

Council of Ministers Resolution No. P-368 re: Production of ammunition for export to
Czechoslovakia aiming to be re-exported to Afghanistan, 16 March 1956

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RESOLUTION

OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

16 MARCH 1956

REFERENCE: Production of cartridges caliber 7.7 mm and their export to
Afghanistan through Czechoslovakia

On report No. 025 from 14 January 1956 of the
ministers of foreign trade and of heavy industry

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ORDERS:

1. The Ministry of heavy industry, within the approved amount of industrial
production for 1956, by 30 July this year shall produce 26 million cartridges caliber
7.7 mm – sample 303, with tin-plates, in compliance with the documentation presented
by Czechoslovakia, and shall submit them to the Ministry of foreign trade -
Engineering Department.

The terms for the different lots shall be specified in each contract depending on
the requirements set by the client – Czechoslovakia.

The labor plan of the Ministry of heavy industry for 1956 shall be increased in
the category engineers and technical workers by 10 workers, and the resources for
payment - by 110 000 leva.

The material procurement for the Ministry of heavy industry shall be increased with the materials, in compliance with Appendix 1.

2. The Ministry of foreign trade – Engineering Department shall export 26 million cartridges caliber 7.7 mm – sample 303, with tin-plates, for Czechoslovakia. The cartridges shall be submitted in Bulgaria following an agreement between the Engineer Department and Main technical Directorate at the Ministry of foreign trade of Czechoslovakia.

The import plan of the Ministry of foreign trade shall be increased with the quantity of materials needed for the production of cartridges, according to Appendix 2.

3. Realized planned losses at the amount of about 11 300 000 leva shall be paid by the Ministry of finance to the Ministry of foreign trade – Engineering Department within the boundaries of predicted planned losses of the Ministry for 1956.

4. The Ministry of foreign trade shall take steps for the rapid advance receipt of brass cups and cartridge tin-plates. Regarding the necessary quantities of tin and cellulose, the Ministry shall initiate change of specifications, in compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of heavy industry.

5. The Ministry of national defense, through the military representatives in the factory, shall receive the production in compliance with the technical documentation.

The execution of this order is the responsibility of the Minister of heavy industry, the Minister of foreign trade, the Minister of finance, the Minister of national defense and the Chairman of State planning commission.

Sofia, 16 March 1956

PRIME MINISTER [VALKO CHERVENKOV]

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