



## Confederation of Hunters Associations of SA

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Dear CHASA Members,

### **RE: Interim Order granted to GOSA, Friday 27 July 2018**

The CHASA Executive and Firearms Portfolio have followed the urgent case being brought by GOSA against SAPS, in particular challenging aspects of the renewal processes for firearm licences. On Friday GOSA won a critical first round challenge by obtaining an interdict against SAPS which orders them not, at this stage, to go ahead with any confiscation process or accepting any firearm relating to expired licences. This is a critical advantage for anyone who currently holds an expired licence.

We emphasise that at this stage the actual written judgement has not yet been released by the court, and until such time as we receive that it is irresponsible and premature to offer specific and detailed advice.

Since the order was granted however, there has been a raft of information and likely MIS-information doing the rounds, mainly on social media, which leads people to believe that other aspects in the main GOSA case have already been granted by the court. These are all subject still to GOSA succeeding in the normal course with these various aspects of their main case in motion court. This process could take many months, and there is always the chance of SAPS taking other steps to frustrate the legal outcome too.

For now, our advice remains that those with expired licences preferably lock their firearm away in the prescribed safe and await further clarity. There remains the possibility of an amnesty, which may well still be the best recourse should it be well structured by SAPS. We also strongly advise that you continue to maintain your status according to the FCA by renewing any licence that is due to expire within the prescribed time-frame. In particular, should an opportunity arise to re-licence an expired firearm you will immediately be in need of valid Competency and we urge you to attend to this in advance.

Do not wait for any rush caused by some possible process that unfolds in the near future.

We will update this information as more credible detail becomes available.

Kind Regards

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**CHASA CEO**

