

By virtue of Article 19, Paragraph 4 Air Transport Law (Official Gazette No. 12/98 and 44/99), Federal Minister of Interior hereby lays down

REGULATION

ON THE METHOD OF HAND OVER AND RETURN OF COLD WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND HAND SEARCHES OF PERSONS AND CARGO IN COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

Article 1

This Regulation lays down the procedure for hand over of cold weapons, firearms, ammunition at airports in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (hereinafter referred to as Yugoslavia), procedure for hand searches of persons and cargo in commercial air transportation and returning of such weapons at destination airports.

Article 2

Cold weapons and firearms (hereinafter referred to as weapons) shall mean all types of weapons that can be purchased, possessed and carried in Yugoslavia under Federal legislation on weapons.

Ammunition, in accordance with this Regulation, shall mean bullets, shells with cartridges, caps, bullets, air rifle bullets, balls, shots, gunpowder, including signalling, anaesthetic and gas fillings for all types of weapons specified in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 3

Persons in the commercial air transportation (hereinafter referred to as passengers) possessing weapons and ammunition on the basis of a valid licence for purchasing, possession or carrying of weapons issued by the competent authority shall before boarding aircraft hand over these weapons and ammunition to the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior.

The person authorized by the Ministry of Interior shall refuse to accept weapons and ammunition referred to in paragraph 1 only if regulations of the State, where the destination airport is located, prohibit transportation of weapons and ammunition by aircraft engaged in commercial air transportation.

Article 4

Passengers shall be appropriately informed on the manner of delivery and retrieving of weapons and ammunition prior to their screening.

Article 5

The person authorized by the Ministry of Interior shall upon handing over of weapons and ammunition by passengers perform a check whether such weapons are packed and whether the particular passenger possesses the appropriate licence for purchase, holding or bringing weapons into Yugoslavia.

The person authorized under paragraph 1 shall check whether the weapons are unloaded and dismantled or disabled in any other way, so they could not be put into immediate use.

Article 6

Upon receiving weapons and ammunition, the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior shall issue a receipt to the passenger and inform him of the place where weapons and ammunition are to be retrieved.

A copy of the receipt shall be issued to the Pilot-in-Command (PIC) of aircraft on which weapons and ammunition are to be carried.

The receipt shall contain the following:

1. Name of the issuing authority, date and place of issue;
2. Full name, residence address of passengers handing over their arms and ammunition;
3. Information on type and number of the identity document (passport, ID card, etc.);
4. Information on licence to purchase, possess or carry/ bringing weapons in Yugoslavia (number and date of issue and the issuing authority);
5. Information on weapons (type, make, calibre and manufacturing number);
6. Ammunition data (quantity and label);
7. Official stamp and signature place;
8. Place for PIC's signature, and
9. Place and date of return of weapons and ammunition and signature of the person to whom the weapons and ammunition were returned.

The form of the receipt is attached to this Regulation and forms an integral part thereof.

Article 7

Received weapons and ammunition shall be handed over in aircraft by the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior to PIC personally or through a designated crew member placing the weapons and ammunition into a separate container intended for the transportation of weapons and ammunition, or in a special section of the cargo hold.

The container in paragraph 1 of this Article shall have the label of the state to which the aircraft belongs to.

Key to the compartment for the transportation of weapons and ammunition shall be available exclusively to authorized persons.

Article 8

If a passenger changes flights in the course of carriage, the PIC or the designated crew member shall hand over the weapons and ammunition to the PIC of the aircraft on which that passenger is to continue his/her travel.

In case described in paragraph 1 of this Article, the hand over of weapons and ammunition shall be carried out in the presence of the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior and an airline representative at the airport where the passenger changes flights.

If for justifiable reasons hand over of weapons and ammunition cannot be done in the manner specified in paragraph 1 of this Article, the PIC or the designated crew member shall hand over weapons and ammunition to the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior. Such weapons and ammunition shall be handled as set out in paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this Regulation.

Article 9

Opening of baggage hold containing weapons and ammunition shall be carried out in the presence of PICs or a designated crew member, the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior and an airline representative.

Article 10

If the destination airport is located in Yugoslavia, the PIC or a designated crew member shall hand over the weapons and ammunition to the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior immediately after disembarking of arms and ammunition from the aircraft.

Article 11

The person authorized by the Ministry of Interior shall return to the passenger weapons and ammunition on the basis of confirmation of the receipt for weapons and ammunition for transportation, performing prior passenger identity verification.

The passenger shall acknowledge receipt of weapons and ammunition by putting his signature onto the receipt once the weapons and ammunition have been retrieved. The receipt shall be retained by the person authorized.

Article 12

Retrieving of weapons and ammunition at the destination airport located abroad shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation, unless otherwise specified by that State's regulations on returning of weapons and ammunition.

Article 13

Hand searches of passengers and cargo in commercial air transportation shall be conducted when a suspicion is raised during screening that the passenger is carrying on his person or in other baggage weapons or ammunition, or other items that may endanger the security of passengers and aircraft. The hand search can be carried out in other cases when the relevant police authority establishes that there are justifiable reasons to do so.

Hand searches of passengers and cargo shall be carried out prior to boarding of the aircraft and shall include frisking of clothes, shoes and other items carried by the passenger (bags, packages, suitcases, etc.), including physical search.

Article 14

Hand searches of passengers and cargo should be made by at least two persons authorized by the Ministry of Interior.

Hand search of passengers shall be carried out exclusively by authorized persons of the sex same as the passenger being searched.

Hand search of passengers and cargo shall be carried out in a separate compartment excluding presence of other persons.

Records shall be maintained for each hand search of passengers and cargo and signed by the person authorized by the Ministry of Interior and the passenger subject to the hand search. When conducting searches only the inadmissible items shall be temporarily detained. The records shall contain accurate indication of each item detained, which shall in turn be included in the receipt to be issued to the passenger immediately.

Article 15

If during the search items are found, giving raise to the possibility of other unlawful acts to be committed, such items shall be described in the record and shall be temporarily seized and a certificate of seized items immediately issued while the competent authority shall without delay be informed thereof.

Article 16

This Regulation shall enter into force within eight days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

(Name of authority)

(Place and date)

RECEIPT

_____ from
(Passenger full name)

(Residence address)

Identity established on the basis of

(Type and number of identity document)

Received for the purpose of transportation of weapons and ammunition owned on the basis of

(Type and number of documents on weapons possessed)

Issued by

(Name of the issuing authority)

As follows:

Weapons: type _____ make _____ caliber _____ manufacturing number

Ammunition: _____ quantity _____ label

Authorized person

Pilot-in-
Command

signature

SP

signature

Weapons and ammunition returned _____
(Date and Place)

Passenger signature

Format of the receipt shall be 30x21cm.

The text of the receipt shall be printed both in Serbian and in one foreign language.