

LAW ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

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Parliament of Montenegro of the 28th convocation, pursuant to Article 82 paragraph 1 item 2 of the Constitution of Montenegro and Amendment IV paragraph 1 to the Constitution of Montenegro, at the Second Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2026, on 6 March 2026, passed the following and, at the Third Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2026, on 19 March 2026, passed it once more:

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

National Security Agency of Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as: the Agency) shall perform national security tasks relating to the protection of the legal order of Montenegro established by the Constitution, independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of Montenegro, human rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and other tasks of interest for the national security of Montenegro.

Article 2

Agency is a security-intelligence service that forms an integral part of the security system of Montenegro.

Agency has the capacity of a legal entity in line with the law.

Article 3

Agency shall perform tasks within its competence on the basis of and within the framework of the Constitution and the law.

Tasks of the Agency shall be conducted by authorised officers (hereinafter referred to as: the authorised officer of the Agency).

Authorised officer of the Agency shall be independent in his work and personally responsible for his work.

Authorised officer of the Agency shall perform his tasks in line with the Constitution, the law and other regulations.

¹ Official Gazette of Montenegro", Nos. 040/26 of 23 March 2026, 070/26 of 20 May 2026 and 117/26 of 7 August 2026

Article 4

Agency shall be politically and ideologically neutral in performing its activities.

Article 5

Agency shall cooperate with authorities, organisations and services of other countries and international organisations, in line with the foreign policy of the Government of Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as: the Government).

Article 6

Control of the work of the Agency shall be exercised through parliamentary control and control of legality and efficiency.

Article 7

All terms used in this Law for natural persons in the masculine gender shall mean the same terms for the feminine gender.

II. COMPETENCES AND METHOD OF OPERATION OF THE AGENCY

1. Tasks of the Agency

Article 8

Agency shall collect, record, analyse, assess, use, exchange, store and protect data on activities of relevance for national security relating to the prevention of:

- 1) activities against the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, defence, security and the legal order of Montenegro established by the Constitution;
- 2) terrorism, violent extremism and other forms of organised violence;
- 3) organised crime;
- 4) crimes against humanity and other values protected under international law;
- 5) intelligence-subversive and hybrid activities of actors carrying out intelligence activities of other states and other entities;
- 6) cyber security threats;
- 7) threats against the economic interests of Montenegro;
- 8) threats to international security;
- 9) other possible threats against national security.

Agency shall be responsible for the counter-intelligence protection of the Parliament of Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as: the Parliament), the Government, the President of Montenegro and other state authorities, ministries and state administration bodies, as well as the persons, facilities and premises, within the meaning of regulations governing the persons, facilities and premises protected by the organisational unit of the state administration authority competent for internal affairs performing police duties (hereinafter: the Police).

Agency shall perform security checks and assessments, as well as other tasks of interest for national security, in line with the law.

Agency shall report to the Speaker of the Parliament, the Prime Minister of Montenegro and the President of Montenegro on the information referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Agency shall inform the police and the competent state prosecution office of information referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article indicating grounds for suspicion that a criminal offence prosecuted ex officio is being prepared, organised or committed.

Agency shall, where required for reasons of national security, inform state authorities and state administration authorities of the data referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article pertaining to their competence.

Rules and procedures of carrying counter-intelligence protection referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

Article 9

Data referred to in Article 8 of this Law may be used only for the purposes for which they have been collected, in line with the law.

Article 10

Agency shall collect personal data (hereinafter referred to as: personal data) and other data to the extent necessary for performing tasks within the competence of the Agency.

Collection of personal and other data (hereinafter referred to as: data) shall be carried out by applying the means and methods laid down by this Law, in line with the principle of proportionality, to the extent and in the manner necessary for the performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency.

Article 11

Agency shall protect the confidentiality of data relating to the exercise of its competence in line with the law governing classified information.

2. Means and Methods of Data Collection

Article 12

Agency shall collect data using publicly available sources.

Agency shall collect data and request assistance from citizens in relation to data collection, with their explicit consent.

Authorised officer of the Agency collecting data and requesting assistance from citizens in relation to data collection shall identify himself with an official identification card.

Should there be a likelihood that a citizen who has not given explicit consent to speak to an authorised officer of the Agency possesses information of relevance for national security, the Agency may request the police to interview the citizen with the participation of the authorised officer of the Agency, in line with the law governing internal affairs.

Article 13

(Law Amending the Law on the National Security Agency, Official Gazette of Montenegro 117/26 of 7 August 2026, Article 1)

State authorities, state administration bodies, local self-government bodies and local administration bodies, legal entities as well as other entities keeping written and electronic records, registers and data collections shall, at the request of the Agency, provide the requested data necessary for performing tasks within the competence of the Agency or allow an authorised officer of the Agency who identifies himself with an official identification card to access data by direct inspection of those records, registers and data collections.

Authorised officer of the Agency shall prepare information on the inspection of records, registers and data collections within the meaning of paragraph 1 of this Article.

Authorities, legal entities and other entities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall, at the request of the Agency, enable the Agency to access electronically data from records, registers and data collections they keep in electronic form.

Agency shall access data electronically from records, registers and data collections kept by state authorities, state administration bodies, local self-government bodies, local administration bodies, legal entities and other entities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article on the basis of a

written agreement concluded with the head of the authority or the responsible person in the legal entity.

Agreement referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article shall be concluded after obtaining the prior opinion of the administration authority competent for the protection of classified information and the independent supervisory authority competent for the protection of personal data.

Obligations referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article shall also apply to legal entities and other entities that do not have their registered office in Montenegro, provided that the equipment for personal data processing is located in Montenegro.

Request of the Agency for the provision of or access to data from records, registers and data collections, as well as the information referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

Authorities, legal entities and other entities referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article shall keep records of the provision, inspection of and access to data, containing information that data were provided to the Agency or that direct inspection or electronic access was carried out, as well as the date and time when such inspection or access began and ended.

Agency shall keep records of authorised officers of the Agency entitled to access data electronically, the content of which shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Provision of and access to records concerning special categories of personal data, genetic data, biometric data, profiling and other processing operations that seriously interfere with the privacy of a person by direct inspection of the records, registers and data collections referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall, upon a reasoned written proposal of the Director of the Agency, be authorised in each individual case by a decision of the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, provided that there are grounds for suspicion that national security is threatened.

Decision referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article shall be issued no later than 48 hours from the submission of the proposal.

Article 14

Authorities, legal entities and other entities referred to in Article 13 paragraph 1 of this Law shall inform the Agency of data referred to in Article 8 of this Law obtained in the performance of tasks within their competence, allow inspection of compromised information and communication systems and provide data on possible unauthorised access to information and communication systems or other forms of threats to information security.

3. Covert Data Collection

Article 15

Agency shall be authorised to collect data covertly using the following means and methods:

- 1) cooperation with Montenegrin nationals and foreign nationals;
- 2) surveillance, monitoring and electronic search in a public place, using technical devices for documenting;
- 3) purchasing data, documents and objects;
- 4) surveillance of electronic communications and postal items relating to:
 - a) the content of electronic communication;
 - b) traffic data in electronic communication and data on unsuccessful attempts to establish communication;
 - c) location data in electronic communication relating to the user;
 - d) international telecommunication connections;
 - e) content and type of the postal item or service;
- 5) inspection of the information and communication systems of state authorities, state administration bodies, local self-government bodies and local administration bodies and legal entities exercising public powers;
- 6) inspection of vehicles and objects;

7) surveillance of the interior of facilities, closed spaces and objects, with the use of technical means.

Means and methods referred to in paragraph 1 items 2 to 7 of this Article may also be applied to a foreign national, by order of the Director of the Agency, if required for reasons of national security.

Article 16

Authorised officer of the Agency may, in the course of applying the means and methods referred to in Article 15 of this Law:

- 1) use documents for concealing his identity or the identification markings of the means used, as well as the identity of a person with whom covert cooperation has been established;
- 2) take measures to conceal the ownership of a legal entity;
- 3) establish a fictitious company or other legal entity;
- 4) covertly use the property and services of natural persons and legal entities.

State administration authority competent for internal affairs shall, at the request of the Director of the Agency, issue the document or marking referred to in paragraph 1 item 1 of this Article and keep special records thereof.

State administration authority competent for internal affairs shall revoke the document or markings referred to in paragraph 1 item 1 of this Article and deliver them to the Agency for safekeeping upon cessation of the reasons for which their use was approved.

Data on the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

Rules for the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be determined by the Director of the Agency with the approval of the Government.

Article 17

Cooperation with Montenegrin nationals and foreign nationals shall be based on the principles of voluntariness and confidentiality.

Agency shall protect the identity of the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 18

Should it be impossible to obtain data referred to in Article 8 of this Law in the manner set out in Articles 12, 13, 14 and 17 of this Law or should the collection of such data cause disproportionate difficulties, the Director of the Agency shall issue a written order for the application of the means and methods referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 2 of this Law.

Order for the application of the means and method referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 2 of this Law shall contain data on the person, facility, vehicle or object to which the order relates, the duration and the grounds justifying the application of that means and method.

Order referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be issued for a period of up to six months and may be extended for successive six-month periods until the purpose for which application of the means and method was authorised has been achieved, provided that their application may not exceed 24 months.

Article 19

Agency shall collect data by purchasing data, documents and objects (secret plans, reports, drawings and other documents and objects) of relevance for national security.

Director of the Agency shall approve the purchase of data, documents and objects referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 20

Should it be impossible to obtain data referred to in Article 8 of this Law in the manner set out in Articles 12, 13 and 14 and Article 15 paragraph 1 items 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Law or should the

collection of data in that manner entail a disproportionate risk or a threat to human life and health, the Agency may, on the basis of a prior decision of the competent court, apply the means and methods referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e and items 5, 6 and 7 of this Law.

Article 21

(Corrigendum to the Law on the National Security Agency, Official Gazette of Montenegro 070/26 of 20 May 2026)

(Law Amending the Law on the National Security Agency, Official Gazette of Montenegro 117/26 of 7 August 2026, Article 2)

Surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 items 4 and 5 of this Law shall, upon a reasoned written proposal of the Director of the Agency and for each individual case, be authorised by a decision of the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, provided that there are grounds for suspicion that national security is threatened by:

- 1) preparations for an armed attack on Montenegro;
- 2) covert activities directed against the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, defence, security and the legal order of Montenegro established by the Constitution;
- 3) covert activities, planning and carrying out preparations for domestic and international terrorist acts and other violent acts against citizens, state authorities, state administration authorities and holders of public office in Montenegro or abroad;
- 4) espionage or disclosure of classified information;
- 5) intelligence-subversive and hybrid activities of individuals, groups and organisations for the benefit of other states;
- 6) organised criminal activities;
- 7) undermining the economic interests of Montenegro;
- 8) carrying out activities against humanity and other values protected under international law;
- 9) cyberterrorism and cyberattacks organised or supported by other states and other forms of threats to cyber security.

Should the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro be absent or unable to perform his duties, surveillance referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be authorised by the judge replacing him in line with the law.

Inspection or surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 items 6 and 7 of this Law shall, upon a reasoned written proposal of the Director of the Agency, be authorised in each individual case by a decision of the Panel of Judges of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, provided that there are grounds for suspicion that national security is threatened by the activities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Decision referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article shall be issued no later than 48 hours from the submission of the proposal.

Should a disproportionate risk or threat to human life and health require commencement of the application of the means and methods referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article, the Director of the Agency may issue an order to commence their application if delaying such commencement would prevent achievement of the purpose for which they are proposed.

Director of the Agency shall, in the case referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article and immediately upon commencement of the application of the means and methods referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article, submit a proposal to the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro or the Panel of Judges of the Supreme Court of Montenegro for issuance of the decision referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article.

Should the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, the judge replacing him or the Panel of Judges of the Supreme Court of Montenegro fail to authorise the application of the means and methods referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article within 48 hours from commencement of their application, the Agency shall discontinue their application and destroy the collected data and documents on which such data were recorded.

Director of the Agency shall submit the record on destruction of the data and documents referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article to the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, the judge replacing him or the Panel of Judges of the Supreme Court of Montenegro.

Article 22

Proposal for surveillance of electronic communications and postal items referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e of this Law shall contain data on: the person subject to surveillance; grounds justifying its application; manner of application; scope and duration; electronic communication means and/or postal item or service and circumstances requiring the application of this method of data collection.

Should the Agency be unable to determine the identity of the person subject to surveillance, the proposal referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may contain information on the identity of that person available to the Agency or technical data.

Inspection of information and communication systems of state authorities and state administration bodies referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 5 of this Law shall be carried out in cooperation with the authority managing the information and communication network of that authority.

Order for the application of the means and methods referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 5 of this Law shall contain data available to the Agency on the system to which the order relates, the duration and grounds justifying the application of those means and methods.

Proposal for the inspection of vehicles and objects referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 6 of this Law shall contain data on: the vehicle or object to which the inspection relates; the manner of conducting the surveillance, its scope and duration; the type of technical means used and the circumstances requiring the application of this method of data collection.

Proposal for surveillance of the interior of facilities, closed spaces and objects referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 7 of this Law shall contain data on: the person/persons, facility, space or object subject to surveillance; manner, scope and duration of surveillance; type of technical means used and circumstances requiring the application of this method of data collection.

Surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e and inspection and surveillance referred to in items 5, 6 and 7 of this Law may last for six months and may be extended for successive periods of six months for important reasons until the purpose for which such surveillance or inspection was authorised has been achieved, provided that such surveillance or inspection may not exceed 24 months in total.

Extension of surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e and of the inspection referred to in item 3 of this Article [?] shall be authorised by the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro and, in the event of his absence or inability to perform his duties, by the judge replacing him.

Extension of inspection and surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 items 6 and 7 of this Law shall be authorised by the Panel of Judges of the Supreme Court of Montenegro.

Surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e, the inspection referred to in item 5 and the inspection and surveillance referred to in items 6 and 7 of this Law shall be discontinued immediately once the reasons for which they were carried out cease to exist and the Director of the Agency shall notify the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro or the Panel of Judges of the Supreme Court of Montenegro thereof in writing.

Electronic communications operators and postal operators shall enable the Agency to carry out the surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e of this Law, as authorised by the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro or the judge replacing him.

Should it be established, in the course of applying the means and methods referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e and items 5, 6 and 7 of this Law, that a person, group of persons or organisation in respect of whom authorisation of the Supreme Court exists in line with Article 21 of this Law and paragraphs 1 to 9 of this Article uses another means of communication, electronic or other address or that communication takes place at another location or in other premises, the Director of the Agency may issue a written order extending or narrowing the measure.

Article 23

(Law Amending the Law on the National Security Agency, Official Gazette of Montenegro 117/26 of 7 August 2026, Article 3)

Should it be impossible to obtain data referred to in Article 8 of this Law in the manner set out in Articles 12, 13 and 14 and Article 15 paragraph 1 items 1, 2 and 3 of this Law or should the collection of data in that manner entail a disproportionate risk or a threat to human life and health, the Agency shall, in addition to applying the means and methods referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indents a, b, d and e and items 5, 6 and 7 of this Law, apply the means and method referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indent c of this Law.

Proposal for the application of the means and methods referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indent c of this Law shall contain data on: the person subject to surveillance; grounds justifying its application; manner of application; scope and duration; electronic communication means and/or postal item or service and circumstances requiring application of this method of data collection.

Should the Agency be unable to determine the identity of the person subject to surveillance, the proposal referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article may contain data on the person available to the Agency or technical data.

Surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indent c of this Law may last for six months and may be extended for successive periods of six months until the purpose for which such surveillance was authorised has been achieved, provided that such surveillance or inspection may not exceed 24 months in total.

Extension of surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indent c of this Law shall be authorised by the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro and, should he be absent or unable to perform his duties, by the judge replacing him.

Surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indent c of this Law shall be discontinued immediately once the reasons for which it was carried out cease to exist and the Director of the Agency shall notify the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro thereof in writing.

Electronic communications operators and postal operators shall enable the Agency to carry out the surveillance referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 item 4 indent c of this Law authorised in line with this Law.

4. Rules on Operational Work

Article 24

Detailed manner of applying the means and methods of data collection prescribed by this Law and the manner of conducting operational work shall be determined by the rules on operational work, adopted by the Director of the Agency with the approval of the Government.

Article 25

Rules referred to in Article 24 of this Law as well as other acts regulating, in line with this Law, the manner of carrying out certain tasks of the Agency shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

5. Special Powers and Obligations

Article 26

Authorised officer of the Agency may, for the purpose of performing tasks within the competence of the Agency and in exceptional situations:

- establish the identity of a person,
- use firearms.

Director of the Agency shall designate the authorised officers of the Agency who have the powers referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Application of powers referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be proportionate to the need for which they are undertaken.

Article 27

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in Article 26 of this Law may establish the identity of a person:

- 1) who enters a facility or area used by the Agency,
- 2) whose identity needs to be established for security reasons,
- 3) who may provide data of relevance for carrying out tasks within the competence of the Agency.

When establishing the identity of a person, the authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall inform that person of the reason for establishing their identity, unless otherwise provided by law.

Identity of a person shall be established by inspecting an identity card or another public document bearing a photograph.

Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of this Article, the identity may also be established on the basis of a statement given by a person whose identity has already been established.

Article 28

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in Article 26 of this Law who, in carrying out tasks within the competence of the Agency, may be particularly exposed to danger to his or her personal safety, health and life, shall have the right to possess, carry and use firearms.

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be specially trained to possess, carry and use firearms.

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may use firearms only where this is necessary to protect his or her life or the life of another person, when there are objective reasons for doing so.

Existence of objective reasons within the meaning of paragraph 3 of this Article shall be assessed from the perspective of an average authorised officer of the Agency trained and experienced in the use of firearms, whereby such reasons shall be based on all facts known to the authorised officer of the Agency at the time of using the firearm.

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may use firearms not only against a person but also against an animal, a means of transport and an object endangering his life or the life of another person.

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall, prior to using firearms and where circumstances permit, warn the person against whom the firearm is to be used by an appropriate verbal warning.

Training programme and procedure for testing the knowledge on conduct when possessing, carrying and using firearms shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Detailed manner of possessing, carrying, using and handling firearms shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, in line with the law governing the possession, carrying and manner of use of firearms.

Article 29

Authorised officers of the Agency shall be issued official identification cards.

Official identification card referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued by the Agency.

Agency shall keep records of issued official identification cards.

Form and content of the official identification card, as well as the content and manner of keeping the records referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 30

Authorised officer of the Agency, in connection with the circumstances of carrying out tasks within the competence of the Agency and engaged in specific posts, may be subjected to polygraph testing.

Officer of the Agency undergoing polygraph testing shall be guaranteed the presumption of innocence.

Polygraph testing may be carried out exclusively with the prior written consent of the authorised officer being examined.

Authorised officer referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall, prior to polygraph testing, be informed of the purpose of the examination, the legal basis and rights relating to data processing, including the right to refuse testing without legal consequences, unless the circumstances relate to a security risk concerning access to classified information or the performance of tasks of particular importance.

Results of polygraph testing may not constitute the sole basis for making a decision on the employment status of an authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and may not be used as evidence in criminal proceedings.

Data obtained through polygraph testing constitute a special category of personal data and shall be processed in line with the law governing the protection of personal data.

Manner of conducting polygraph testing, as well as the standards and technical requirements for the use of a polygraph, shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information.

Article 31

Natural person shall have the right to submit a complaint to the Director of the Agency concerning the work of an authorised officer of the Agency if he considers that, in exercising the powers referred to in Article 26 of this Law, that officer violated any of his rights or freedoms or caused him damage.

Natural person may exercise the right referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article within seven days from the day when any of his rights or freedoms were violated or damage occurred.

Director of the Agency shall submit a written response to the complainant within 15 days from the date of receipt of the complaint.

Complainant shall have the right, if dissatisfied with the response referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article or if he does not receive a response within the prescribed time limit, to lodge an objection with the special controller for national security (hereinafter referred to as: the special controller) within seven days from the date of receipt of the response or from the expiry of the time limit for submitting the response.

Special controller shall decide on the objection referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article within 30 days from the date of receipt of the objection.

Manner of acting upon complaints referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

6. International Cooperation

Article 32

Cooperation of the Agency with authorities, organisations and services of other states and international organisations shall be carried out through the exchange of data and the joint performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency, in line with the law.

Article 33

Agency may, during the exchange of data, provide personal data to the authorities, organisations and services referred to in Article 32 of this Law, provided that:

- 1) the state in which such authorities, organisations and services have their seat applies adequate personal data protection measures;
- 2) it possesses data indicating that the data subject endangers the national security interests of Montenegro, security interests of the state to which the data are provided or values protected under international law; and
- 3) the principle of reciprocity is ensured.

Provision of paragraph 1 item 2 of this Article shall not apply to the submission of personal data in the course of conducting a security check with the consent of the data subject.

Data referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article may be used only for the purpose for which they were provided.

When providing the data referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the Agency shall specify the obligations of the recipient to apply appropriate personal data protection measures and to use such data exclusively for the purpose for which they were provided.

Agency shall keep records of the data referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the content and manner of keeping of which shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 34

Authorised officer of the Agency may be assigned to work abroad within the framework of cooperation with the authorities, organisations and services of other states and international organisations and in other cases for the purpose of performing tasks within the competence of the Agency.

Authorised officer of the Agency assigned to work abroad shall conclude a contract with the Director of the Agency.

Conditions of assignment and the rights and obligations of the authorised officer referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

7. Recording, Use and Storage of Data

Article 35

Agency shall establish and maintain records, registers and data collections containing data collected in the performance of tasks within its competence, as well as documents relating to such data and shall organise their use and storage.

Records, registers, data collections and documents referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

Types of records, registers, data collections and documents referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, their content and the manner of their establishment, maintenance, use and protection shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 36

Collection, processing, use, protection and destruction of the data and documents referred to in Article 35 of this Law shall be carried out in line with the law.

Article 37

Agency shall, upon his written request, inform the citizen whether measures have been undertaken to collect data concerning him or her and whether the Agency keeps records of his or her personal data and shall make the documents relating to the collected data available to him or her for inspection.

Documents referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may not contain data concerning authorised officers of the Agency who collected the data, data sources or personal data concerning third parties.

Agency shall act in line with paragraph 1 of this Article within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request.

Agency shall not be required to act in line with paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article where such action would have adverse consequences for national security interests, until the expiry of the classification period applicable to the data to which the request relates, as determined in line with the law governing classified information.

Agency shall, in the case referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, notify the applicant in writing within 15 days from the date of submission of the request referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Once the reasons referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article cease to exist, the Agency shall, at the request of the citizen, act in line with paragraph 1 of this Article.

III. ORGANISATION

Article 38

Types of internal organisational units of the Agency, ranks of authorised officers of the Agency and conditions for acquiring such ranks shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

Act on the internal organisation and job descriptions of the Agency shall be adopted by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

Acts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

Article 39

Agency shall be managed by the Director of the Agency.

Director of the Agency shall be appointed and dismissed by the Government, upon the proposal of the Prime Minister.

Government shall submit the proposal for the appointment of the Director of the Agency to Parliament for an opinion.

Parliament shall issue an opinion on the proposal after deliberation by the competent working body.

Director of the Agency shall be appointed for a term of five years and may be reappointed.

Article 40

Director of the Agency shall be accountable to the Government for his work and for the work of the Agency.

Director of the Agency may not be a member of a political party or engage in political activities.

Prohibition referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall apply at the time of nomination for appointment and during the five years preceding the appointment.

Article 41

Should the office of the Director of the Agency become vacant or should the Director be unable to perform his or her duties for an extended period of time, for any reason, the Government shall appoint an acting Director of the Agency from among the senior management staff of the Agency for a period of six months.

Article 42

Director of the Agency shall:

- 1) ensure the protection of data, means, methods and data sources against unauthorised access;
- 2) issue instructions and orders to the organisational units and authorised officers of the Agency;
- 3) be responsible for the proper use of the Agency budget and other funds;
- 4) adopt general and other acts necessary for the functioning of the Agency;
- 5) submit a report on the work of the Agency to the Government;
- 6) perform other tasks prescribed by this Law.

Director of the Agency shall adopt the annual work programme of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

Article 43

Agency shall be represented before judicial and administrative authorities by the authorised representatives of the Agency.

IV. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS OF THE AGENCY

1. Employment

Article 44

Employment with the Agency may be entered into by a person who, in addition to meeting the general requirements for the employment of civil servants and state employees, also meets the following requirements:

- 1) does not hold the citizenship of another state;
- 2) has not been finally convicted of a criminal offence;
- 3) poses no security risk to employment with the Agency;
- 4) is psychophysically fit to perform tasks in line with the act on the internal organisation and job descriptions of the Agency;
- 5) is not over 25 years of age when entering into employment for the first time with IV level of education qualification or over 30 years of age with VI or VII1 level of education qualification.

Existence of a security risk to employment with the Agency shall be determined by a security check.

Security check referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be conducted by the Agency, with the prior consent of the candidate for employment.

Psychophysical fitness referred to in paragraph 1 item 4 of this Article shall be determined in line with an act of the Director of the Agency.

Requirements referred to in paragraph 1 items 1, 2 and 3 of this Article shall also be met by a person undergoing professional training with the Agency in line with a separate law, as well as by a person engaged under a contract for services.

Agency shall not be required to inform a person that he or she does not meet the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 45

Employment with the Agency may be entered into without a public vacancy announcement. Posts to be filled without a public vacancy announcement shall be determined by the act on the internal organisation and job descriptions of posts of the Agency.

Decision on entering into employment with the Agency shall be adopted by the Director of the Agency.

Article 46

Person who enters into employment with the Agency shall complete the basic training for the performance of tasks within the Agency.

Programme and manner of conducting basic training, as well as the assessment of knowledge acquired during such training, shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 47

Authorised officers of the Agency may, during their employment, be subject to checks concerning the existence of security impediments to obtaining a security clearance for access to classified information at the level of "SECRET" at least.

Should an authorised officer of the Agency not meet the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Agency shall, at the request of the officer, conduct a review concerning the existence of security impediments.

Manner of reviewing the existence of security impediments shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 48

Authorised officer of the Agency may not be a member of a political party or engage in political activities.

Article 49

Authorised officer of the Agency may not, in addition to the restrictions on the performance of tasks prescribed by the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of civil servants and state employees, perform other work or engage in other activities without the prior approval of the Director of the Agency.

Authorised officer of the Agency may not publicly disclose data concerning the Agency or data within the scope of its work, without the prior approval of the Director of the Agency.

Authorised officer of the Agency may travel abroad subject to the prior opinion of the competent organisational unit of the Agency.

Manner and procedure for exercising the rights referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 50

Authorised officers of the Agency shall, during and after their employment with the Agency, maintain the confidentiality of data in line with the law governing classified information.

Article 51

Laws governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of police officers and civil servants shall apply mutatis mutandis to the employment status, rights, duties and responsibilities of authorised officers of the Agency, unless otherwise provided by this Law.

2. Performance Appraisal of Authorised Officers of the Agency and Health Care

Article 52

Performance of authorised officers of the Agency shall be appraised once a year, no later than 31 January of the current year for the preceding year.

Authorised officer of the Agency shall receive one of the following performance ratings: "outstanding", "good" or "unsatisfactory".

Should the authorised officer of the Agency disagree with the performance rating referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the Agency shall, at the request of the officer, conduct a review of the performance rating.

Manner, procedure and criteria for performance appraisal, as well as the manner and procedure for reviewing the performance ratings of authorised officers of the Agency, shall be determined by the Director of the Agency.

Article 53

Authorised officer who receives an “unsatisfactory” performance rating shall be assigned to a post at a lower rank and shall exercise the rights attached to the post to which he is assigned.

Consent of the authorised officer shall not be required for the reassignment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 54

Authorised officers of the Agency shall, for the purpose of determining their general health and specific psychophysical fitness, undergo regular and extraordinary medical examinations in line with an act of the Director of the Agency.

Authorised officers of the Agency who are declared unfit to perform their duties by a decision of the competent health institution may be temporarily assigned to another post whose duties they are capable of performing until they become entitled to a disability pension, but for no longer than three years from the date when their incapacity to perform duties was established.

3. Reassignment of Officers

Article 55

Authorised officer of the Agency may, when the service requires so, be permanently or temporarily reassigned to another post within the same or another organisational unit and at the same or another place of work.

Decision on permanent or temporary reassignment shall be adopted by the Director of the Agency.

Administrative dispute may be initiated against the decision referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 56

Authorised officer of the Agency may, for the purpose of performing duties or upon the adoption of a new act on internal organisation and job descriptions of the Agency or amendments to the existing act, be permanently reassigned to another post whose duties are performed at the same or immediately lower rank corresponding to his or her level of education qualification and for which he meets the other requirements prescribed by the act on internal organisation and job descriptions of the Agency.

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall receive the salary attached to the post to which he is reassigned.

Consent of the authorised officer shall not be required for the reassignment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 57

Authorised officer of the Agency may, where required by the service, for the purpose of replacing an absent authorised officer or rationalising costs, be temporarily reassigned to a post whose duties are performed at the same or immediately lower rank than the rank held by that authorised officer.

Temporary reassignment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may last for no longer than one year, after which the authorised officer of the Agency shall be entitled to return to the post held before the reassignment and may not be temporarily reassigned again for a period of two years, unless he consents to another temporary reassignment before that period expires.

Consent of the authorised officer of the Agency shall not be required for the reassignment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 58

Authorised officer of the Agency who is temporarily reassigned in line with Article 57 of this Law shall retain the salary attached to the post from which he was reassigned, should it be more favourable to the officer.

Authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article who is temporarily reassigned to another place of work located more than 50 km from his or her place of residence or within the territory of another municipality shall be entitled to:

- 1) travel expenses for visiting his or her family four times a month;
- 2) a monthly family separation allowance, as determined by an act of the Government.

Provided that the Agency has provided adequate accommodation and meals, the authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be entitled to 70% of the monthly family separation allowance.

Article 59

Authorised officer of the Agency may, on the basis of an agreement between the Director of the Agency and the head of a state administration authority and with his consent, be temporarily assigned to another authority.

4. Categorisation of Posts, Salaries and Salary Supplements

Article 60

Classification of the ranks of authorised officers of the Agency into job groups, depending on the level of education qualification and in line with the law governing the salaries of public-sector employees and the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of civil servants and state employees, shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

Article 61

Authorised officers of the Agency shall, due to the specific nature of duties, working conditions and responsibilities, be entitled to a supplement to their basic salary.

Posts that carry entitlement to a supplement to the basic salary shall be determined by the act referred to in Article 60 of this Law.

Decision on the salary, salary supplements, allowances and other remuneration of officers of the Agency shall be adopted by the Director of the Agency.

Article 62

Period of insurance of authorised officers of the Agency shall be calculated at an increased rate, in line with the regulations governing pension and disability insurance.

5. Disciplinary Liability

Article 63

Authorised officer of the Agency shall be subject to disciplinary liability for breaches of official duty, which may be minor or serious.

Article 64

Minor breaches of official duty shall, in addition to those stipulated by the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of civil servants and state employees and the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of police officers, include a breach of the rules and standards designated as minor breaches of official duty by the Code of Ethics for Authorised Officers of the Agency and other general acts of the Director of the Agency.

Code of Ethics referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be adopted by the Director of the Agency.

Article 65

Serious breaches of official duty shall, in addition to those prescribed by the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of civil servants and state employees and the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of police officers, include:

- 1) conduct detrimental to the reputation of the Agency;
- 2) disclosure of data within the competence of the Agency to unauthorised persons or enabling such persons to inspect such data;
- 3) contact with members of foreign services and persons and organisations of security interest without the prior approval of the Director of the Agency;
- 4) public disclosure of data concerning the Agency or falling within the scope of its work without the prior approval of the Director of the Agency;
- 5) handling firearms contrary to this Law and the acts governing the possession, carrying and use of firearms by authorised officers of the Agency;
- 6) performing other work or engaging in other activities without the prior approval of the Director of the Agency;
- 7) refusal to undergo regular and extraordinary medical examinations for the purpose of determining general health and specific psychophysical fitness;
- 8) a conflict of interest related to the performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency;
- 9) unlawful acquisition of material benefit for oneself or another person in connection with work.

Article 66

Disciplinary measures for a minor breach of official duty shall be:

- 1) a written warning;
- 2) a fine of up to 15% of the salary paid for the month in which the breach of official duty was committed, for a period not exceeding three months.

Disciplinary measures for a serious breach of official duty shall be:

- 1) a fine of between 20% and 40% of the salary paid for the month in which the breach of official duty was committed, for a period not exceeding six months;
- 2) termination of employment.

Article 67

Proceedings for determining disciplinary liability for a breach of official duty shall be initiated by a disciplinary prosecutor appointed by the Director of the Agency from among authorised officers of the Agency and holding a VII1 level of education qualification in the field of law.

Proceedings referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be conducted by a disciplinary commission appointed by the Director of the Agency from among authorised officers of the Agency, whose chair and at least two members shall hold a VII1 level of education qualification in the field of law.

Disciplinary commission shall impose the disciplinary measure for a breach of official duty.

Decision imposing a disciplinary measure may be appealed to the Director of the Agency, who shall decide on the appeal within 30 days.

Administrative dispute may be initiated against the decision of the Director of the Agency referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article.

Disciplinary proceedings against an authorised officer of the Agency shall be closed to the public.

Detailed manner of conducting proceedings for determining disciplinary liability of authorised officers of the Agency shall be regulated by the Director of the Agency.

Article 68

Agency shall provide, in a separate section of the report referred to in Article 80 paragraph 2 of this Law, information on the number of disciplinary proceedings conducted.

6. Termination of Employment

Article 69

Employment of an authorised officer of the Agency shall, in addition to the cases prescribed by general labour legislation, the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of civil servants and state employees and the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of police officers, terminate by operation of law in the following cases:

- 1) upon the establishment of security impediments;
- 2) in the case referred to in Article 54 paragraph 2 of this Law;
- 3) due to refusal of the reassignment referred to in Article 55 of this Law;
- 4) upon receiving an “unsatisfactory” performance rating twice consecutively;
- 5) reporting for work under the influence of alcohol or psychoactive substances, consuming alcohol or using psychoactive substances during working hours, accompanied by refusal to undergo appropriate testing by an authorised person to establish those facts, in line with separate regulations.

Detailed manner, criteria and procedure for termination of employment by operation of law of an authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be governed by a separate act adopted by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

Director of the Agency shall adopt a decision on termination of employment for the reasons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Date of termination of employment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be deemed to be the date when the reason referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article is established.

Article 70

Notwithstanding the conditions prescribed by the law governing pension and disability insurance, employment of an authorised officer of the Agency shall, where the service requires so, be terminated by a decision of the Director of the Agency with entitlement to an old-age pension once the officer has completed at least 30 years of insurance, including at least 15 years effectively spent performing duties within the Agency for which the period of insurance is calculated at an increased rate.

Authorised officer of the Agency may also exercise the right referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article at his own request, with the approval of the Director of the Agency.

Old-age pension referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be calculated in the manner prescribed by the law governing pension and disability insurance, provided that, when more favourable to the authorised officer of the Agency, the personal coefficient shall be determined on the basis of the salary or salary compensation received in the calendar year preceding the year in which entitlement to the old-age pension is acquired.

Amount of the old-age pension determined in line with paragraph 3 of this Article shall be increased by 40%, provided that the amount of such pension may not exceed the maximum amount of old-age pension determined in line with the law governing pension and disability insurance.

Authorised officers of the Agency whose employment terminates upon acquiring entitlement to an old-age pension shall be entitled to severance pay, the amount of which shall be determined by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government, upon prior receipt of confirmation from the state administration authority competent for financial affairs concerning the availability of financial resources.

Detailed arrangements, including determining the reasons and criteria for employment termination of an authorised officer of the Agency referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article due to operational needs arising from organisational, staffing, security or functional reasons, as well as other reasons affecting the performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency, shall be

governed by a separate act adopted by the Director of the Agency, with the approval of the Government.

7. Other Rights of Authorised Officers of the Agency

Article 71

Montenegro shall provide legal and material assistance to authorised officers of the Agency and members of their families where, in the performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency, they are detained, deprived of liberty or convicted outside the territory of Montenegro.

Agency shall also provide the assistance referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and other forms of protection to former authorised officers of the Agency and members of their families.

Authorised officer of the Agency shall not exercise the rights referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article in the event of exceeding his or her powers or abuse of office.

Article 72

Judicial authorities of Montenegro shall protect data concerning the identity of an authorised officer of the Agency and the means of the Agency contained in evidentiary material in proceedings before judicial authorities and relating to the performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency, except in the event of exceeding powers or abuse of office by the authorised officer of the Agency.

8. Employment Records

Article 73

Agency shall keep personnel records and salary records which, in addition to the data prescribed by the law governing the rights, obligations and responsibilities of civil servants and state employees and the law governing the salaries of public-sector employees, shall contain other data concerning authorised officers of the Agency related to the performance of tasks within the competence of the Agency.

Data contained in the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

Article 74

Agency shall, in addition to the records referred to in Article 73 of this Law, maintain records of the assets of authorised officers of the Agency.

Authorised officers of the Agency shall, for the purpose of keeping the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, submit asset declarations to the Agency.

Content and manner of keeping the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the content and form of the asset declaration referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, as well as the manner of completing and verifying the data contained therein, shall be prescribed by the Director of the Agency.

V. CONTROL OF THE LEGALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE AGENCY

Article 75

Control of the legality and efficiency of the work of the Agency shall refer to the following:

- 1) data protection;
- 2) efficiency in the implementation of work programmes and plans;
- 3) exercise and exceeding of powers;
- 4) financial operations;
- 5) efficiency in the performance of other tasks and duties within the competence of the Agency.

Article 76

Control of the legality and efficiency of the work of the Agency shall be carried out by the special controller on the premises of the Agency.

Person may be appointed as special controller if, in addition to meeting the general requirements for employment in a state authority, he also meets the following requirements:

- 1) does not hold the citizenship of another state;
- 2) has not been finally convicted of a criminal offence;
- 3) poses no security risk to employment with the Agency;
- 4) has at least five years of professional experience in the security sector.

Existence of a security risk shall be determined by a security check conducted by the Agency with the prior consent of the person referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Agency shall not be required to inform the person referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article of the existence of security risks.

Special controller shall be appointed and dismissed by the Government upon the proposal of the Prime Minister.

Term of office of the special controller shall cease upon termination of the term of office of the Government.

Special controller shall be accountable to the Government for his work.

Special controller shall have the rights, obligations and salary coefficient of an adviser to the Prime Minister.

Article 77

Special controller shall submit to the Director of the Agency a report on all matters relevant to the work of the Agency, breaches of laws and other regulations, as well as other findings made during the control and shall issue recommendations and set a time limit for eliminating shortcomings.

Should the identified shortcomings, irregularities or unlawful conduct not be eliminated within the time limit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the special controller shall inform the Government thereof.

Special controller shall submit an annual report on the control carried out to the Director of the Agency, the Government and the competent working body of Parliament.

Article 78

Director of the Agency may, for the purpose of protecting national security interests, temporarily suspend or prohibit the special controller from carrying out the control where this would seriously jeopardise the successful implementation of an ongoing activity of the Agency of particular importance for national security.

Director of the Agency shall inform the Prime Minister of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article without delay.

Article 79

Term of office of the special controller shall cease:

- upon termination of the term of office of the Government;
- at his or her own request;
- where he or she ceases to meet the requirements referred to in Article 76 paragraph 2 items 1 and 3 of this Law;
- upon dismissal.

Person referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be dismissed when:

- he is sentenced to an unconditional term of imprisonment;

- he is convicted of a criminal offence making him unworthy of performing duties in a state authority;
- based on data provided by the National Security Council, the Government determines that the person has compromised or may compromise the data referred to in Article 6 of this Law.

VI. PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL

Article 80

Parliamentary control of the work of the Agency shall be exercised by Parliament through its competent working body.

Agency shall submit an annual report on its work to the working body referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Agency shall, at the request of the working body referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, allow inspection of the surveillance procedure referred to in Article 15 paragraph 1 items 4 and 7 of this Law, provided that this does not jeopardise national security.

Agency may not disclose data concerning the identity of an Agency associate, an authorised officer of the Agency operating under a covert identity or other persons who could be harmed by the disclosure of such data or data concerning security and intelligence sources and ongoing operations.

Article 81

Law governing parliamentary oversight in the field of security and defence shall apply mutatis mutandis to matters concerning parliamentary control of the work of the Agency that are not regulated by this Law.

VII. FINANCING

Article 82

Financial resources for the work of the Agency shall be provided from the Budget of Montenegro.

Additional resources for special purposes shall, when in the interest of national security, be provided by the Government upon the proposal of the Agency.

Data concerning financial, material and accounting operations of the Agency shall be assigned the appropriate level of classification in line with the law governing classified information.

Article 83

Public procurement regulations shall not apply to procurement conducted by the Agency.

No tax shall be paid for the procurement, maintenance and servicing of special equipment, weapons and official premises used in the work of the Agency and provisions governing obligations relating to the calculation and payment of tax and reporting to the tax authority shall not apply.

Manner and procedure for conducting procurement within the Agency shall be prescribed by the Director of the Agency.

Article 84

Agency shall conduct security checks, in line with the law governing classified information, in respect of legal and natural persons participating in procurement procedures who are granted access to security zones.

Should security impediments be established in the course of security checks, the Agency shall inform the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article thereof without being required to state the reasons on the basis of which such security impediments were established.

VIII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 85

General acts required for the implementation of this Law shall be adopted within six months from the date of entry into force of this Law.

Acts adopted pursuant to the Law on the National Security Agency ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro", No. 28/05 and "Official Gazette of Montenegro", Nos. 20/11, 8/15, 125/23 and 19/25) shall apply until the acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article are adopted, provided that they are not inconsistent with this Law.

Article 86

Provisions of Article 70 of this Law shall apply until the accession of Montenegro to the European Union.

Article 87

Provisions of this Law shall be harmonised with the law governing personal data protection within six months from the date of adoption of that law.

Article 88

Law on the National Security Agency ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro", No. 28/05 and "Official Gazette of Montenegro", Nos. 20/11, 8/15, 125/23 and 19/25) shall cease to have effect on the date of entry into force of this Law.

Article 89

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

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The 28th Parliament of Montenegro

The President

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