

# **RULES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUNTING AND GAME PRESERVATION ACT**

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## **Chapter one. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Art. 1. With the Rules shall be provided the conditions and the order for implementation of the Hunting and Game Preservation Act regarding the organisation and the management of the hunting economy, the right to hunting, the use and the protection of the game, the trade with game and game products, the organising and the conducting of hunting tourism and the order for determining of the damages caused by the game.

## **Chapter two. ORGANISATION OF THE HUNTING AREA AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HUNTING ECONOMY**

### **Section I. Organisation of the hunting area**

Art. 2. (1) The minimal area of the hunting economic regions, depending on the basic kind of game, determined in the hunting development plan, shall be as follows:

1. for red deer - 2000 ha;
2. for roe deer and wild boar - 1500 ha;
3. (revoked - SG 41/03)
4. for mixed character of habitats (big and small game) - 1000 ha.

(2) The hunting economic region can be comprised by separate complexes. The separate complexes are areas, which do not have common boundaries and each of them has area less than the pointed out in para 1.

(3) (amend. - SG 15/09) Fenced area with an area less than the one determined in para 1 can be detached as separate hunting economic regions.

Art. 3. (amend. - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The boundaries of hunting economic regions shall be approved with an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry upon a proposal of the executive director of the Executive Agency of Forests (EAF).

(2) (new - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall draw up the proposal referred to in Para 1 on the basis of a reasoned proposal in writing of the director of the respective state forest husbandry or state game husbandry.

(3) (prev. text of Para 02 - SG 80/10) The boundaries of the hunting economic regions of the national parks shall be within the approved boundaries under the Protected Areas Act. Hunting in this regions shall be implemented for regulating the number of the animal species.

(4) (prev. text of Para 03, amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The boundaries of the hunting economic regions in the sites, immediately connected with the defence and the national security of the country, shall be determined by an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Interior.

(5) (prev. text of Para 04 - SG 80/10) The boundaries of the breeding farms shall be determined by the hunting development project upon a proposal of the Managing body of the hunting association under Art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act. The area of the breeding farms shall not be less than 3 per cent of the territory of the hunting economic region.

(6) (prev. text of Para 05 - SG 80/10) The boundaries of the hunting places in the hunting economic regions shall be determined with the hunting development project. Before the preparation of the hunting development project the boundaries shall be determined by an order of the Director of the respective state forest husbandry of the state game husbandry upon a proposal of the Managing body of the hunting association under Art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

Art. 3a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (suppl. - SG 80/10) Proposals for modification of the boundaries of the hunting economic regions under Art. 7, par. 5, item 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be initiated by one or more hunting companies within the association referred to in Art. 30 of Hunting and Game Preservation Act.

(2) The proposals of para 1 shall be presented to the Managing body of the hunting association, with attached:

1. Minutes of the general meeting of the hunting company, containing a decision for modification of the boundaries of the region, taken with simple majority by the members of the company;

2. (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The decision of the Managing body of the hunting association under Art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act for modification of the boundaries of the hunting economic region of the association shall be submitted to the respective state forest husbandry or state game husbandry for preparation of a proposal under Art. 3, Para 2.

Art. 4. (1) Hunting development project shall be worked out for each hunting economic region with term of effect 10 years.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The working out of the hunting development projects shall be assigned by EAF under the conditions and by the order of the Public Procurement Act on the basis of terms of reference for designing, approved by the executive director of EAF.

Art. 5. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall assign the working out of the hunting development projects to:

1. individuals, who meet the following requirements:

a) to have graduated higher education in the speciality "Forest economy";

b) to have worked in the field of forest economy for not less than 5 years;

c) to have developed one or to have participated in the development of not less than 3 hunting development projects;

2. corporate bodies, who have concluded employment or civil contract with a person, who meets the requirements of item 1.

(2) The persons of para 1, item 2 shall be obliged to present to the assignor a copy of the diploma and the employment or civil contract with the hired person.

(3) The working out of the hunting development projects cannot be assigned to the persons, participated in the working out of the terms of reference for designing of the hunting development projects.

Art. 6. (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The necessary information and mapping base for working out of the hunting development projects shall be conceded gratuitously by the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry and by EAF.

Art. 7. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The terrain investigation and the design works for working out of the hunting development project shall be discussed by the commissions for hunting economy at the state forest husbandries, respectively at the state game husbandry.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The worked out hunting development projects shall be discussed at a hunting development conference at the state forest husbandries, respectively at the state game husbandries, by a commission, appointed with an order by the executive director of EAF.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting development projects shall be discussed together with the record of the conference of para 2 by an expert council at EAF, appointed with an order by the executive director of EAF.

(4) (suppl. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) In the expert council shall be obligatory included representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment and Waters, the Executive Agency of Forests, the Forest Technical University, the National hunting association, the Institute in zoology and the Institute of forests at the Bulgarian Academy of Science.

(5) (amend. - SG 80/10) A record shall be compiled about the work of the expert council, which shall be proposed for approval to the executive director of EAF.

(6) (amend. - SG 80/10) The approved hunting development project, the mapping material and the starting data base shall be presented by the executive director on magnetic carrier in EAF.

(7) (amend. - SG 80/10) A copy of the hunting development project shall be conceded to the regional directorates of forests, the state forest husbandries, respectively the state game husbandries and to the persons, managing the game.

Art. 8. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The resources, necessary for the working out of the terms of reference for designing and of the hunting development projects for the hunting economic regions shall be ensured from the budget of EAF.

(2) (amend. - SG 15/09) The working out of hunting development projects for fenced areas and developed intensive hunting places for small game, as well as of additional designs for facilities, farms etc. shall be assigned and paid by the persons, managing the game.

(3) The approval of the hunting development projects of para 2 shall be implemented under the conditions and by the order of art. 7 with the participation of the persons, managing the game.

Art. 9. (amend. - SG 80/10) The control of the fulfilment of the hunting development projects shall be accomplished by EAF and its bodies.

Art. 9a. (new - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 28/19) State-owned enterprises under Art. 163 of the Forestry Act may conclude with legal entities contracts for joint implementation of the activities under Art. 9, para. 9, item 1 - 6 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act after holding a competition.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) The quotations for participation in the competition shall be submitted to the respective state-owned enterprise in a sealed non-transparent envelope with a caption "Envelope A - Documents" and "Envelope B - Investment plan and expenditures for carrying out the activity by years", containing:

1. (amend. - SG 28/19) "Envelope A - Documents" - the declarations of presence of circumstances under Art. 9, par. 19, items 4 and 7 of the Hunting and Game Preservation Act;

2. "Envelope B - Investment plan and expenditures for carrying out the activity by years" - the applicant's quotations for investments and for expenditures for carrying out the activity by years,

and also consent for approving the annual rental for renting the hunting tourism facilities - state ownership; the annual rental for renting the hunting tourism facilities shall be determined by the documentation for participation in the competition.

(3) The quotation shall be submitted in person by the applicant or by an authorized by him/her representative. At the time of acceptance of the quotation, the order number, the date and the time of acceptance shall be recorded on the envelope, and the indicated data shall be entered into a reference register, whereas respective document thereof shall be issued to the submitting person.

(4) Quotations submitted after the deadline, shall not be accepted. Shall not be accepted also quotations in an envelope which is not sealed or is damaged. Such quotations shall be returned to the applicant and this shall be recorded in the register.

Art. 9b. (new - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) Offers shall be considered in the respective state-owned enterprise by a commission appointed by an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry or an official authorized by him/her after expiry of the deadline for their submission.

(2) The commission of par. 1 shall contain minimum five members, out of them must be a certified lawyer, and three spare members.

(3) The commission members shall be announced on the day, scheduled for proposals consideration and assessment.

(4) A member of the commission may not be a person, who:

1. is an "affiliated person" in the meaning of the Commerce Act to an applicant in the competition or to members of his/her managing or control bodies;

2. has been involved in competition preparation.

(5) The commission members shall be obliged to keep confidential the circumstances, having been made known to them in connection with their activity in the commission.

(6) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) The commission members shall submit to the a declaration to the authority which issued the decision determining its composition a declaration on the circumstances of par. 4 and 5.

Art. 9c. (new - SG 15/09) (1) The commission shall start functioning upon receiving of the list of applicants and the submitted proposals. The commission shall open the envelopes by the order of their submission and shall verify the compliance of the proposals with the conditions announced in advance.

(2) At the time of opening of the "Envelope A" and "Envelope B", the commission session shall be open and representatives of the applicants, participating in the procedure may also attend it.

(3) The commission shall proceed with opening of "Envelope B" of those applicants, who, after opening of the "Envelope A" have been shortlisted for further participation in the competition. At the time of opening of the quotation minimum three members of the commission shall sign the "Envelope B", whereas all attachments thereto shall also be signed, and the commission shall assess them following the announced criteria. The commission shall suggest one representative of each attending participant to sign the "Envelope B" of remaining participants.

(4) The commission shall be entitled at any time to verify the declared data and facts by the applicants, and also to request within a set by it term further evidences of the circumstances, stated in the proposals.

Art. 9d. (new - SG 15/09) (1) Upon consideration of the proposals the commission shall proceed with their assessment and ranking following the criteria, approved in advance.

(2) The basic assessment criteria of applicants' quotations shall be the investments and the expenditures for carrying out the activities by years, related to improvement of the generic habitats,

fodder stock, biotechnical facilities, the hunting facilities, the acquisition of long term tangible assets and increase of game resources . The parameters of the integrated assessment with their relative weight or their downgraded importance where for objective reasons it is impossible to show their relative weight, shall be determined according to the methodic under Art. 9, Art. 15, item 9 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(3) Where an applicant has suggested a quotation, containing investments by years of expenditures for carrying out any of the activities, lower by 30 per cent than the average quotation of the remaining applicants in the competition, the commission shall request from him/her a written justification of the quoted by him/her offer. The commission shall set a reasonable term for presenting the justification, which may not be shorter than 3 work days after receiving the request thereof.

(4) Where the participant fails to present the written justification within the set term or the commission accepts, that the indicated circumstances are not objective, the commission shall suggest suspending the participant from the competition.

(5) Where an applicant is participating in the competition procedure, who has made investments in the respective state game husbandry by 31 December 2007, the commission for conducting the competition shall take into consideration the amount of the investments when evaluating the offers. The amount of the investments shall be evidenced by relevant financial accounting documents and a protocol, signed by the director of the state game husbandry.

Art. 9e. (new - SG 15/09) (1) The commission shall draw up a protocol of the process of studying, assessment and ranking of the offers, containing:

1. members of the commission;
2. list of participants, blacklisted for suspension from the procedure, and justifications for their suspension;
3. the results of studying and assessment of the admitted offers, including short description of the proposals of participants and the marks by parameters, where the criterion for assessment is economically most favourable offer;
4. (amend. - SG 28/19) proposal for the ranking of the participants, whose offers have been admitted for consideration and assessment;
5. the date of drawing of the protocol up.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) The protocol shall be undersigned by all commission members and shall be submitted to the authority which issued the decision determining its composition together with the entire documentation, collected in the process of conducting the competition.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) Upon request of an applicant in the competition the executive director of the body under para. 2 shall be obliged to provide access to the protocol of the commission. The refusal of access to the information, contained in the protocol, where its provision contravenes a legal act or it prevents, restricts or violates the competition.

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10) Upon a written request by a participant the executive director of the Executive Agency of Forests shall be obliged within 3 days after receiving the request to provide a copy of the protocol subject to the provisions of par. 3.

Art. 9f. (new - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry by an order shall announce the results of the competition within 14 days after finishing the commission functioning.

(2) (suppl. - SG 28/19) The order of par. 1 shall be an individual administrative act in the meaning of the Code of Administrative Procedure and may be appealed within 14 days of its notification before the relevant administrative court.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) The director of the state-owned enterprise shall notify in writing the applicants about the results of their proposalsâ€™ assessment.

Art. 9g. (new - SG 15.09) (1) (amend. - SG 28/19) The contract for joint implementation of the activities under Art. 9, para. 9, item 1 - 6 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be concluded by the Director of the respective state-owned enterprise with the legal entity, having won the competition, within 14 days after entering of the order under Art. 9f, par. 1 into force.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 28/19) As contractual clauses shall be included all proposals contained in the offer of the applicant, having won the competition.

(3) The contract shall not be concluded:

1. prior to expiration of the term for submission of an appeal against the order of Art. 9f, par. 1;
2. where there is a submitted appeal against the order of Art. 9f - up to issuing a decision thereupon.

Art. 9h. (new - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011, amend. - SG 28/19) The executive director of the Executive Agency of Forests shall issue a written decision for setting up fenced areas within the boundaries of the hunting economic regions after presentation of:

1. an opinion pursuant to the Protected Areas Act or a decision under a conformity assessment pursuant to the Biological Diversity Act in cases where the proposal for setting up fenced areas involves a protected territory an/or a protected zone;
2. an opinion under Art. 8, par. 3 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

## **Section II.**

### **Management of the hunting economy**

Art. 10. (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The management of the hunting economy shall be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry through EAF.

Art. 11. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) Consultative bodies for the issues, connected with the organisation, the management of hunting economy, the utilisation, the use and the preservation of the game at national, regional and local level, shall be the hunting council at EAF, the councils for hunting at the regional directorates of forests and the commissions for hunting economy at the state forest husbandries or at the state game husbandries.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting council at EAF shall discuss and develop proposals for solving of the basic issues of hunting economy at national level, as:

1. organisation of hunting economy;
2. status, preservation and increase of the game resources;
3. taxation and plan for using;
4. settling, acclimatisation and categorisation of the kinds of game;
5. regulation of the resources of some kinds of game;
6. temporary restrictions and bans for hunting of some kinds of game;
7. terms, means and ways of hunting;
8. normatives for hunting economic measures;
9. scientific research developments in hunting economy;
10. other issues, connected with the hunting economy.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The councils for hunting at the regional directorates of forests shall discuss and develop proposals for solving of hunting economic problems, connected with preservation of the game at regional level.

(4) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The commissions for hunting economy at the state forest husbandries and the state game husbandries shall discuss and develop proposals for borders of the nurseries, the management of the hunting economy and the management of the game at local level.

(5) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The decisions, taken by the consultative bodies of art. 15, para 2, art. 16, para 2 and art. 18, para 2 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, shall be brought into fulfilment with an order by the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry, respectively the executive director of EAF, the director of the regional directorate of forests and the director of the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry.

Art. 11a. (new - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) (1) On yearly basis by 31 October hunting associations shall provide to the respective regional directorate of forests information on the area of the hunting economic region, the number of hunters, having paid by 30 September their membership fee, including hunters having accomplished 65 years of age, with an attached proposal for arranging a preparatory course for applicants for acquiring right to hunting.

(2) The director of the respective regional by 15 November shall submit to EAF a proposal for the hunting associations, which shall arrange courses for applicants for acquiring right to hunting and information of the number of vacancies therein.

(3) The executive director of EAF by 30 November shall issue an order, determining:

1. the hunting associations under Art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, who within the subsequent year shall arrange preparatory courses for applicants for acquiring right to hunting;
2. the number of vacancies in the hunting associations under item 1.

(4) (new - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The number of candidates for vacant places in the hunting associations for obtaining hunting rights shall not exceed the number determined in the ordinance of the executive director of EAF.

### **Chapter three. RIGHT TO HUNTING**

Art. 12. (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The candidates for acquiring of right to hunting by 20 January shall submit to the hunting associations under Art. 11a, par. 3, item 1 applications for joining a preparatory course for applicants for acquiring right to hunting.

(2) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The preparation of the candidates shall be carried out by the hunting associations under Art. 11, Para 3, Item 1, where the territory of the area, in which the hunting association is located, the persons referred to in Art. 22, Para 4, Items 1 and 2 of the Act on Hunting and Game Preservation have presented to it a written refusal.

(3) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

Art. 12a. (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) (1) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The hunting associations, arranging preparatory courses for applicants for acquiring right to hunting, shall send by 31 January of the current year to the competent regional directorate of forests a notice of the number of submitted applications under Art. 12, Para 1 for joining the preparatory course for applicants for acquiring right to hunting and propose the persons referred to in Art. 22, Para 4 of the Act on Hunting and Game Preservation.

(2) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The regional directorate of forests by 10 February shall submit to the Executive Agency of Forests a summary of the proposals for nomination of the persons under Art. 22, par. 4 of the Act on Hunting and Game Preservation, to carry out the preparation of applicants for acquiring right to hunting.

(3) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The executive director of EAF by 15 February shall issue an order, by which the persons under Art. 22, Para 4, Items 1, 2 and 3 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act to carry out the preparation of applicants for acquiring right to hunting shall be appointed.

(4) The preparatory courses for applicants for acquiring right to hunting shall take place within the period from 15 February till 30 May under a program, terms and conditions and following a procedure, approved by the executive director of EAF.

Art. 12b. (new - SG 80/10) (1) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The persons referred to in Art. 22, Para 4 of the Act on Hunting and Game Preservation, determined by the hunting associations under Art. 12a, Para 1, shall file the following documents:

1. in order to carry out theoretical training to have a signed employment or civil contract with at least one of the following specialists:

- a) a researcher in the field of hunting economy;
- b) a lecturer in the discipline "Hunting Economy" in a higher and/or secondary school;
- c) a person holding higher arboricultural masters degree with at least 10 years of practice in the hunting economy;

2. in order to carry out practical training to have a signed employment or civil contract with a person holding the following qualifications:

- a) a specialists in armoury sciences and hunting weaponry handling;
- b) a hunting shooting instructor;
- c) (new - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) for a completed course for post-graduate qualification in hunting shooting;

3. to hold a licensed shooting range, where to carry out the practical training and exams with the applicants for obtaining hunting rights, or a contract with a shooting range owner;

4. a training plan for conducting the course including the themes for theoretical preparation under Appendix No 4 according to dates, number of lecturing hours, the themes for practical preparation according to Appendix No 5 according to dates, lecturers and instructors<sup>1/4</sup>

5. (new - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) a concluded contract for training of the candidates for acquiring hunting rights by the hunting associations under Art. 11a, Para 3, Item 1.

(2) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The hunting associations under Art. 11a, Para 3, Item 1, not later than 1 March shall enter the data of the applicant hunters into the web based information system of EAF. In the information system of each candidate hunter shall be entered the following data:

- a) the three names;
- b) the unified civil code/unified number of a foreigner;
- c) a permanent address.

(3) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) Not later than 5 February the hunting association referred to in Art. 11a, Para 3, Item 1 shall submit to the respective regional directorate of forests a copy of the documents referred to in Para 1, accompanied by the respective attachments (diplomas, certificates, licences, etc.).

Art. 13. (amend. - SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09).

Art. 14. (amend. SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09).



Art. 15. (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The examinations for acquiring of right to hunting shall be conducted in the state forest and state game husbandries in one examination session from 5 June by 20 July according to a schedule, approved by the executive director of EAF.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) By 30 May the Director of the regional directorate of forests shall make a proposal to the executive director of EAF for a schedule and members of the commissions for conducting the examinations for acquiring right to hunting.

(3) The persons, having accomplished the training course, shall sit an exam in the hunting association, to which they have submitted the application under Art. 12, par. 1, after having paid in the state forest husbandry or in the state game husbandry the exam fee.

(4) Up to 25 persons shall be admitted to one examination session.

(5) The theoretical and the practical exam shall take place on different days.

Art. 16. (1) (amend. SG 41/03) The theoretic examination shall include three levels - written test, written examination and verbal examination, for each following level being necessary the previous one to be successfully passed.

(2) The theoretic examination shall be conducted on one calendar day.

Art. 16a. (new - SG 41/03) The written test shall contain 104 questions, corresponding to the topics from the programme for theoretic instruction of the candidates for acquiring of right to hunting, grouped in sections on modular principle:

1. knowledge of game - 47 questions;
2. hunting legislation - 7 questions;
3. game breeding, management and preservation of game - 11 questions;
4. ways, methods and means for hunting - 12 questions;
5. knowledge of arms and hunting shooting - 5 questions;
6. hunting knowledge of family Canidae - 9 questions;
7. diseases of game - 9 questions;
8. giving first medical aid - 4 questions.

(2) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(3) The compiling the examination test shall be implemented at the beginning of the examination day in the presence and with the participation of the candidates by random selection of separate examination modules observing the structure of para 1.

(4) The time for making the test shall be 90 minutes.

(5) The check of the examination sheets shall be implemented by the commission after the end of the examination using a template.

(6) The assessment of the results from the examination test shall be determined by the number of the correct answers, pointed out by the candidate. The candidate, answered correctly to 80 and more questions from the examination test shall be considered as successfully passed the written test.

(7) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

Art. 16b. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The examination questions for the written examination shall be prepared in advance and include questions from different sections of the taught material. Each candidate, admitted to attend the written examination, shall develop the questions from a set, containing two questions from the programme for theoretic instruction of the candidates for acquiring of right to hunting, chosen personally by him, on the sheets, stamped with the seal of the state forest husbandry, respectively of the state game husbandry.

(2) The time for conducting of the written examination shall be 90 minutes from the moment of choosing of the questions.

(3) The check of the written works shall be implemented by the examination commission immediately after the handing over of the written works. The assessment of the written works shall be made in the six mark system, each separate question being marked with precision 50 percent from the unit. The total mark of the written work shall be average arithmetic of the sum of the marks of the two examination questions.

(4) The candidates, received 4 or higher for their written work, shall be considered a successfully passed the written examination and they shall be admitted to further participation in the examination.

(5) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

Art. 16c. (new - SG 41/03) (1) The candidates, admitted to verbal examination, shall answer to clarifying questions of the commission, which are connected with the written questions, developed by them.

(2) The commission shall put mark to the verbal examination "passed" or "not passed".

(3) The candidates, got mark "passed", shall be considered as successfully passed the theoretic examination and shall be admitted to attending the practical examination.

(4) A record shall be prepared by the examination commission about the results of the conducted verbal examination, which shall be signed by the candidates.

Art. 16d. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The examination commission shall enter into the web based information system of EAF the results and shall issue a record about the results of the conducted theoretical examination.

(2) The documentation of the examination commission from the conducted theoretical examination shall include:

1. the sheets from the written examination test of the candidates;
2. the written works of the candidates;
3. (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)
4. the summarised record from the theoretical examination.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10; revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(4) The results of the conducted theoretical examination shall be ultimate and are not subject to reconsidering.

Art. 17. (1) To practical examination shall be admitted the persons, passed the theoretical examination.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03) The practical examination shall include:

1. shooting at a silhouette of game (rabbit) from 35 m - 10 shots; the shooting shall be made with hunting bullets with pellets No 7 (2.5 mm); as successful shall be considered result of minimum 6 accurate shots;

2. shooting at clay pigeons (discipline skate) - single shooting from 7 positions - with hunting bullets with pellets No 9 (2 mm), as follows:

- a) first position - shooting at 5 clay pigeons - 3 from big tower and 2 from small tower;
- b) second position - shooting at 4 clay pigeons - 2 from big tower and 2 from small tower;
- c) third position - shooting at 2 clay pigeons - 1 from big tower and 1 from small tower;
- d) fourth position - shooting at 2 clay pigeons - 1 from big tower and 1 from small tower;
- e) fifth position - shooting at 2 clay pigeons - 1 from big tower and 1 from small tower;
- f) sixth position - shooting at 4 clay pigeons - 2 from big tower and 2 from small tower;
- g) seventh position - shooting at 6 clay pigeons - 3 from big tower and 3 from small tower;

as successful shall be considered result of minimum 12 accurate shots.

(3) (new - SG 41/03; revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) Individual records shall be prepared for the results of the conducted practical examination of the participants, the commission shall enter the final result of the practical exam into the web based information system of EAF and shall issue a summary protocol containing the results of each candidate in the theoretical and practical exam.

(4) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10; revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(5) (new - SG 41/03) The results of the conducted practical examination shall be ultimate and shall not be subject to reconsidering.

(6) (prev. (3), amend. SG 41/03) The persons of art. 24 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall take only practical examination under para 2.

Art. 17a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(2) The persons, who due to objective reason do not appear at the examination of art. 16 and 17, shall have right to take exam in the following year.

(3) (new - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) For participation in the exam under Art. 16 and 17 the persons referred to in Para 2 shall file an application with the state forest and state game husbandries by 30 May.

(4) (new - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The application under Para 3 shall be accompanied by a document of paid fees and a certificate of a completed training for acquiring hunting rights.

Art. 17b. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (suppl. - SG 80/10) The candidates for acquiring of right to selective hunting shall be admitted to examination after graduated training course according to programme of appendix No 6 and appendix No 6a.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The courses of para 1 shall be organised by the state game husbandries, the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and by the Forest Technical University, who shall keep a register of the courses. The courses shall be conducted according to a study plan, including the topics for training with dates, number of study hours and lecturers.

(3) (suppl. - SG 80/10) The hunting associations of para 2 must have concluded employment or civil contract with at least one of the following specialists for conducting theoretical training:

1. scientist in the field of hunting economy;
2. lecturer in discipline "Hunting economy" in a higher and/or high education establishment;
3. person with higher forestry education with at least 10 years practice in hunting economy.

(4) (new - SG 80/10) For conducting practical training the persons referred to in Para 2 shall have an employment or a civil contract with a person holding the following qualifications: a specialist in armoury sciences and hunting weaponry handling and shooting instructor.

(5) (new - SG 80/10) The persons referred to in Para 2 shall hold a licensed shooting range to host the practical training and the exams of the applicants for acquiring the right of selective hunting, or a contract with the owner of a licensed shooting ground.

(6) (prev. text of Para 04 - SG 80/10) In one week term after the finishing of the training course the persons of para 2 shall issue certificates for graduated course for kinds of big game.

Art. 18. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The examination for acquiring of right to selective hunting shall be conducted at the state game husbandries and at the Forest Technical University.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The examination for acquiring of right to selective hunting shall include:

1. a written examination
2. a verbal examination;

3. (in force from 01.01.2014) a practical examination.

(3) (revoked - SG 41/03)

(4) (revoked - SG 41/03)

(5) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The persons, graduated the training course, shall submit applications for taking examination to the state game husbandry or to the Forest Technical University, where the registration of art. 17b, para 2 has been made. To the application shall be attached a certificate for graduated training and document for paid fee for taking of examination for acquiring of right to selective hunting.

(6) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) In two weeks term after presenting of the application of para 5 the director of the regional directorate of forests shall propose to the executive director of EAF a schedule and members of the commissions for conducting of examinations in state game husbandries or at the Forest Technical University.

(7) (new - SG 41/03) On one examination date shall be admitted to examination up to 25 persons.

Art. 18a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) At conducting of the written examination for acquiring of right to selective hunting each candidate shall develop questions on the topics from the study plan of art. 17b, para 2, contained in the examination question set. The sheets, on which the candidates work, shall be stamped with the seal of the state game husbandry or the Forest Technical University.

(2) The time for conducting of the written examination shall be up to two astronomic hours.

(3) The checking and the assessment of the written works shall be implemented immediately after their submitting to the commission of art. 19, para 3.

(4) The written works shall be assessed as "passed" or "not passed" for each kind separately, on the basis of the comprehensiveness and the level of the presented knowledge.

(5) The results of the conducted written examination shall be reflected in the examination record.

Art. 18b. (new - SG 41/03) (1) The candidates, passed the written examination for acquiring of right to selective hunting, shall be admitted to verbal examination, at which they shall answer to questions from the study plan of art. 17b., para 2, raised by the commission.

(2) The time for taking the verbal examination cannot be more than 30 minutes.

(3) The commission shall put mark for the verbal examination "passed" or "not passed".

(4) The candidates, got mark "passed", shall be considered as successfully taken the examination for selective hunting.

(5) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(6) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(7) (amend. - SG 80/10; amend. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

Art. 18c. (new - SG 48/11, in force from 01.01.2014) (1) To the practical examination shall be admitted only persons who have passed the verbal and the written examination.

(2) The practical examination shall include shooting of a game silhouette (wild bore) from 100 m - 5 shots. The shooting shall be carried out with firearms with rifled barrel with a caliber of 7 to 8 mm. A successful shall be deemed any result of minimum 3 shots within the circle located on the chest of the silhouette.

(3) The results of the written, verbal and practical examination shall be entered into the web based information system of EAF by the examination commission, which shall draw up a summary record. The records shall be stored as a documentation by the examination commission.

(4) The results of the conducted examinations shall be final and not subject to appeal.

(5) A copy of the summary record shall be submitted to EAF and on the basis of it shall be issued certificates for selective shooting.

Art. 18d. (new - SG 41/03; prev. text of Art. 18c - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The training courses and the examinations for acquiring of right of hunting guide shall be organised and conducted by the state game husbandries and the Forest Technical University according to programme of appendix No 7.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) A register about the organised courses shall be kept by the game husbandry or the Forest Technical University.

(3) The examination for acquiring of right of hunting guide shall include two levels - conversation and practice.

(4) The commission shall put mark "passed" or "not passed" to the persons.

(5) (amend. - SG 80/10) The examination commission shall prepare a record for the results of the examination. A copy of the record shall be presented to EAF, on the basis of which to those, taken successfully the examination, shall be issued certificates for acquiring of right to hunting guide.

Art. 19. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall appoint with an order commissions for conducting of examinations for acquiring of right to hunting by Bulgarian citizens and by foreigners, staying for long time in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as for selective shooting and hunting guides.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) In the commissions for conducting of examination for acquiring of right to hunting shall be included representatives of EAF or of the regional directorate of forests, of the state forest husbandry and the state game husbandry, of the Ministry of Interior, of the persons of art. 22, para 4, item 2 and 3 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and a specialist in hunting economy.

(3) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) In the commissions for conducting of examination for acquiring of right to selective hunting shall be included representatives of EAF or of the regional directorate of forests and of the state game husbandry, of the Ministry of Interior and of the persons of art. 17b, para 2.

(4) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) In the commissions for conducting of examination for acquiring of right of hunting guide shall be included representatives of EAF and of the Forest Technical University.

Art. 20. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 21. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 22. (amend. - SG 15/09) (1) The hunting license shall be issued by the State forest husbandry, respectively by the State game husbandry, in the region of which the hunting association in which the person having acquired right to hunting is a member carries out its activity. The persons under Art. 22, par. 6, item 2 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act may hold only one hunting license.

(2) The hunting license shall be issued within 7 days after submitting of written application, to which shall be attached:

1. certificate for acquired right to hunting;
2. membership card, certifying membership in hunting association under art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;
3. photo - nos. 2;
4. document for paid fee.

Art. 23. (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) (1) A hunter, having changed his membership in a hunting association, shall submit an application for re-registration of his hunting license with the state forest husbandry or with the state game husbandry, in the region of which the hunting association is carrying out its activity.

(2) The director of the respective state forest husbandry or state game husbandry of para 1, or officials, authorised by them, shall register the change and issue new hunting license without payment of annual fee.

(3) (revoked - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011)

(4) (suppl. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The re-certification of the hunting licenses shall be implemented in the state forest husbandries and at the state game husbandries, in the area of which the hunting association is carrying out its activity, upon presentation of certified membership card of hunting association under art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act for the respective year and a document of deposited annual installment for managing under Art. 37a of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and a document for paid annual fee under Art. 116, Para. 1 of the Local Taxes and Fees Act, where applicable.

(5) In the cases of lost, stolen or damaged hunting license the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry shall issue a new one against payment of fee for issuing of duplicate.

Art. 24. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The certificates for selective shooting and hunting guides shall be issued by EAF.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall keep public register for the certificates of para 1.

Art. 25. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall issue hunting licenses to representatives of diplomatic missions under the conditions of mutuality.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall issue hunting licenses to foreigners, staying for long time in the Republic of Bulgaria upon presentation of the following documents:

1. (amend. - SG 80/10, revoked - SG 28/19)

2. (revoked - SG 28/19)

3. (revoked - SG 28/19)

4. photo of the person - 1;

5. document for paid fee.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry shall issue hunting licenses for a term of one month to foreigners, staying for short time in the Republic of Bulgaria after presenting of document for acquired right to hunting, issues by the country, which citizens or residents they are;

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10) The State Agency of Forests shall keep register of the hunting licenses, issued by the order of para 1 and 2.

(5) (amend. - SG 80/10) The state forest husbandries and the state game husbandries shall keep a register of the hunting licenses, issued by the order of para 3.

Art. 25a. (new - SG 15/09; revoked - SG 80/10)

Art. 25b. (new - SG 15/09; revoked - SG 80/10)

Art. 26. (amend. SG 41/03; revoked - SG 80/10)

Art. 27. (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 14/09; amend. - SG 80/10) (1) The persons of two or more hunting troops under Art. 29 of the Act on the Hunting and Game Preservation shall take a decision for establishment of a hunting association.

(2) The decision for establishment of a hunting association shall be taken by the general meeting of the hunting troops. The general meeting shall be lawful, if more than the half of all members of the troop registered to the respective state forest husbandry or state game husbandry are present.

(3) The decisions referred to in Para 1 shall be taken by simple majority of those present, which shall be recorded in protocols of the general meetings of the hunting troops.

## **Chapter four.** **MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF GAME**

### **Section I.** **Management of game**

Art. 28. The management of game in the hunting economic regions shall be implemented on the basis of the approved hunting development projects.

Art. 29. (1) (revoked - SG 41/03)

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall submit to the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, application for conceding of the management and the use of the game for the respective hunting economic region, to which they shall attach:

1. an updated status of the court registration;
2. a copy of a document for registration in register BULSTAT;
3. a copy of the contract with the specialist in hunting economy;

(3) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) After submitting of the application of para 2 the director of the state forest husbandry or of the state game husbandry shall open the procedure for direct contracting with the issuing of order, which contains:

1. the legal and the factual ground for opening of the procedure;
2. (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) the hunting economic regions;
3. the term for conceding of the management of the game;
4. requirements for management of the game;

5. (amend. - SG 80/10) term for examination of the association's documents, which cannot be shorter than 5 working days;

6. place, day and hour for conducting of the direct contracting;

7. (new - SG 80/10) a commission charged with examination of the association's documents and carrying out the direct contracting.

(4) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The director of the state forest husbandry, respectively of the state game husbandry, shall send a copy of the order of para 3 to the association, submitted application of para 2.

(5) (suppl. SG 41/03; revoked - SG 80/10)

(6) (amend. - SG 80/10) The commission referred to in Para 3, Item 7 shall consist of at least three members.

(7) The commission of para 6 shall prepare a record about its work, which shall also be signed by a representative of the association.

(8) (amend. - SG 80/10) On the basis of the record of para 7 the director of the state forest husbandry, respectively of the state game husbandry, shall conclude with the association contract for conceding of the management of the game.

(9) The contract of para 8 shall contain clauses for the rights and the obligations of the association of art. 37 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(10) (new - SG 80/10) The parties shall sign an additional agreement to the contract referred to in Para 8, where the hunting troop moves to another association. The additional agreement shall be signed after submission of:

1. a protocol by the management body of the hunting association referred to in Art. 30 of the Act on the Hunting and Game Preservation containing a decision for acceptance of the hunting troop;

2. a protocol of the troop's assembly containing a decision for moving to another association.

Art. 30. (1) (suppl. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10, revoked with SAC Decision No 1944 of 12.02.2019 - SG 16/19, in force from 22.02.2019)

(2) The hunting association of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, which is party to the contract, shall manage the game in the hunting economic region, for which there is order under para 1.

Art. 31. (1) (amend. SG 41/03) The contract of art. 29, para 8 shall be terminated:

1. with the elapse of the term;

2. at termination of one of the parties in the contract;

3. on mutual agreement by the parties;

4. upon established violations of art. 29 and 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) In the cases of para 1, item 4 the contract shall be terminated with one month written warning by the director of the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, directed to the person, representing the association.

(3) (new - SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09)

(4) (new - SG 80/10) In case of lack of consent between the parties to sign an additional agreement under Art. 29, Para 10, the contract referred to in Art. 29, Para 8 shall be terminated unilaterally by the director of the respective state forest husbandry or state game husbandry in respect of the part regarding the hunt economic region of the hunting troop that has moved to another association, following the submission of the documents referred to in Art. 29, Para 10.

Art. 31a. (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall concede with direct contracting the management of the game in the hunting economic regions of the game breeding sections of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act to the National hunting association for term of 10 years.

Art. 31b. (new - SG 15/09) (1) State forest husbandries shall allocate the management and the use of the game in the game breeding areas under Art. 10 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act together with the hunting base, which is of state ownership, and the biotechnical facilities to legal persons through a competition.

(2) The person under Art. 34, par. 1, item 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, to which management and use of the game may be allocated in the game breeding areas under Art. 10 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act must meet the following requirements:

1. not no be announced in insolvency and not to be undergoing a procedure of insolvency;

2. not to undergo a winding up procedure;



3. (amend. - SG 80/10) not to have overdue payments to the state and municipalities, identified by an enforced act of a competent governmental bodies;
4. not to be deprived of the right to exercise commercial activity;
5. not to be sentenced for bankruptcy;
6. not to have been convicted with an enforced sentencing for a crime against the property or the business, unless after having been pardoned;
7. to have got concluded contracts with:
  - a) an expert in hunting economy with higher education and not less than 3 years of experience in the field of hunting economy, to be appointed for managing the game;
  - b) at least one expert in hunting economy for each 2500 ha of hunting area, holding a certificate for selective hunting.
- (3) The contracts under par. 2, item 7 may be concluded also under a deferred condition, that they shall enter into force after winning in the competition.
- (4) The requirements under par. 2, item 4, 5 and 6 refer to the managers and executive members of the applicant's managing bodies.
- (5) The circumstances under par. 2, item 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 shall be evidenced by a document by the respective competent body, and under par. 2, item 4 - by a declaration.
- (6) The applicants shall submit their proposals in a sealed non-damaged and non-transparent envelope, contained two separate sealed non-transparent envelopes with a caption "Envelope A - Documents" and "Envelope B - Quoted annual installment for game management in the game breeding area and business program for management and use of the game and implementation of a hunting development design".
- (7) Where the procedure includes also leasing of the base for hunting tourism, the applicants shall quote an annual lease fee of the basis for hunting tourism, which is inserted into the "Envelope C".
- (8) At the time of opening of "Envelope A", "Envelope B" and "Envelope C" the session of the commission is opened and representatives of the applicants, participating in the procedure, can attend it.
- (9) The commission shall proceed with opening of the "Envelope B" and "Envelope C" only of those applicants, who, after opening of the "Envelope A" have been shortlisted for further competition. Upon opening of the offers, at least three members of the commission shall undersign "Envelope B" and "Envelope C", signing also all attachments, which the commission will assess against the announced criteria. The commission shall suggest one representative from the attending participants to sign the envelope "B" and the envelope "C" of the remaining participants.
- (10) Where an applicant is participating in the competition procedure, who has made investment in the respective state forest husbandry by 31 December 2007, the commission for conducting the competition shall take into consideration the amount of investments for assessment of the proposals. The amount of investments shall be evidenced by relevant financial accounting documents and a protocol, undersigned by the director of the state forest husbandry.

Art. 31c. (new - SG 15/09) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests, regional directorates of forests, and also the state forest husbandries and the state game husbandries shall carry out inspections for the implementation of the contracts under Art. 31b.

(2) Reports of findings shall be prepared for the results of the inspections, which shall containing findings related to:

1. the condition of the game reserves in the respective game breeding area;
2. the implementation of the business program under Art. 36h, par. 2 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(3) Where in the course of inspections under par. 1 it is identified that there is any of the grounds under Art. 36m, par. 1, item 1 - 4 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, the commission,

having carried out the inspection, shall propose to the director of the respective state forest husbandry to terminate the contract unilaterally.

Art. 32 - 44 (revoked SG 41/03)

Art. 45. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) The contracts for management and use of the game in the hunting economic regions, conceded to the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, shall be concluded for a term of 15 years.

(2) (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 46. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 47. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 48. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 49. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) For ensuring the feeding of the game, for improvement of its habitats and for restricting of the amount of the damages, which it inflicts to the forest vegetation and the agricultural production, in each hunting economic region shall be created and maintained specialised fodder base, observing the following recommended areas:

1. game fields, meadows, cuttings and special felling grounds in the state game hisbandries and game breeding sections - minimum 4 ha per 100 ha hunting area for the plain regions, minimum 2 ha per 100 ha hunting area for the semi-mountainous regions and minimum 1 ha per 100 ha hunting area for the mountainous regions;

2. game fields, meadows, cuttings and special felling grounds in the other hunting economic regions - minimum 0.2 ha per 100 ha hunting area for the plain regions and minimum 0.6 ha per 100 ha hunting area for the semi-mountainous and the mountainous regions.

(2) The areas for the specialised fodder base shall be determined with the hunting development projects;

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The areas for the specialised fodder base on municipal lands and forests shall be determined after decision of the municipal council on proposal by the commission for hunting economy at the state forest husbandry.

(4) The areas for the specialised fodder base on private lands and forests shall be determined after concluded contract between the owner of the land and the forest and the persons, managing the game.

(5) (new - SG 41/03) The designing of the technical facilities and the material base shall be determined with the hunting development project.

Art. 50. (1) (amend. SG 41/03) The feeding up of the game shall be implemented observing the recommended day rations and minimum terms according to appendix No 1.

(2) (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 51. For feeding up of the game in the hunting economic regions shall be constructed and maintained the following minimum number of facilities:

1. racks and salt pans for red deers, roe deers, mouflons, chamois, European bisons and Tibet yaks - 1 per 10 animals; per 10 simple racks - 1 combined ayloft - rack if necessary;

2. feeding-troughs for wild bore - per 300 ha hunting area - 1;

3. racks and salt pans for rabbits - per 15 animals - 1;
4. racks for wood-grouse - per 5 birds - 1;
5. racks for pheasants, guinea hens and semi-wild ducks - per 20 birds - 1;
6. racks for partridges - per 15 birds - 1.

Art. 52. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) (suppl. - SG 80/10) The settling of game in the country shall be implemented on proposal by the persons, managing the game, taking into consideration the habitats and the zones of settling of the various species of game birds.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall till June 30 approve programme for settling of big and small local game for the current hunting season.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall till December 15 approve programme for settling of farm produced game for the following hunting season.

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10) The game out of the one provided in the programmes of para 2 and 3 can be settled only after permission by the executive director of EAF.

(5) (amend. - SG 80/10) The large game and the local small game for settling shall be accompanied by a veterinary-medical certificate and a sales invoice and before the settling shall stay in quarantine yards for at least 45 days.

(6) (new - SG 80/10) The farm bred small game for settling shall be accompanied by a veterinary-medical certificate and a sales invoice issued by a site that meets the requirements of the ordinance referred to in Art. 42, Para 2 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation, and prior to settling shall stay in aviaries at the hunting economic regions for at least 15 days.

(7) (pref. text of Para 06, amend. - SG 80/10) A record shall be prepared by a commission, appointed by the director of the respective state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry, for settling of game. The commission shall include representatives of the state forest husbandry, respectively of the state game husbandry, the regional veterinary service and representative of the persons, managing the game.

Art. 53. (1) (revoked - SG 41/03)

(2) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) Those caring for the game under Art. 34 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation shall ensure the veterinary - medical servicing of the game.

(3) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The control over the implementing of the specialised zoo-prophylactics of the game shall be implemented by EAF and by the National scientific research station for hunting economy, biology and diseases of the game.

## **Section II.**

### **Use of the game**

Art. 54. (1) The methods for selective hunting shall be:

1. stalking;
2. waylaying;
3. enticing.

(2) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 88/18) The selective shooting through the organized hunting tourism in the state game husbandries, where game management and use is carried out by them, and the sites of Art. 11 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be implemented in the presence of official, holding a certificate for hunting guide or selective shooting.

(3) (new - SG 80/10) The selective shooting in the game breeding sections. provided for management and use to legal persons, shall be carried out in the presence of the persons referred to in

Art. 36a, Para 1, Item 7 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation, when the hunting is carried out in line of the organised hunting tourism.

(4) (new - SG 41/03; pref. text of Para 03 - SG 80/10) The official of para 2 shall be given official hunting arm.

Art. 55. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) In the state game husbandries and in the game breeding sections to the state forest husbandries, where game management and use is carried out by them, and also in those of art. 11 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act the group hunting of wild bore shall be admitted only in line of the organised hunting tourism.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The group hunting of wild bore in the hunting economic regions of the hunting companies shall be implemented according to a schedule, approved by the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, with normative 3 hunting hikes for one wild bore, planned for shooting, for one season. The group hunting in line of the organised hunting tourism shall be implemented after submitting of written application to the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry, which shall ensure escort.

(3) (new - SG 80/10) The group hunting of wild bore in the game breeding sections, which are subject to signed contracts for management and use of game as set out in Art. 36, Para 1 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation, shall be carried out according to a schedule approved by the state forest husbandry. The group hunting in line of the organised hunting tourism shall be carried out in the presence of the persons referred to in Art. 36a, Para 1, Item 7 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation.

(4) (revoked - SG 41/03)

(5) (suppl. SG 41/03; prev. text of Para 03 - SG 80/10) At group hunting of wild bore and predators the groups shall consist of 8 to 20 hunters, including the drivers and the chief of the group.

(6) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; prev. text of Para 05 - SG 80/10) At hunting of wild bore shall be permitted the use of up to 10 hunting dogs.

(7) (prev. text of Para 06 - SG 80/10) Till the finishing of the hike the hunters cannot leave or change the places, determined for them by the chief.

(8) (prev. text of Para 06, amend. - SG 80/10) During the hunting the hunters shall be equipped with strips, caps or clothing with bright signal colour;

(9) (new- SG 15/09; prev. text of Para 08 - SG 80/10) Group hunting of predators in hunting economic regions of hunting companies shall take place according to a schedule, approved by the state forest husbandry, respectively by the state game husbandry.

Art. 56. The individual hunting of small game shall be implemented by stalking, waylaying, enticing and with use of hunting dogs.

Art. 57. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03) The group hunting of small game shall be implemented by immovable post battue and mobile battue. The groups shall consist of at least three hunters, including the chief of the hunt.

(2) At immovable post battue the shooters shall be arranged by the chief of the group and the drivers shall jump the game to the posts.

(3) At mobile battue the hunters shall be arranged in one line and in movement bring up and shoot the game

(4) (amend. - SG 15/09) In case of group hunting, hunting dogs shall be used.

(5) (new - SG 15/09; amend. and suppl. - SG 80/10) In case of hunting of local small game, snipe and quail the hunters must be equipped with bands, hats or clothes of bright signal colour.

Art. 58. (1) (revoked as unlawful in the part "and traps for selective hunting" with decision of SAC No 3722/2002 - SG 43/02; amend. - SG 15/09) For predators shall be hunted individually, in groups and during the hunting of other kinds of game, using all permitted methods of hunting as well as dogs, trained for purpose and dogs for underground hunting.

(2) (new - SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09).

(3) (new - SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09).

(4) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) The group hunting of predators shall be conducted from October 1 to December 31, and of jackals beyond the forest husbandry - from 1 January to 28 February upon existing non-fulfilled plan of hunting of predators. The hunting shall be carried out in the presence of an accompanying person from the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry.

(5) (new - SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09).

(6) (prev. (2) - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall in co-ordination with the Minister of Environment and Waters upon proposal by the hunting council determine with an order the traps, permitted for use for selective hunting as well as the introduction of other selective methods and means for hunting.

Art. 59. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The chiefs of the hunting shall be determined by the general meeting of the hunting company and their number shall depend on the detached hunting places in the hunting economic region. The hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall present list of the chiefs of the hunting for approval to the director of the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry. The director shall issue certificate according to a model, approved by the executive director of EAF to the approved persons.

(2) The persons of para 1, to whom certificates have been issued, can be escorts at individual hunting of small game in line of the organised hunting tourism.

(3) The chief of the hunting shall implement the following functions:

1. be responsible for the order, the discipline and the observing of the lawfulness at the preparation, the organisation and the conducting of the hunting hike;

2. receive the permission for hunting, filled in by the chairman of the company and check whether the date and the place of hunting, the kind and the quantity of the game, permitted for hunting, have been correctly entered;

3. before starting the hunting hike check the existing of hunting license, membership card and permission for carrying of hunting arm of each participant in the hunting, fill in the permission for hunting according to the requirements of art. 86, para 4 and collect the due individual fee for hunting from each participant in the hunting;

4. (amend. - SG 80/10) instruct the participants in the hunting hike about:

a) the kind and the quantity of the game, which will be shot, the signals for start and end of the battue and the hunting, the hour and the place of the meeting point after the finishing of the battue and the hunting;

b) the rules for safe dealing with hunting arms, the discipline and the legality in the course of the hunting hike and the non-use of alcohol or narcotic substances in the course of the hunting hike;

5. organise the hunting hike, determining the shooters, the drivers and the hunting dogs, who will participate in the battue (at group hunting of wild bore), the place and the number of the battues, the places of the shooters on the shooting line;

6. control the quality of the shot game;

7. (amend. - SG 15/09) after finishing of the hunting hike collect all participants and make analysis of the hunting, organising the conducting of the respective rituals and the distribution of the shot game between the participants I the hunting and certify the permit for hunting, reflecting the results from the hunting, the kind and the quality of the shot game and fill in the counterfoils of the participants;

8. at injury of a participant in the haunting terminate the hunting hike and undertake quick measures for rendering first aid to the injured, arrange his transport to the nearest medical point or the

bringing of medical person and notify the bodies of the Ministry of Interior and the hunting association about the accident;

9. upon death of a participant in the hunting, immediately terminate the hunting, notify the bodies of the Ministry of Interior and the prosecutor's office for co-operation and ensure the presence of all participants at the place of the accident till the arrival of the competent bodies;

10. prepare written report about committed offences of the law during the hunting hike and attach it to the permission for hunting.

(4) (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The participants in group hunting of wild bore, small game and predators shall be obliged to sign a declaration to observe strictly the orders of the chief of the hunting.

(5) (new - SG 80/10) The leader of the hunting shall dismiss the participants referred to in Para 4 who violate the provisions of Para 3, Item 4.

Art. 60. (amend. SG 41/03) The participation in the hunting of a person, who has used alcohol or narcotic substances, shall not be permitted.

Art. 61. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) Taxation for establishing of the actual resources of game shall be conducted every year in all hunting economic regions according to an ordinance by the executive director of the Executive Agency of Forests.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The state forest husbandry and the state game husbandry shall together with the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act implement every year till March 31 taxation of the game. The taxation of the game shall be implemented according to schedules, preliminary approved by the respective director of state forest husbandry and state game husbandry.

(3) (suppl. SG 41/03; suppl. - SG 15/09) The taxation of the game in the sites of art. 11 and § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and in the national parks shall be organised by the persons, who manage the game in them and by the persons under Art. 36, par. 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(4) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The results of the implemented taxation in the hunting economic regions of the hunting troops of art. 29 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be presented for approval to the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry through the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act. The results of the conducted taxation for the hunting economic regions of para 3 shall be approved by EAF.

(5) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The results of the conducted taxation in the hunting economic regions of para 4 and in the regions, in which the game is managed by the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry, shall be presented for approval to the executive director of EAF through the director of the regional director of forests.

(6) (prev. (5), amend. SG 41/03) The control at conducting of the taxation shall be implemented by:

1. (amend. - SG 80/10) the Executive Agency of Forests - for the hunting economic regions of the state game husbandries, the sites of art. 11 and § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;

2. (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) the regional directorate of forests - for the hunting economic regions of the game breeding sections and bases for intensive management of game and for the hunting economic regions of the hunting troops under Art. 29 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation;

3. (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) the state forest husbandries and the state game husbandries - for the hunting economic regions of the hunting troops under Art. 29 of the Act on the Hunting and the Game Preservation;

4. (new - SG 80/10) the National Hunting Association - for the hunting economic regions of the hunting troops within the hunting associations - members of the National Hunting Association.

(7) (new - SG 41/03) The National hunting association shall till April 10 co-ordinate the results from the spring taxation of the game and the draft plan for use of the hunting economic regions for its members.

(8) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) Till October 15 in the hunting economic regions of the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, where there is approved plan for the use of rabbit, a control autumn taxation shall be conducted.

Art. 62. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The results of the conducted spring taxation of the game shall be proposed by the hunting council to the executive director of EAF for approval till May 15 of the current year.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) A public register for the results of the conducted spring taxation of the game shall be kept at EAF.

Art. 63. (1) (amend. SG 41/03) The plans for use of the local game shall be prepared by the persons, who manage it. on the basis of the approved results from the spring taxation of the game, te status of the game resources and the estimates of the hunting development project for the respective hunting economic region.

(2) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act annually shall prepare a plan of use of predators, considering the resources of individual types of predators, habiting the hunting economic regions of the troops in the association.

(3) (prev. (2), suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) By 15 April, the hunting economics commissions shall examine the plans for use of the game at the game breeding sections and at the hunting economic regions of the hunting troops in the hunting associations and, by 31 May, through the councils for hunting shall be deposited to the hunting council for consideration. Within the same term, the National Hunting Association shall deposit the plans for use of the game to the hunting economic regions of the hunting troops of the associations that are its members, for considering in the hunting council.

(4) (prev. (3), amend. SG 41/03; suppl. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting council shall consider the plans for use under Para 3, the plans deposited through the regional directorates of the forests and the national hunting association for use of the game within the state game husbandries and at the sites of art. 11 and § 69 of the transitional and concluding provisions of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, and shall propose them to the executive director for approval.

(5) (prev. (4), amend. SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09).

(6) (prev. (5) - SG 41/03; suppl. - SG 15/09) The plans for use of the game shall be prepared in compliance with the estimates of the hunting development project for the respective hunting economic region under Art. 7, par. 6 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(7) (new - SG 41/03) On the basis of the approved plan for use the chairman of the hunting company shall, through the hunting association, present at the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry monthly schedules for group hunting of wild bore and of local small game. The director of the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry shall approve or correct the proposed schedule in term at least 7 days before the hunting.

Art. 64. The plan for use of the settled game shall be approved after its settling, the persons, managing the game, presenting the following documents:

1. draft plan for use of settled game;
2. document for origin of the settled game;

3. (amend. SG 41/03) record of the settled quantity of game under art. 52, para 5.

Art. 65. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) The annual fee for use of game shall depend on the approved plan for use of the game of each hunting economic region and it shall be formed on the basis of the number of the issued permissions for hunting during the calendar year.

(2) (amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry shall, on proposal by the hunting council, approve every year till December 31 price of the permissions for hunting for the following year. The price shall be determined according to the kind of game and the way of hunting, distributed in the following categories:

1. category individual hunting of big game, including the following groups:

- a) red deer;
- b) fallow-deer and mouflon;
- c) roe deer;
- d) wild boar;
- e) (revoked - SG 15/09);
- f) capercaillie;
- g) others;

2. category group hunting of wild boar;

3. (amend. - SG 15/09) category individual hunting of migrating and water game;

4. category group hunting of local small game;

5. (amend. - SG 15/09) category group hunting of migrating and water game;

6. (new - SG 80/10) category individual hunting of local small game.

(3) (amend. - 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The price of the permissions in categories in Items 4 and 5 of para 2 shall be formed on the basis of the prices of the permissions for individual hunting respectively in category under Item 6 of para 2, multiplied by the number of the participants in the hunting.

(4) (amend. - SG 15/09) The resources, determined in para 2, shall be collected by:

1. (amend. - SG 80/10) the state game husbandries, the state forest husbandries and the sites of art. 11 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act - for the game breeding sections, managed by them;

2. the National hunting association - for the sites of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;

3. (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) the hunting troops of art. 29 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act - for the hunting economic regions of the hunting companies of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;

4. (new - SG 15/09) the persons of Art. 34, par. 1, item 5 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(5) The permission for hunting shall be issued after payment of the fee of para 2.

Art. 65a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The resources, collected under art. 65, para 4, item 1 shall be transferred to the budget of EAF.

(2) The resources, collected under art. 65, para 4, items 2 and 3 shall be transferred as follows:

1. (amend. - SG 80/10) thirty percent - to the budget of EAF through the state forest husbandries, respectively the state game husbandries;

2. seventy percent - to the account of the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(3) From the resources, collected under para 2, item 2 70 percent shall be spent for the activities of art. 37 and 79 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.



(4) (amend. - SG 15/09; suppl. - SG 80/10) The hunting associations that are members of the National Hunting Association shall transfer 30 percent of the sum of para 2, item 2 to the account of the National hunting association for ensuring of game for settling.

(5) (revoked - SG 15/09)

(6) (new - SG 80/10) The hunting associations not members of the National Hunting Association shall spend 30 percent of the amount referred to in Para 2, Item 2 for game settling.

(7) (pref. text of Para 06, amend. - SG 80/10) The resources of para 2 and 4 shall be paid till the 15th date of the month on the basis of the issued permissions for hunting for the previous month.

(8) (pref. text of Para 07 - SG 80/10) The unspent resources of para 2, item 2 shall be spent during the following year for the same purposes.

Art. 65b. (new - SG 15/09) (1) Annually by 28 February the persons of Art. 23 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall pay in the hunting association, where they are members, annual fee for game management as per Art. 37a, par. 2 of the Act.

(2) The persons of par. 1 of the age exceeding 65, and also the disabled people shall pay 50 per cent of the annual fee for game management.

(3) The funds under par. 1 and 2 along with the funds under Art. 65a, par. 3 shall be deposited to a separate payment account of the hunting association under Art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10) By 31 March hunting associations shall transfer to the account of the Executive Agency of Forests 30 per cent of the funds under par. 1 and 2.

Art. 65c. (new - SG 15/09) (1) The collected funds under Art. 65b, par. 3 shall be spend for implementation of the activities under Art. 37, par. 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(2) The non-spent funds under par. 1 shall be spent over the subsequent year for the same purposes.

(3) The control over spending of financial resources under par. 1 shall be carried out by:

1. (suppl. - SG 80/10) the managing body of the National hunting association in respect of the hunting associations that are members of the National Hunting Association;

2. (amend. - SG 80/10) the Executive Agency of Forests through the state forest husbandries and the state game husbandries.

Art. 65d. (new - SG 41/03; prev. Art. 65b - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The director of the state forest husbandry, respectively of the state game husbandry, shall control the fulfilment of the measures for settling of the game of art. 52 and the measures for management of the game of art. 37 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and in case of established breaches prohibit with an order the use of the game in the respective hunting economic region for a term from 3 months to one year.

Art. 65e. (new - SG 15/09) (1) The persons of Art. 36, par. 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall pay an annual fee for game management in the game breeding area.

(2) The initial annual fee for game management in the game breeding area shall be fixed to an amount, equal to the one quoted by the legal entity in the competition procedure. For each subsequent year of the contract validity the amount of the annual fee shall be indexed by the general index of consumer price index goods, fixed by the National Statistical Institute.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The funds under par. 1 and 2 shall be transferred to the budget of the Executive Agency of Forests.

Art. 66. (1) (revoked - SG 15/09)

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The established intensive hunting places for small game of para 1 shall be registered at the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry.

(3) (amend. SG 41/03) Group hunting of game shall be implemented only during the day - one hour before sunrise and one hour after the sunset.

(4) (new - SG 41/03) The individual hunting of game shall be implemented only during the day - one hour before sunrise and one hour after the sunset, except wild bore, bear and predators.

Art. 67. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The injured and obviously ill game can be shot during hunting.

(2) Out of the cases of para 1 shooting of injured and obviously ill game shall be implemented during all the year by officials, which official obligations are connected with the management and the use of game.

(3) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) A record shall be compiled about the shot game of para 1 and 2. The record shall be prepared by representatives of the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, and of the veterinary bodies, preserving the entity of the shot game till the compiling of the record.

Art. 68. (1) The selective shooting of big game shall be implemented during all days of the week.

(2) Group hunting of wild bore shall be implemented on Saturday, Sunday and on the days, announced as official holidays.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The group hunting of wild bore in line of the organised hunting tourism and in the game breeding sections, provided for management and use by legal persons, shall be implemented in not more than 3 out of 7 consecutive days for one hunting economic region or according to a schedule approved by the state forest husbandry.

Art. 69. (1) Group and individual hunting of small game shall be implemented on Saturday, Sunday and on the days, announced as official holidays, and of water game - after January 1 and on Wednesday.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) Group and individual hunting of small game in line of the organised hunting tourism and in the game breeding sections, provided for management and use to legal persons, shall be implemented in not more than 3 out of 7 consecutive days for one hunting economic region or according to a schedule approved by the state forest husbandry.

Art. 70. (1) The conducting of group hunting of wild bore, predators and local small game in 2 consecutive days in one and the same hunting place shall be prohibited.

(2) (amend. - SG 15/09) Exception of para 1 shall be admitted only for the fenced areas for wild bore and for specially established hunting places for small game.

Art. 71. (1) The following daily norms for shooting by one hunter shall be determined:

1. (amend. SG 41/03) quail - up to 15, and in line of the organised hunting tourism - up to 30;

2. (new - SG 41/03) turtle dove - up to 10, and in line of the organised hunting tourism - up to 30;

3. (prev. 2, amend. SG 41/03) pigeon and dove - up to 10;

4. (prev. 3 - SG 41/03) white-fronted goose - up to 3;

5. (prev. 4 - SG 41/03) wild ducks - subject to hunting - up to 5;

6. (prev. 5 - SG 41/03) woodcock and jack snipe - up to 10;

7. (prev. 6 - SG 41/03) pheasants and guinea hens - up to 2;
8. (prev. 7 - SG 41/03) partridge - up to 4;
9. (prev. 8 - SG 41/03) hare - up to 1;
10. (prev. 9 - SG 41/03) red squirrel, muskrat and nutria - up to 4;
11. (new - SG 41/03) starling - up to 30.

(2) The hunting of game, produced in farms, settled in established hunting places, shall be implemented in line of the organised hunting tourism without restriction in the number of the shot game.

Art. 72. (1) (revoked as unlawful in the part "for regulation of the number" and "intoxicating and soporific substances" with decision of SAC No 3722/2002 - SG 43/02) For catching of live game can be used traps for selective hunting and net devices.

(2) (revoked as unlawful in the part "the permitted for use intoxicating and soporific substances" and "as well as the introduction of other selective methods and means for hunting" with decision of SAC No 3722/2002 - SG 43/02; amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall in co-ordination with the Minister of Environment and Waters determine during the whole year on proposal by the hunting council with an order the kind of selective traps and net devices.

Art. 73. (1) Individual hunting of predators shall be implemented in all days of the week.

(2) (revoked - SG 15/09)

(3) (suppl. SG 41/03, the supplement of SG 41/03 was revoked by decision No 12586 of 22.11.2016 of the Supreme Administrative Court - SG 19/17, in force from 28.02.2017) The destroying of wild and stray dogs and cats in the hunting economic regions shall be implemented in all days of the week.

(4) A tripper with length 30 cm shall be put at the level of the elbow joint of dogs, accompanying the flocks of domestic animals.

Art. 74. (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting of Alpine ibex, Tibet yak and capercaillie shall be implemented in line of the organised hunting tourism or with scientific research purpose with permission, issued by the executive director of the Executive Agency of Forests.

Art. 75. (1) The hunting with scientific research purpose shall be permitted for:

1. scientific research;
2. study and museum collections and sets;
3. conducting of national and international trials with hunting dogs.

(2) The permission of para 1 shall be issued on written request by the chief of the scientific-research organisation, the study establishment, the museum and the organiser of the trial.

(3) In the written request shall be pointed out:

1. the topic, approved for development according to the plan for the current year and the scientists, who will work for it;
2. the need for creating and filling up study collections;
3. the schedule, the programme and the decision for conducting of the trial with hunting dogs;
4. the kind and the number of the game, requested for shooting;
5. the region, in which the shooting will be made, after co-ordination with the manager of the game.

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall keep a public register for the issued permissions of para 1.

Art. 76. (1) In the cases of art. 75 the game in the respective hunting economic region shall be shot by:

1. officials, which official obligations are connected with the management and the use of the game;

2. person with acquired right to hunting, to whom this is assigned by the chief of para 2 in the presence of a person of item 1.

(2) The shot game shall be conceded under conditions, determined by the manager of the game, in which regions it has been shot.

(3) The shot game shall be included in the annual plan for use for the respective hunting economic region.

Art. 77. (revoked SG 41/03)

Art. 78. (revoked - SG 15/09)

Art. 79. (1) Hunting dogs, used at the hunting of different kind of game, are:

1. the continental and the island fowlers;

2. the dogs for underground hunting;

3. the blood tracers;

4. the dogs - beagles.

(2) The hunting dogs shall be registered at the municipality.

(3) (amend. - SG 15/09) The director of the state forest husbandry, respectively of the state game husbandry, by an order shall determine in the hunting economic regions areas for polygons for training of hunting dogs upon proposal by the manager of the game, as follows:

1. for training of dogs, used for group hunting of wild bore and predators - fenced polygons of an area from 10 to 15 ha;

2. for training of dogs, used for hunting of small game - polygons of an area of 100 - 120 ha, marked with permanent marking of the terrain.

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The requirements, which must be met by the hunting dogs, the conditions for their use and the order for conducting of the trials of the hunting dogs shall be regulated with an ordinance by the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry.

Art. 80. (1) The hunting in all hunting economic regions shall be implemented with written permissions for hunting.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall approve model of permissions for individual hunting and for group hunting.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The permissions of Para 2 for hunting of wild bore and predators in the state game husbandries and in the game breeding sections and for small game in the state game husbandries shall be without counterfoils.

(4) For all other cases the first copy of the permission for hunting of para 2, item 2 shall consist of two parts:

1. the first part contains all data about the permission for hunting of art. 58 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and the results of the conducted hunting;

2. the second part contains 20 counterfoils, containing the number of the permission for hunting;

a) the first part shall be filled in before the starting of the hunting, in it being entered: the number of the permission for hunting, the number of the hunting license of the hunter, the date and the place of hunting;

b) (amend. - SG 80/10) the second part of the counterfoil shall be filled in after the finishing of the hunting, in it being entered: the quantity of the meat from wild bore or the number and the kind of the small game, shot by the hunter.

(5) The counterfoils of para 4 shall be filled in by the chief of the hunting.

Art. 81. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10; suppl. - SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The permissions for hunting of big and small game and predators in the state game husbandries and in the game breeding sections, managed by the state forest husbandries, shall be issued by the director of the state game husbandry, respectively the state forest husbandry, or by an official, authorised by him.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The permission for hunting shall be accounted at the state game husbandry in 3 days term after the date of finishing the hunting.

Art. 82. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03) The permissions for hunting of big and small game in the game breeding sections of art. 11 and § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be issued by the chief of the site or a person, authorised by him.

(2) The permission for hunting shall be accounted at the game breeding section in 3 days term after the date of finishing the hunting.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The books with the permissions for hunting shall be received from the regional directorate of forests, on which territory they are.

(4) (new - SG 80/10) The hunting permissions of large and small game at the game breeding sectors provided for management and use to legal persons shall be issued by the head of the site or a person authorised by him. The stacks of hunting permissions shall be received by the respective state forest husbandry.

Art. 83. (1) In the cases of art. 81 and 82 the permissions for hunting shall be issued in 2 copies. The first copy of the permission shall be delivered to the hunter or to the chief of the hunting and the second shall remain in the book for control.

(2) (amend. - SG 15/09) After finishing of the hunting the first copy of the permission shall be certified by the chief of the hunting or the hunting guide, in it being reflected the result of the hunting, the kind and the quantity of the shot game.

Art. 84. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 85. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The permissions for hunting in the hunting economic regions of the hunting associations shall be conceded by the director of the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, or by an official, authorised by him to the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act upon presenting of written application.

(2) The written application of para 1 shall contain application for shooting of game, the place of hunting and the dates of conducting of the hunting.

(3) All kinds of permissions shall be received from the specialist in hunting economy.

(4) The permissions for hunting shall be conceded at the beginning of the month after accounting of the used permissions and transfer of the sums of art. 65a, para 2, item 1 and para 4.

(5) The full price of art. 65. para 2 shall be paid for lost or issued but not accounted permission for hunting.

(6) (amend. - SG 80/10) The state forest husbandry, the state game husbandry and the associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall keep register of the conceded and the accounted permissions for hunting

Art. 85a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 15/09) The permission for individual hunting of big game I the hunting economic regions of the hunting associations shall be issued by the specialist in hunting economy upon written request by the chairman of the hunting association and an approved plan for use of this type of game.

(2) The permission of para 1 shall be issued for a term not longer than 7 days.

(3) The permission for hunting of para 1 shall be issued in two copies, the first one being given to the chairman of the hunting company or to a person, authorised by him and the second remaining in the book for control.

(4) The person of para 3, received the permission for hunting, shall concede it to the hunter.

(5) (amend. - SG 15/09) After the end of the hunting the hunter hunting guide shall enter the result of the hunting, the kind, the number and the weight of the shot game.

(6) The permission for hunting shall be returned to the hunting association of art. 30 of the Hunting and Game Preservation Act in 3 days term after the finishing of the hunting.

(7) (amend. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 88/18) The individual hunting of big game in the hunting economic regions of the hunting associations shall be organized and controlled by the state forest husbandry and the state game husbandry, the hunting of red deer, fallow deer and mouflon being obligatory implemented in the presence of an official from the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry.

Art. 86. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) The permissions for group hunting in the hunting economic regions of the hunting associations shall be issued by the specialist in hunting economy in two copies on the basis of the approved plan for use and approved monthly schedule for hunting. The kind of the game, permitted for shooting, the hunting place (the locality) and the date of the hunting shall be entered in the permission.

(2) During the first and the third week of the month the chairman of the association or the person, authorised by him, shall receive the first copy of the permission for hunting after the permissions for the previous accounting period are accounted.

(3) (amend. - SG 15/09) The chairman of the company shall fill in the names of the manager of the hunting before the day of the hunting and concede to him the first copy together with the counterfoils to it.

(4) The manager of the hunting shall, before its start, enter in the permission for hunting the names, the serial number of the hunting license and of the membership card of each participant in the hunting, collect the sums of art. 65, para 2, conduct instructing according to art. 59, para 2 and hand out the counterfoils.

(5) (amend. - SG 15/09) The manager of the hunting shall certify the permission for hunting immediately after the finishing of the hunting by reflecting the result of the hunting, the kind and the quantity of the shot game, and fill in the counterfoils.

(6) In 3days term after the finishing of the hunting the manager of the hunting shall return the permission for hunting to the chairman of the hunting company and account the sum of art. 65, para 2.

(7) (amend. - SG 80/10) The chairman of the hunting company or a person, authorised by him, shall in 15 days term and not later than the 3rd day of the following month return to the hunting association of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act the used and the not used permissions for hunting for the month and transfer the collected sums of art. 65, para 2.

Art. 87. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 15/09) The permissions for individual hunting of migrating and water game in the hunting economic regions of the hunting associations shall be conceded by the specialist in hunting economy at the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And

Game Preservation Act to the chairman of the hunting association in two copies on the basis of approved plan for use. In the permission shall be entered the kind of the game, permitted for shooting, the hunting place (the locality) and the dates for hunting.

(2) (amend. - SG 15/09) The permissions of para 1 shall be issued for a term not longer than one calendar month.

(3) The chairman of the hunting company shall issue the permission for hunting, entering in it the names, serial number of the hunting license and of the membership card of the hunter, the kind of the game, permitted for shooting, the hunting place (the locality) and the dates for hunting. The first copy of the permission for hunting shall be conceded to the hunter after payment of the price of art. 65, para 2.

(4) The hunter shall enter in the permission for hunting the kind and the quantity of the shot game immediately after the finishing of the hunting.

(5) The hunter shall return the permission for hunting to the chairman of the hunting company in 3 days term after the elapse of the term of the permission.

(6) The chairman of the hunting company or a person, authorised by him, shall return to the hunting association of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act the used and the not used permissions for hunting and pay the collected sums of art. 65, para 2.

Art. 88. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 89. (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 90. (amend. SG 41/32) (1) (amend. - SG 15/09) The permissions for individual hunting of predators in the hunting economic regions of hunting associations shall be issued by the specialist in hunting economy at the hunting association. The maximum number of the granted permissions for individual hunting of predators shall be up to 2 per 500 ha.

(2) (amend. - SG 15/09) The permissions of para 1 shall be issued for a term not longer than one calendar month.

(3) The specialist in hunting economy shall issue the permission for hunting, entering in it the names, the serial number of the hunting license and of the membership card of the hunter, the kind of the predators, permitted for hunting, the hunting place (the locality) and the dates for hunting. The first copy of the permission for hunting shall be conceded to the hunter.

(4) The hunter shall enter in the permission for hunting the kind and the quantity of the shot predators immediately after the finishing of the hunting.

(5) In 3 days term after the elapse of the term of the permission for hunting the hunter shall return it to the specialist in hunting economy at the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

Art. 91. (1) (amend. - SG 15/09) The shot game shall be accounted for with the permission for hunting.

(2) Statistics shall be kept for the shot game in each hunting season by:

1. (amend. SG 41/03; suppl. - SG 80/10) The National hunting association for its members and the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;

2. (amend. - SG 80/10) the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, for the regions of their activity;

3. (amend. SGF 41/03) the game breeding sections of art. 11 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;

4. (amend. - SG 80/10) the regional directorates of forests for the regions of their activity;

5. (amend. - SG 80/10) the Executive Directorate of Forests in national scale.

(3) The statistics of para 2 shall include data about: kind, number, sex and age of the shot big game, kind, number and sex of the shot small game and obtained game meat.

Art. 92. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The shot big and small game in the state game husbandries, the game breeding sections at the state forest husbandries, the game breeding sections of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act and the sites of art. 11 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be entered into account.

(2) The entering into account shall be implemented per weight in kilograms and number.

(3) The entering into account of the small game shall be implemented per number.

(4) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The damaged game and the meat unfit for consumption shall be discarded by a commission, appointed by the director of the state game husbandry, the director of the state forest husbandry, the chief of the site of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act respectively by the chief of the site of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act. A veterinary doctor shall be included in the commission.

Art. 93. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) All hunting trophies, obtained on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, shall be assessed by a commission for assessment of hunting trophies according to the formulae of CIC obligatory registered at the state forest husbandries, the state game husbandries and the sites of art. 11, para 2 and § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act at the place of obtaining.

(2) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) A public register shall be kept for the registered trophies at the respective state forest husbandry, state game husbandry and the sites of art. 11, para 2 and § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(3) The hunting trophies, obtained by foreign hunting tourists, shall be registered and kept into account at the assessment commission, implemented their assessment.

(4) The trophy shall remain in ownership of the managers of the game under the condition the hunter gives up the trophy.

Art. 94. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) All the trophies, obtained in line of the organised hunting tourism, shall be assessed by national and/or regional commission for assessment of hunting trophies, which members shall be determined with an order by the executive director of EAF.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) In the members of the National commission for assessment of the trophies shall be included representatives of EAF and its bodies, the Ministry of Environment and Waters, the Forest Technical University and the Institute for the forest at the Bulgarian Academy of Science, the National Hunting Association and other specialists, determined with the order of para 1. Chairman of the commission shall be representative of EAF.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) In the regional commissions for assessment of hunting trophies shall be included representatives of the regional departments of forests, the state game husbandries, the state forest husbandries, the regional inspectorates for environment and forests and other specialists, determined with the order of para 1. Chairman of the commission shall be the specialist in hunting economy at the regional directorate for forests.

(4) The commissions of para 2 and 3 shall be permanently acting and have sessions with minimum three members, determined by their chairmen.

(5) The commissions shall issue assessment record for the implemented assessment and award medal to the owner depending on the assessment of the hunting trophy and certify the payment record for the conducted hunting.

(6) The assessed trophies shall be marked with the seal of the commission, and when they are obtained by foreign hunters, they shall be sealed.



(7) The commissions shall keep register for the hunting trophies, assessed by them and preserve one copy of the assessment and the payment records.

Art. 95. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) Out of the cases of art. 94 the obtained hunting trophies shall be assessed by a commission for assessment at the state forest husbandries and the state game husbandries, appointed with an order by the directors of the state forest husbandries, respectively the state game husbandries, as well as the commissions of art. 94.

(2) (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) In the commissions of para 1 shall be included representatives of the state forest husbandry, of the state game husbandry and of the persons of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(3) (prev. (2) - SG 41/03) The commissions shall issue assessment record to the owner of the hunting trophy for the implemented assessment.

(4) (prev. (3) - SG 41/03) The assessed trophies shall be marked with the seal of the commission.

(5) (prev. (4) - SG 41/03) The commissions shall keep register for the hunting trophies, assessed by them and preserve one copy of the assessment and the payment records.

(6) (prev. (5) - SG 41/03) The disputable issues of the assessment of hunting trophies shall be resolved by the regional assessment commission.

Art. 96. The National commission for assessment of hunting trophies shall direct, co-ordinate and control the work of all commissions for assessment of hunting trophies, assess the national and world records, obtained in the country and resolve all disputable issues, occurred at the regional commissions for assessment of hunting trophies.

Art. 97. (amend. - SG 80/10) The seal of the assessment commissions shall be worked out according to a model, approved by the executive director of EAF.

Art. 98. All hunting trophies, imported in the country, shall be subject to registration, except the trophies at temporary import and re-export.

Art. 99. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall organise national hunting exhibition, connected with the issues of the hunting economy, the achievements of the hunting science and practice, the zoo-prophylactics of the game, the science for dogs, the trophy activity, the organised hunting tourism and the preservation of the game.

(2) A catalogue shall be issued for the trophies, participated and assessed during the exhibition.

(3) (revoked - SG 41/03).

Art. 100. (amend. - SG 80/10) At conducting of hunting exhibitions on the territory of the country the executive director of EAF shall determine with an order the members of temporary acting commission for assessment of hunting trophies.

Art. 101. The hunting trophies of art. 73, para 3 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be conceded for participation in national and international exhibitions after concluding of contract with the owner of the trophy.

Art. 102. (1) (suppl. - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) Hunting statistics shall be kept in the hunting economic regions for the management and the development of the hunting economy. The information shall be summarised at level state forest husbandry, respectively state game husbandry, regional department of forests, and the National hunting association and EAF.

(2) The statistics of para 1 shall include annual information about:

1. the hunting area in funds and persons, managing the game;
2. the number of the hunters in the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;
3. (revoked - SG 41/03)
4. the number of the issued and certified hunting licenses;
5. the number of the issued certificates for selective shooting and the hunting guides;
6. the taxation of the game;
7. the plan for use of the game;
8. the realised use;
9. the game, produced in farms;
10. the settled game;
11. the organised hunting tourism;
12. the obtained hunting trophies;
13. science of dogs;
14. violations and compiled acts;
15. other information.

(3) (new - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of the State Agency of Forests and the Chairman of the Managing body of the National hunting association shall approve general forms for keeping of hunting statistic.

### **Section III. Preservation of game**

Art. 103. The preservation of game shall include preservation of the game, prevention or revealing of the violations, connected with the reproduction and guarding, with the preservation of the habitats and the control of the use.

Art. 104. (1) The preservation of the game shall ensure correct and purposed development of the game populations and the conducting of zoo-prophylactic measures.

(2) The preservation of the game shall be organised and implemented by the persons, managing the game.

Art. 105. (amend. SG 101/03) (1) As hunting guards of the guarded sections shall be appointed persons with higher forestry education or with college forestry education in the specialties "forest and hunting economy", "assistant forester", "forest economy", "forest and hunting economy and logging" with minimum second qualification degree or in other specialties, equalled to them by the Ministry of Education and Science.

(2) As mobile hunting guard shall be appointed persons, meeting the requirements of para 1 and having driving license for motor vehicle.

Art. 106. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 15/09) The persons managing the game in the sites of art. 11 and § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, and also the persons of Art. 9, Art. 12 and Art. 36, par. 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall appoint hunting guards.

(2) As hunting guards shall be appointed persons, meeting the requirements of art. 105.

Art. 107. (1) The hunting guards shall implement the preservation of the game through independent beat, group patrolling, post duty and observation.

(2) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) Mobile hunting guard shall be created at EAF, the regional directorates of forests and the state forest husbandries, respectively the state game husbandries.

(3) The hunting guards shall implement the guarding and the control of the whole territory of the guarded sections, entrusted to them regardless of the fund, to which the land belongs.

Art. 108. (1) (amend. SG 41/03, amend. SG 101/03; amend. - SG 15/09) The hunting associations of art. 30 and 31 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, as well as the persons managing the game in the game breeding stations to the state forest husbandries, and also those of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall appoint hunting supervisors and present lists of the appointed persons after co-ordination by the following order:

1. the hunting associations of art. 30 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act - at the respective state forest husbandry or state game husbandry;

2. the hunting associations of art. 31 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act - at the respective regional directorate for forests;

3. (amend. - SG 80/10) the game breeding sections of § 69 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act - at the Executive Agency of Forests;

4. the game breeding areas, allocated for game management and use to the persons of Art. 34, par. 1, item 5 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act - at the respective state forest husbandry.

(2) (new - SG 101/03; amend. - SG 80/10) As hunting supervisors shall be appointed persons, meeting the requirements of art. 105, para 1, or graduated special courses for qualification according to a programme, approved by the executive director of the Executive Agency of Forests.

(3) (new - SG 41/03, prev. (2) - SG 101/03) The hunting supervisors shall implement the guarding of the game in guarding sections.

(4) (new - SG 41/03, prev. (3) - SG 101/03) The hunting companies shall determine every year for each 500 ha hunting area one person in charge for the guarding of the game.

(5) (prev. (2), suppl. SG 41/03, prev. (4), amend SG 101/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The persons, to whom is assigned the implementing of the guarding of para 1 and 4, shall immediately notify the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, about the implemented violations.

(6) (new - SG 41/03) The regularly appointed and paid employees in the hunting associations of art. 30 and 31 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, meeting the requirements of art. 105, para 1, shall combine the functions of hunting supervisors on the territory, on which they implement their basic activity.

Art. 109. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) At the republican and the local roads in regions with concentration of big game and established passes shall be put the respective signs on proposal by the bodies of EAF.

(2) The owners or the users of melioration facilities shall be equipped with passes for the game and places for going out of them.

(3) It shall be prohibited the use of harmful for the game:

1. strongly toxic chemical preparations;

2. weak toxic preparations, without observing the established technologies and doses.

(4) (revoked - SG 41/03)

(5) In the hunting development projects shall be obligatory determined the bird mating places and the permanently established mating places of the game, as well as measures for their preservation and improvement.

(6) (new - SG 15/09; amend. - SG 80/10) The order under Art. 70, par. 6 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be published in a local newspaper and on the official internet site of the Executive Agency of Forests, and the route shall be marked on the terrain.

Art. 109a. (new - SG 80/10) The information plates referred to in Art. 69a of the Act of the Hunting and the Game Preservation shall be in compliance with the requirements of Ordinance no. 4 of 2004 on the conditions and order of placement of prohibition plates on the forest roads and locations of the forest fund and specification of their samples (SG 12/04).

## **Chapter five.**

### **TRADE WITH GAME AND GAME PRODUCTS**

Art. 110. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The owner of hunting trophy, acquired by the order of art. 73, para 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act, shall register it at the state forest husbandry at the place of living after presenting of the trophy and the following documents:

1. application for registration;
  2. (amend. - SG 80/10) document for origin of the trophy, issued by the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry, where the trophy is registered; the document shall be according to model, approved by the executive director of EAF;
  3. record of commission for assessment of hunting trophies.
- (2) A control assessment for establishing its authenticity shall be implemented at the registration of the trophy.
- (3) The registration shall be implemented on the day of submitting of the application.
- (4) (amend. - SG 80/10) The officials for the registration of the trophies shall in 3 days term officially notify the state forest husbandry in which register the trophy is kept in account to write it off.

Art. 111. When the hunting trophies are acquired by the order of art. 73, para 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act by foreigners, the registration shall be implemented by the national or the regional commission for assessment of hunting trophies by the order of art. 110.

Art. 112. (1) At export of hunting trophies, acquired in line of the organised hunting tourism, the trophies shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. assessment record, issued by the commission for assessment of hunting trophies;
  2. payment record according to model (appendix No 2), certified by the national or the regional commission for assessment of hunting trophies;
  3. (revoked - SG 41/03)
  4. veterinary medical certificate;
  5. customs declaration or simplified customs declaration;
  6. documents (model CITES) for the species, pointed out in the Convention for international trade with endangered species of wild fauna and flora (CITES) (SG 6/92);
  7. invoice.
- (2) At export of shot game and game products shall be presented the documents of para 1 except item 1.
- (3) (new - SG 41/03) Trophies of red deer with assessment over 250 points, fallow deer with assessment over 200 points, roe deer with assessment over 160 points, mouflon with assessment over 230

points and wild bore with assessment over 140 points, determined according to CIC, shall not be exported from the country till the elapse of 6 months after the shooting.

(4) (new - SG 41/03) At shooting of trophy of para 3 the hunter shall pay 50 percent of its price and receive a cast of the shot trophy.

Art. 113. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF or officials, authorised by him, shall permit the export of:

1. game, except the cases of art. 74, para 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act;
2. game products;
3. hunting trophies;
4. fallen game antlers;
5. preparations from game.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) For issuance of permission under Para. 1 an application form shall be submitted at EAF with the unified identification code BULSTAT specified and the following documents shall be applied:

1. model of certificate for export;
2. document for paid fee in the cases of para 1, item 4;
3. (suppl. SG 41/03) contract with external agent in the cases of para 1, items 2 and 4;
4. (amend. SG 41/03) contract with the persons, managing the game, for buying of game products and fallen game antlers;
5. document for origin;
6. (revoked - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017)
7. (revoked - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017)

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) For issuing of permission of para 1 for temporary export of articles for participation in international exhibitions at EAF shall be presented certificate for export and document for origin.

Art. 113a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) The trade with live game for settling in nature shall be implemented under the conditions and by the order of art. 52 at prices, determined by the persons, managing the game.

(2) The trade with live game for farm breeding for the needs of zoo places, zoo gardens and zoo parks shall be implemented with negotiations and prices, determined by the persons, managing the game. The game - subject to trade, shall be accompanied by veterinary certificate and document for origin.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall approve every year minimum prices for sales of live game from the regions of activity of the state game husbandries and game breeding sections, managed by the state forest husbandries.

Art. 113b. (new - SG 41/03) (1) The trade with game products shall be implemented with negotiation and at prices, determined by the persons, managing the game. The game products - subjects to trade, shall be accompanied by veterinary certificate and document for origin.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10, amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry shall approve every year minimum prices for sale of game products from the regions of activity of the state game husbandries and game breeding sections, managed by the state forest husbandries.

Art. 114. (amend. SG 41/03) (1) The persons, implementing the activities for processing of hunting trophies, furs, game products, making of preparations and/or working out of articles from them, shall keep a diary.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The diary shall be received from the state forest husbandry or from the state game husbandry, in which region of activity is the address registration of the person. The diary shall be with numbered and threaded pages, sealed with the stamp of the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry and signed by the respective director.

(3) In the diary shall be entered:

1. the name and the address registration of the person of para 1;
2. the name, the address and the number of the hunting license of the hunter, submitted the game for processing;
3. the kind and the number of the game and/or of te part of it;
4. the date of receiving and processing;
5. a copy of the document for origin of the game;
6. the date of delivering of the preparation.

## **Chapter six. ORGANISED HUNTING TOURISM**

Art. 115. (1) The organised hunting tourism can be conducted in all hunting economic regions.

(2) The organised hunting tourism shall be implemented on the basis of concluded contract.

(3) The contract of para 2 shall be concluded between the persons, managing the game, on one hand, and, on the other hand:

1. a hunter or group of hunters;
2. local individuals and corporate bodies, implementing intermediary activities;
3. foreign individuals and corporate bodies, implementing intermediary activities.

Art. 116. (1) (suppl. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) Then hunting bases shall be categorised with an order by the executive director of EAF in the following categories:

1. "hunting residence";
2. "hunting home";
3. "hunting chalet";
4. "hunting shelter".

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting bases in the state game husbandries and the game breeding sections, which are ownership of EAF, its bodies and divisions, shall be subject to obligatory categorisation.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The hunting bases, except the bases of para 2, shall be categorised after submitting of written application to the executive director of EAF.

(4) (revoked - SG 41/03)

Art. 116a. (new - SG 41/03) (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The category of the hunting bases shall be determined according to the requirements for categorisation of appendix No 8 upon proposal by expert commission for categorisation of the hunting bases at EAF, which shall include representatives of the respective regional directorate of forests and of state game husbandry or the state forest husbandry.

(2) (amend. - SG 80/10) The category of the hunting base shall be determined for a term of 3 years, for which a certificate from EAF shall be issued.

(3) (amend. - SG 80/10) The Executive Agency of Forests shall keep a public register of the categorised hunting bases.

(4) (amend. - SG 80/10) The executive director of EAF shall give instructions and determine requirements for servicing, serving, furnishing of the halls for catering and the kitchen blocks of the hunting bases.

Art. 116b. (new - SG 41/03) A representative of the persons, managing the game, shall register the hunters, issue hunting licenses, concede price list of the offered services, concede hunting guides and create organisation for conducting of the hunting.

(2) For each conducted hunting a payment record shall be prepared, in which shall be entered the prices of the shot game and the realised services.

(3) The persons, managing the game, shall keep diary, in which shall be entered the hunting group, the state, the shot game and notes of the hunter.

Art. 116c. (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The persons, managing the game, shall perform hunting rituals at conducting of the hunting. The executive director of EAF shall give instructions about the conducting of the hunting rituals according to the kind of game and the way of hunting.

Art. 116d. (new - SG 41/03) The persons, managing the game, shall implement the primary preparation of the shot game and obtaining of game meat in compliance with the requirements of the National veterinary medical service.

## **Chapter seven. DAMAGES AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Art. 117. (1) (amend. SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The damages, caused by the game, shall be established by a commission, appointed with an order by the director of the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry after submitting of application by the person, suffered the damage. With the order shall be determined the persons in the commission, who are to make the inspection and prepare record about the caused damages.

(2) The application of para 1 shall be submitted on the day of revealing of the damage or on the first following working day under the condition, that a reasonable connection can be established between the damage and the loss.

(3) (amend. SG 41/03) The commission shall also determine the extent of the damage with the record of para 1.

(4) (amend. SG 41/03) In the commission shall obligatory be included:

1. (amend. - SG 80/10) representative of the state forest husbandry or the state game husbandry;

2. representative of the municipal administration;

3. the person, managing the game, in which hunting region is caused the damage;

4. the person, suffered the loss.

(5) (amend. SG 41/03) A copy of the record shall be conceded to the persons of para 4, items 3 and 4

### **Additional provisions**

§ 1. In the context of the Rules:

1. (amend. SG 41/03; revoked - SG 15/09)

2. "Forestry education" is higher education in the speciality "Hunting economy" and high education in the speciality "Forestry and obtaining of timber" and "Forestry and hunting economy".
3. (revoked - SG 80/10)
4. (revoked - SG 80/10)
5. "Hunting development project" is a 10-year plan that defines human activities for the preservation and use of wild mammals and birds.
6. "Terrain - investigation and design works" is a process of collecting of data and determining of the organisational - territorial division of the hunting areas, planing of measures for improvement and enrichment of the natural nutrition and protection base of the habitats, organisation of the management and the using of the game.
7. (revoked - SG 80/10)
8. (revoked - SG 80/10)
9. (new - SG 41/03) "Hunting trophies" are:
  - a) the antlers with skulls of hunted mammals with hollow and thick horns (red deer, roe deer, mouflons, ibex, chamois, Tibetan yak, European bison);
  - b) skulls of some predator mammals (bear, wolf, jackal, wild cat, fox, racoon dog, badger);
  - c) furs from predator mammals (bear, wolf, jackal, wild cat);
  - d) strongly developed canine teeth (wild bore).
10. (new - SG 41/03) "Hunting place" is basic hunting economic organisational unit, dividing the hunting economic region into parts approximately equal in area with naturally detached boundaries along permanent terrain forms.
11. (new - SG 41/03) "Established intensive hunting place" is a hunting place with constructed hunting economic infrastructure for intensive management of the game.
12. (new - SG 41/03) "Game products" are meat, furs, fallen antlers, eggs from birds - subject to hunting.
13. (new - SG 41/03) "Bird cages" are premises with covered yards for further raising of hunting birds - pheasants, quails, partridges, ducks etc. with purpose to be created basic reproductive flock for settling in nature, as well as for obtaining of meat.

### **Transitional and concluding provisions**

§ 2. In connection with the determining of the terms for achieving of the admissible game resources of art. 65, para 2 all acting hunting development projects shall be updated in the part "Dynamics for development of the game resources" on the basis established actual resources by 2001.

§ 3. (1) (amend. - SG 80/10) The management and the using of the game in hunting economic region, for which there is no acting hunting development project, approved by the executive director of EAF, shall be implemented according to annual plan, approved by the chief of the respective regional directorate of forests on proposal by the director of the state forest husbandry, respectively the state game husbandry.

(2) The plan of para 1 shall be approved not later than May 31 of the current year.

§ 4. (1) Till May 31, 2002 NDF shall implement substitution of the hunting licenses, issued to foreigners, staying for long time in the country, of the certificates for selective hunting, issued till December 31, 2000, and of the certificates for escort (hunting guide) with new ones according to model, approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Forests pursuant to art. 25, art. 26, para 2 and art. 27, para 2 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.



(2) Till May 31, 2002 the state forestries, respectively the state game breeding stations, in which region of activity is the permanent address of the hunter, shall implement substitution of the hunting licenses, except the licenses of para 1, with new ones according to model, approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Forests pursuant to art. 23, para 2 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act.

(3) the owners of the documents of para 1 and 2 shall submit tyhem to the body, competent to implement the substitution, together wit sufficient number of photos, necessary for the issuing of the new documents.

(4) In 3 working days term after the conceding of the documents of para 3 the respective body of para 1 and 2 shall issue the new documents.

§ 5. Till the working out of the models of permissions for hunting, approved by the order of art. 80, para 2, the hunting shall be implemented with written permissions for hunting, used till the Hunting And Game Preservation Act enters into force.

§ 6. (amend. - SG 80/10) The registration of the hunting trophies within the term of § 4 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be implemented at the state forest husbandry or in the state game husbandry, in which region of activity is the residence of their owner

§ 7. The Rules is approved pursuant to § 11 of the Hunting and Game preservation Act.

§ 8. (amend. - SG 79/17, in force from 03.10.2017) The fulfilment of the Rules shall be assigned to the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry.

§ 9. In the protected territories - exclusive state property, announced with the law of the protected territories, the fulfilment of the Rules shall be assigned to the Minister of Environment and Waters.

§ 10. (new - SG 41/03; amend. - SG 80/10) The activities of the state game husbandries "Voden - Iry Hisar" and "Iskar" of art. 9, para 2, items 1 - 5 and para 3 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act shall be supported by the state through the budget of the Council of Ministers.

§ 11. (new - SG 41/03) The persons, graduated higher education with education - qualification degree "master" in the speciality "Hunting economy" at the Forest technical university, shall acquire right to selective hunting without graduated course and sitting for an examination.

**Transitional and concluding provisions**  
**TO DECREE No. 36 OF 16 FEBRUARY 2009 FOR AMENDMENT AND**  
**SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES ON IMPLEMENTING THE HUNTING AND**  
**GAME PRESERVATION ACT**

(PROM. - SG 15/09)

§ 55. (1) Where in the game breeding area - subject to the contract referred to in Art. 36l, par. 1 of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act there are fenced areas, the person, with whom the contract

has been concluded, shall pay for the game in them to its owner at minimum prices for using the game within the frame of the organized hunting tourism approved by the Chairman of the State Agency of Forests.

(2) Payment for the game under par. 1 shall be effected within three months after conclusion of the contract.

**DECREE No. 224 OF 4 OCTOBER 2010 ON AMENDMENT AND  
SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
HUNTING AND GAME PRESERVATION ACT**

(PROM. - SG 80/10)

§ 45. Everywhere in the Rules:

1. The words "chief of SAF" shall be replaced by "executive director of EAF".
2. The words "chief of the regional management of forests" shall be replaced by "director of the regional directorate of forests".
3. The words "regional management(s) of forests" shall be replaced by "regional directorate(s) of forests".
4. The words "forestry/forestries" shall be replaced by "forest husbandry/forest husbandries".
5. The words "state game breeding station" shall be replaced by "state game husbandry".

**Transitional provisions  
of DECREE No. 224 OF 4 OCTOBER 2010 ON AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING  
THE RULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUNTING AND GAME  
PRESERVATION ACT**

(PROM. - SG 80/10)

§ 46. By 31 December 2010, the persons holding at the date of entry into force of the decree a certificate of hunting rights shall be obliged to file with the respective forest husbandry or state game husbandry the documents required to obtain a hunting ticket.

§ 47. In 2010 the courses and exams of the candidates for hunting rights shall be conducted under the previous procedure.

**Transitional provisions  
of DECREE No. 171 OF 17 JUNE 2011 ON AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE  
RULES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUNTING AND GAME PRESERVATION  
ACT**

(PROM. - SG 48/11, IN FORCE FROM 24.06.2011)

§ 21. The present decree shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette except for § 13, Item 1 regarding Art. 18, Para 2, Letter "c", § 15 and § 20, Item III, which shall enter into force from 1 January 2014.

**Transitional and concluding provisions**  
**TO DECREE № 209 OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017, ON AMENDING AND**  
**SUPPLEMENTING THE RULES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FARM LANDS**  
**OWNERSHIP AND USE ACT, ADOPTED BY DECREE № 74 OF THE COUNCIL OF**  
**MINISTERS OF 1991**

(PROM. - SG 79/17, IN FORCE FROM 03.10.2017)

§ 21. In the Rules for Implementation of the Hunting And Game Preservation Act following amendments shall be made:

[illegible]

3. Everywhere in the Rules, the words "Minister of Agriculture and Food" and "Ministry of Agriculture and Food" shall be replaced by the words "Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry" and "Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry".

§ 23. The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry or an official authorized by him/her shall approve, within two months from the entry into force of this Decree, the samples of documents in accordance with his/her competencies under the Rules for Implementation of the Farm Lands Ownership and Use Act, Rules for Implementation of the Hunting and Game Preservation Act and the Rules for Implementation of the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Act and shall post them on the internet site of the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry and of the regional directorates "Agriculture".

§ 25. The Decree shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.