

Abstract

Thesis title: Firearms and ammunition legal regulation from the perspective of the law of the European Union

The thesis deals with the legal regulation on firearms and ammunition in the Czech Republic with an emphasis on the new legislation as a result of adoption of the relevant European Union legal framework. The individual principles and legal concepts related to firearms and ammunition are analyzed, the relevant European directive approach is illustrated and novelties, modifications, restrictions as well as mitigations incorporated by the new European legislation are highlighted there. The thesis focuses on civilian acquisition, possession and carrying of firearms from the administrative law point of view.

In the first chapter the basic definitions and concepts are defined. The second chapter is dedicated to the European legal regulation, its history and the legal basis on which it now stands. The third chapter deals with the current system of firearms in the Czech Republic. The fourth chapter deals with the effects of the European legal regulation on the legal framework in the Czech Republic and critically evaluates individual partial changes. The fifth chapter deals with the new legal draft. Although it preserves the key conceptual elements of the existing regulation, it can be characterized as a modernization regulation. This draft is also evaluated by the thesis, deals with some of its shortcomings and offers suggestions for their future improvement. The sixth chapter deals with an excursion into the foreign legal regulations of several European states, specifically Germany, Slovakia and Poland.

From the conclusions of the thesis follows that although the European legal regulation has a rather restrictive character, from which it would be possible to predict *a priori* a similar direction in which the individual national legal norms will tend, the legislation in the area of weapons and ammunition in the Czech Republic corresponds to all modern scientific requirements and in its summary it appears to be balanced and optimal. Foreign comparisons show that it remains and even according to the new legal draft it will in the future remain rather liberal. With the exception of individual reprehensible and isolated criminal incidents this does not cause any social problems.

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