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Dear Ms Natasha Flack-Vaughan

**DEVELOPING A MECHANISM TO CONTROL THE MOVEMENT OF ARMS
AND AMMUNITION IN AND THROUGH THE SEA PORTS OF ENTRY, USED
BY PRIVATE ARMED SECURITY AGENCIES TO PROTECT VESSELS FROM
PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA**

1. I refer to our discussion yesterday (15 September 2010) at the SASSOA meeting, in respect to the control over the movements of firearms and ammunition used by private armed security agencies to protect vessels from piracy and arms robbery at sea.
2. The processes which must be applied in respect to arms and ammunition Imported, Exported and In Transit through a Sea Port of Entry, must be dealt with as prescribed in Section 73 of the Firearms Control Act, Act 60 of 2000 (see addendum)
3. For the control over "Transshipment" movements of arms and ammunition, the following processes in addition to notices provided to Customs and the Harbour Master must be applied at all times:
 - The S A Police must be informed of all movements of arms and ammunition to and from the Port of Durban, as soon as such movement is anticipated
 - The following documents must be submitted on such notification:
 - Date of arrival in the Port of Durban

- Previous ports of call list
 - Dangerous cargo declaration/list
 - Descriptive details of all Arms and ammunition used by the security agents/officers
 - Export permit - Country of origin
 - International ship security certificate
 - Crew list
 - Method of storage/safekeeping facilities
 - Contact details of vessel agent and/or representative
 - Date of departure from the Port
4. The above mentioned information can be provided to
- Colonel M.G Newton
Tel: 031-3192247
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5. As indicated to the Committee, the process to deal with "Transshipment" movements is currently being dealt with by the SAP National Office. Once approval has been granted, a Standard Operating Process (SOP) will be made available for all Import, Export, In-Transit and Transshipment movements for operational purposes
6. It would be appreciated if the contents of this letter could be circulated to all the SASSOA members/agents

Sincerely yours



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ADDENDUM

Required documents to be submitted in terms of Section 73 of the Firearm Control Act

The following documentation must be lodged 21 days prior to the arrival of the vessel in the Seaport of Entry during the application for any Firearm / ammunition permit:

- Completed SAP 520 application for the temporary import and export of the firearms
- Copy of the applicants' passport on which the photo and passport details are reflected
- Copy of the legal license, permit, authorization or any other documentary proof confirming lawful possession of the firearm
- A comprehensive motivation which fully supports the need to possess the firearm
- Documentary proof of knowledge on the safe use and handling of the firearm, i.e. training certificate
- Written authorization, which permits the export of the firearm from the country of origin
- Equipment List, Firearm description and serial numbers
- Documentational proof of last Port of call and destination

The above mentioned documentation is to be forwarded to the SAP Commander at the Seaport of Entry and to the Central Firearm Register to be processed in accordance with Sec 73 of the Firearms Control Act, Act 60 of 2000)

The following documents are also to be submitted to the SAP Commander at the Seaport of entry 21 days prior to the import of such firearms and ammunition into the country:

- Copy of the applicants' passport on which the photo and passport details are reflected
- Copy of the legal license, permit, authorization or any other documentary proof confirming lawful possession of the firearm
- A comprehensive motivation which fully supports the need to possess the firearm
- Written authorization, which permits the export of the firearm from the country of origin
- Equipment List, Firearm description, serial numbers and number of ammunition