

The step under review	Amended the Law on Weapons with the EU classification of weapons harmonised
Baseline	0 (2024)
Deadline of the step	December 2025
Actual results	<p>Development of new National Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons is finalized in 2025 based on the new Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW)/firearms and their ammunition in the Western Balkans. The draft text of the National Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons was submitted to the Government on 09.12.2025 for its consideration and adoption.</p> <p>The Law on Weapons shall be amended in order to comply with EU standards¹ in term of definitions, categorisation, technical specification of the alarm and signal weapons, transport of weapons, marking of firearms. A draft text of the Law has been prepared by the working group, set up by the Decision No. 13.1.1-62942/1 of 09.06.2025 (for internal use, can be viewed for inspection) on the establishment of a Working Group in the Ministry of Interior and is currently in the phase of incorporating opinions from the relevant institutions. Following the completion of this consultative process, the Government adoption procedure will be initiated.</p> <p>The draft text of the Law, together with the Draft Report on the Impact Assessment of the Regulation on the Law on Weapons, was uploaded to National Electronic Register of Regulations (ENER) on 28 November 2025</p>

¹ - Directive (EU) 2021/555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codified text);

- Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/69 of 16 January 2019 laying down technical specifications for warning and signalling weapons pursuant to Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons;

- Regulation (EU) No 258/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 implementing Article 10 of the United Nations Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime ('UN Firearms Protocol'), and establishing export licensing and import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition;

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 of 15 December 2015 establishing common guidelines on deactivation standards and techniques to ensure that deactivated firearms are rendered irreversibly inoperable and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/337 of 5 March 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2403

	<p>https://ener.gov.mk/Default.aspx?item=pub_regulation&subitem=view_reg_detail&itemid=113321) (Annex 1)) for the purpose of public consultation. The consultation process was open to citizens, the non-governmental sector, business entities, trade unions, chambers of commerce, associations and foundations, i.e. all natural and legal persons who may be directly or indirectly affected by the implementation of law or who represent the interests of specific groups within society. The public consultation period on ENER ended on 28 December 2025, after which the procedure for adoption by the Government will be initiated.</p> <p>Meanwhile, tables of concordance will be prepared in order to be submitted to the European Commission for an opinion along with the draft Law, once the governmental procedure for its adoption will be finalized.</p> <p>The procedure for adoption by the Assembly will follow after receiving the opinion on the draft Law by the EC.</p>
<p>Evidence provided</p>	<p>-Annex 1 - Draft Law on Weapons-MKD version published on ENER https://ener.gov.mk/Default.aspx?item=pub_regulation&subitem=view_reg_detail&itemid=113321</p> <p>-Annex 2 - Draft Report on the Impact Assessment of the Regulation on the Law on Weapons -MKD version published on ENER https://ener.gov.mk/files/propisi_files/plan/92_717200147%D0%9D%D0%B0%D1%86%D1%80%D1%82%20%D0%98%D0%B7%D0%B2%D0%B5%D1%88%D1%82%D0%B0%D1%98%20%D0%B7%D0%B0%20%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%86%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BA%D0%B0%20%D0%BD%D0%B0%20%D0%B2%D0%BB%D0%B8%D1%98%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%BE%20%D0%BD%D0%B0%20%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B3%D1%83%D0%BB%D0%B0.doc</p>
<p>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</p>	<p>Technical assessment was conducted with the aim of ensuring full and substantive alignment with the European Union acquis and relevant international standards. Particular attention was devoted to the accurate transposition and effective implementation of key EU legal acts governing the control of the acquisition and possession of weapons, the technical requirements applicable to specific categories of firearms, deactivation standards, as well as measures related to the export, import, and transit of firearms and their components.</p> <p>The amendments have been developed in line with Directive (EU) 2021/555 on the control of the acquisition and possession of weapons, Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/69 laying down technical specifications for alarm and signal weapons, Regulation (EU) No 258/2012 implementing Article 10 of the UN Firearms Protocol with regard to export licensing and</p>

	<p>import and transit measures, as well as Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2015/2403 and (EU) 2018/337 establishing and updating common deactivation standards.</p> <p>Through this comprehensive approach, the proposed amendments contribute to strengthening public safety, preventing the illicit manufacture and trafficking of firearms, and enhancing the overall effectiveness of regulatory oversight in this field.</p>
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	<p>The implementation of the steps does not contravene the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 11(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1449 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the steps does not contravene the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
Double funding	<p>Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.</p>
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	<p>Not achieved</p>