

Federal Law No. (37) of 2006

On Private Security Companies

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates,

Having perused the Constitution and the Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 concerning the capacities of ministries and the authorities vested in ministers and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Federal Law No. (5) of 1975 concerning the Commercial Registrar; and

The Federal Law No. (11) of 1976 concerning Firearms, Ammunitions and Explosives, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Federal Law No. (12) of 1976 concerning Police and Security Forces, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Federal Law No. (8) of 1980 concerning the Regulation of Labor Relations in the UAE, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Federal Law No. (10) of 1980 concerning the Central Bank, the Monetary System and the Regulation of the Banking Profession, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Federal Law No. (8) of 1984 concerning Commercial Companies, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Civil Transactions Law (the UAE Civil Code) of the United Arab Emirates promulgated under the Federal Law No. (5) of 1985, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

The Federal Penal Code promulgated by Federal Law No. (3) of 1987, and the laws in amendment thereof; and the Criminal Procedure Code issued under Federal Law No. (35) of 1992, and the laws in amendment thereof; and

In accordance with the proposal of the Minister of the Interior, the approval of the Cabinet, and the ratification by the Federal Supreme Council,

We hereby issue the following law:

Chapter I: General Provisions:

Article (1)

The following words and phrases shall bear the meanings assigned to them as stated below wherever they occur in unless the context otherwise denotes:

State: United Arab Emirates

Ministry: Ministry of Interior

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General Directorate of Police: the General Headquarters or General Directorate of Police in each emirate.

Competent Authority: a Department or Section at the Ministry or the General Directorate of Police who is competent in the handling, supervision and follow-up with the work of private security companies.

Concerned Authority: the competent licensing authorities in the concerned emirate.

Company: the security company, institution, or any government agency that provides security service either independently or along with other activities.

Training Institute: the security training institute, school, or center approved and licensed by the Ministry or the General Directorate of Police.

Security Employee: a full or part-time director, officer, security advisor, trainer, supervisor, cash-in-transit guard, VIP guard, buildings, facilities, events, celebrations and activities; or any person related to the security service as set out in the provisions of this law.

Training Course: the security training program approved by the Ministry.

Article (2)

The provisions of this law shall apply to the Company, whether offering such services as independent business or with other commercial activities.

Article (3)

It is prohibited to create a company or to grant license to any company authorizing it to engage in any security services before obtaining the security clearance from the Competent Authority and completing the required procedures in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the executive regulations of this law.

Article (4)

The Company is committed to completing the incorporation or licensing procedures within six (6) months from the date of issuance of the security clearance, otherwise the clearance is considered null.

Article (5)

The Minister, or his authorized representative, may cancel the security clearance of the Company or stop its activity at any time should any of the conditions upon which it was granted the security clearance be lost, or if it surpasses its designated tasks provided for in the executive regulations of the law herein, or if the clearance was issued based on inaccurate information. The Concerned Authorities shall be notified in order to take the necessary measures to cancel the license issued to the Company.

Article (6)

The Company should have a registered headquarter office approved by the competent and concerned authorities. This registered office shall conform to the conditions and be equipped with the appropriate equipment to perform the work as determined by the executive regulations of the law herein.

Article (7)

The Company shall be committed to providing the Competent Authority with all the data and information as required by the executive regulations of the law herein.

Article (8)

The security clearance, licenses and annual renewal issuance fees, and any other fee decisions shall be determined by the Cabinet on the proposal of the Minister.

Chapter II: Company Activity:

Article (9)

The Company's activity shall be limited to the emirate in which it has been licensed, and the Company may not work in another emirate before obtaining a license from that emirate, except for the transfer of funds or precious materials between the emirates and for the VIP guard when traveling within the emirates; this is in accordance with the terms and conditions as determined by the executive regulations of this law.

Article (10)

The Company's activity shall be limited to the security service category as determined in the license and may not provide any other security service before obtaining a security clearance for the exercise of that service. The executive regulations of the law herein shall determine the security services categories.

Article (11)

The Company may not hire the Security Employee before obtaining the approval of the Competent Authority and meeting the regulations and conditions as specified in the regulations of this law.

Article (12)

The Company's scope of business is limited to preventive security protection without carrying out any direct judicial police work.

Article (13)

The Company shall be committed to fully coordinating with the Competent Authority in order to ensure that the Company's activities do not conflict with any planned security measures.

Article (14)

The Company is committed to providing the means of transport that will enable it to perform its work, provided that such means meet the regulations and conditions as specified by the executive regulations of this law.

Article (15)

The Company should establish a call center at its headquarters using wired and wireless communication devices licensed by the Concerned Authorities.

Article (16)

The employees of the Company are prohibited from acquiring or bearing any firearms, or any part thereof. This ban or license regarding the firearms, or any part thereof, is subject to the terms and conditions as determined by the executive regulations of this law.

Article (17)

The Company is committed to enrolling the Security Employee in a Training Course to be implemented by the Training Institute in accordance with the terms and conditions as determined by the executive regulations of the law herein.

Article (18)

The Company shall provide the Security Employee with a uniform that is distinctly dissimilar from the uniforms of the armed forces and the police in accordance with the specifications, regulations and conditions as determined by the executive regulations of this law.

Article (19)

The Company shall be committed to keeping and maintaining all of its organizational and employee records according to the decision of the executive regulations of this law. The Competent Authority is whereby allowed access to these records and may conduct an audit at any time.

Chapter III: Sanctions:

Article (20)

Subject to harsher penalties as provided for in any other law, whoever contravenes with the provisions of this law and its executive regulations shall be punished by imprisonment and subject to a fine of no less than twenty thousand dirhams (AED 20,000). Should the infringement be repeated, the penalty shall be doubled, with the possibility of canceling the company's license.

Chapter IV: Final Provisions:

Article (21)

The Minister shall set the fines and penalties imposed upon the violator, provided the amount does not exceed five thousand dirhams (AED 5,000).

Article (22)

The companies working in the field of security and protection shall be committed to reconciling their circumstances in accordance with the provisions and the provisions of the executive regulations in a maximum period of six (6) months from the date of issuance of the executive regulations of this law.

Article (23)

The Minister shall issue the regulations and decisions necessary to implement the provisions of the law herein.

Article (24)

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette, effective from the date of publication.

**HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates**

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