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Attention: Mr. Nick Alexakos, President

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Reference: Canadian Region

Gentlemen:

Please accept this as a formal request by the Canadian Region for Rule Exemptions to the January 2004 Edition of the IPSC Rules as provided under Section 4.9 Item 2 of the IPSC Constitution. We wish to provide these exemptions for the benefit of our membership. We have provided our reasons for these requests. All changes are shown in **bold**.

Appendix D1- Open Division

Minimum bullet weight 120 grains - Minimum bullet weight is 112 grains

Canada asks for an exemption to this regulation. We request a minimum of 112 grains be applied. The primary reason for this is the geographical contact with the USA Region, which will be conducting IPSC competition using this minimum. The exemption will allow our members, who choose to use this bullet, to compete and practice at home and in the USA with a single "load". Further, the reduced Power Factor for Open Division lowers the velocity of these bullets to an acceptable range.

Appendix D2 - Standard Division

Magazine length restrictions - See box

Box - Yes with magazine inserted - No magazine is not required

Canada requests that our members be allowed to use maximum 140mm long double stack magazines and 170mm long single stack magazines and further that the pistols be required to fit in the box without the magazine inserted. As in the earlier request, the primary reason is the close proximity to the USA Region, which will be operating under these variances. Canada has a maximum 10 round magazine capacity restriction. This exemption will allow our members with single stack pistols to compete on an equal basis with the double stack pistols in Canada and will allow the double stack owners to utilize one set of equipment for both local and USA IPSC competitions. IPSC Canada expects this exemption will allow us growth, consisting of past-lost members and new members by being able to offer these people the ability to be competitive again with relatively low cost single stack pistols.

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Further to the above, The Canadian Government has placed many restrictions on our handguns and the operating procedures of our shooting ranges. This legislation continues to evolve but at the moment it impacts on our sport in the areas detailed below. As a result, we are applying for exemptions under Section 4.9 item 1 of the IPSC Constitution as follows:

Action Taken:

The following amendments have been made to the IPSC Handgun Rules - Jan 2004 Edition which apply to all IPSC matches run in Canada:

Appendix D1 - Open Division

9. Maximum ammunition capacity - Yes, 10 rounds.

Appendix D2 - Standard Division

9. Maximum ammunition capacity - Yes, 10 rounds.

Appendix D3 - Modified Division

9. Maximum ammunition capacity - Yes, 10 rounds.

Appendix D4 - Production Division

- 9. Maximum ammunition capacity Yes, 10 rounds.
- 16. Only handguns approved and listed on the IPSC website may be used in Production Division. Only handguns approved and listed on the IPSC Website as of January 31 of the current year with the exception of any handguns added to the list on the website during the year may be used in Production Division (ie. IPSC Canada only recognizes deletions from the list on January 30th)
- IPSC Canada received severe backlash in 2003 when guns were removed form the production list. We want to foster this new division, and removal of firearms that people had purchased specifically to use in production caused members to give up on the division. We need assurance that once a gun is on the list, it will stay for at least the rest of the shooting season.
- 19.1 Modifications to them, other than minor detailing are prohibited. **Modifications to OFM and aftermarket** magazines to restrict the capacity to 10 rounds is specifically allowed.

Appendix D4 – Production Division

Regulation 2.1.3 Minimum Distances. And Section 10.4.7. **Minimum distance for firing shots at metal targets is** changed to read 10 meters (not 7 meters) with charge lines set at a minimum of 11 meters (not 8 meters). A match disqualification will be issued under Section 10.4 Accidental Discharge where a shot is fired at a metal target from a distance of less than 10 meters (not 7 meters).

Please be assured that we take full responsibility for the notification and instruction of our members with respect to the fact that these exemptions apply only to competitions in Canada and the USA. We will advise them that all other Regions will require strict adherence to the regulations in the January 2004 Edition Rules.

Sincerely

Sean Hansen, Regional Director For the National Executive Council