crime, crimes of passion, violent protest action in the form of public disorder and strikes all have one common element – the use of illegally obtained firearms and ammunition.

Increasing demands are being made on the South African Government and Private Security Sector by Business and Citizens of the RSA for protection against violent criminal elements. Organisations such as "Gun Free South Africa" are calling for a total ban on the private ownership of Arms and Ammunition whilst the State is calling for more stringent legislation to govern the ownership and use of weapons by its citizens. Non-compliance to legislation and negligence are cited by the State as the reason for criminal elements being able to come into possession of firearms and ammunition.

Advanced Corporate Solutions (ACS), in conjunction with our legal advisor and the Pretoria Arms & Ammunition Association (PAAA) have set about developing pro-active measures in consultation with various parties and Associates to mitigate this problem.

2. Pro-Active Measures

2.1. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Non-compliance in the safe-keeping, issue, transport and utilisation of firearms and ammunition has resulted in stricter legislation and increased penalties for transgressors by the State.

It was determined that the objective was to prevent criminal groupings from being able to get access to arms and ammunition legally possessed by both the Public and Private Sector in South Africa.

This objective could be achieved by the implementation of regular compliance audits and inspections combined with awareness campaigns and training to ensure compliance.

2.2. THE ACS CHECKLIST INSPECTION AND PROFILING ROLE

To meet legal requirements ACS together with our legal advisor, developed a checklist inspection as a proactive means of assisting Business and Individuals to verify their compliance and security measures. Regular inspections by an independent party, coupled with proper profiling and screening of employees through the utilisation and implementation of Personnel Integrity Management Systems (PIMS), will assist in mitigating this problem.

During the inspection and profiling phase additional training requirements may be identified. Should an audit or inspection reveal sub-standard adherence to legal requirements additional training must be sourced to train responsible persons the required standard and levels of expertise.

2.3. ACS – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

ACS has accredited Assessors and Moderators of Firearm Legislation, Training and Compliance who can assist in the training of responsible persons and gun owners to ensure that the required levels of compliance are met, should it be required.

3. Conclusion

The combination of legal expertise, compliance inspections, profiling and the provision of training to the correct standards by a reputable company like ACS and its Associates will assist Companies and Individuals in ensuring compliance.

Companies and Individuals not only have a legal obligation in terms of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act 60 of 2000) to ensure safe storage and use of their firearms, but also a moral obligation in order to protect innocent people from injury or death.

ACS firmly believes that a pro-active approach will assist in reducing the theft of firearms and ammunition and thus the incidences of violent crime providing a safer and more secure environment.

ACS and our Associates are specialists in the provision of crime prevention strategies and business intelligence to Corporate Clients and selected Individuals. We are continuously involved in Research and Development, both locally and internationally to set the benchmark in our field of expertise.

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