

POSSESSION OF FIRE ARMS IN NORTH KOREA

We presume that there exist special laws regulating fire arms in the People's Republic of North Korea, which the Library does not have in its collection. However, the following provisions relating to fire arms in the Criminal Code may be of interest.

Article 88. Persons who openly or secretly steal firearms, parts therefor, or ammunition from the warehouses and depots of the Korean People's Army, border detachment units, security service units, agencies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, or from the regular or temporary installations of the afore-mentioned military units shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of more than 5 years.

The same crimes committed with the threat or actual use of force endangering the life and health of persons charged with guard duties shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of more than 10 years or, under aggravating circumstances, by death and total confiscation of property.

Article 263. The shipment of gunpowder, explosives, and readily inflammable fluids by fraudulent means via railroad, water transport, the mails, or by any other way shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of up to 5 years.

Article 264. The manufacture, storage, or sale of explosives without appropriate authorization shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of up to 3 years.

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