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TELEPHONE NUMBERS CHANGE

New telephone number from 27 February 2006: **012-346-1751**

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FIREARMS CONTROL ACT, 2000

Please do not get caught up in the media hype which wants us to believe the FCA (60 of 2000) has been scraped, cannot be implemented, or that renewals of firearm licences are not necessary anymore.

The proposed amendments to the Firearms Control Act, Act 60 of 2000, which have been issued by the Minister of Safety and Security in Government Gazette no 28545 dated 24 February 2006, are only suggested amendments, and they are not law !!!!

In the introduction to the document it is clearly stated that:

“The Minister of Safety and Security intends to review and amend the Firearms Control Act, 2000. A draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill is hereby published for general information and comment from interested parties.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is merely a working document which is used to obtain the input of interest groups. The finalization of the draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill will ultimately be done after the consultation process has been concluded. Parliamentary committees will also be involved in the process.”

The document thus contains proposed amendments ONLY, and it's contents have not been approved by Parliament – thus it is not part of the Act. ! All interested parties must thus still give inputs before any amendments can even be compiled for consideration by relevant sub-committees in Parliament.

This process can take as long as six to seven months if not longer. Until such time as the amendments have been formally approved by Parliament, nothing in the Act changes, or has changed.

That means firearm owners are still obliged to adhere to the stipulations of the Act (60 of 2000 as amended) and in terms of the Regulations (2004) as they stand !!

The NSA EXCO will study the proposed amendments carefully and inform members of any proposals or comments that the NSA would want to put before the Central Firearms Registry in this regard (if any).

Keep Safe

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