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Pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 4 of the Law on Lobbying (“Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia“ No.122/2021), the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption, on the 56th Session held on December 10, 2021 adopted the following

RULEBOOK ON THE FORM AND MANNER OF KEEPING THE REGISTER OF LOBBYISTS, LOBBY ORGANIZATIONS AND LOBBYING

Article 1

This Rulebook shall regulate the form and the manner of keeping the Register of lobbyists, lobby organizations and lobbying (hereinafter: Register).

Article 2

The Register is kept in an electronic form and it is publicly available on the website of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (hereinafter: State Commission).

Article 3

The State Commission keeps the Register in a way that it records the data on the lobbyist or the lobby organization in the Register, as well as by updating and withdrawing the data on the lobbyist or the lobby organization registered in it.

The Register contains the data from Article 8 paragraph 3 of the Law on Lobbying.

Article 4

Upon receipt of the application for registering in the Register, the State Commission checks whether it is complete.

If the applicant meets the requirements from Article 6 and 7 of the Law on Lobbying and if their right to re-register into the Register is not suspended, the State Commission, within eight days from the receipt of the application, makes a decision to register the lobbyist or the lobby organization into the Register.

The registration of the lobbyist or the lobby organization into the Register is performed on the day of making the decision referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article.

Article 5

Lobbyists and lobby organizations shall report any change in the data entered in the Register to the State Commission, within three working days from the day of the change.

The State Commission shall act upon the application for change and it shall update the data in the Register without delay, and no later than three working days from the receipt of the application.

Article 6

The data published for a lobbyist or a lobby organization for which a decision was made for deregistering from the Register in accordance with Article 13 of the Law on Lobbying, are removed from the web-page of the State Commission on the day the decision was made.

Article 7

The lobbyist or the lobby organization submits a written report on its activities to the State Commission, no later than January 31 of the current year for the previous year and no later than 30 days from the day of deregistration from the Register, regardless of the reasons for deregistration.

The report referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be published in the Register.

Article 8

For each lobbying contact, the lobbied person shall develop minutes and submit a copy of them to the State Commission, within eight days from the day of establishing the contact.

The minutes referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be published in the Register.

Article 9

The lobbied bodies shall adopt internal acts in accordance with Article 24 of the Law on Lobbying and submit them to the State Commission within 30 days from the day of their adoption.

The internal acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be published in the Register.

Article 10

The data entered in the Register and the documentation attached to it shall be kept in accordance with the law for a period of ten years after the deregistration of the lobbyist, or the lobby organization from the Register.

Article 11

This Rulebook shall enter into force on the eighth day of its publication in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia”, and it shall be implemented from the day of the implementation of the Law on Lobbying (“Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia “No. 122/2021).

