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**The National Assembly deliberated and adopted,
The President of the Republic hereby enacts the law set out below:**

Article 1:

The manufacture, conservation, export, import, transportation, destruction, transfer and purchase of explosive substances or detonators, shall be subject to the provisions of this Law.

Article 2:

An explosive substance shall be any chemical substance that, under the influence of heat or shock, produces either a blast or a detonation with release of gas and production of heat.

Article 3:

The nomenclature of explosives and detonators referred to in Section 2 above shall be laid down by decree.

Article 4:

The manufacture of explosive substances or detonators. Their exploitation in depots, their importation, their sale, their purchase, their conservation. Transportation, their transfer and destruction shall be subject to prior authorization under conditions laid down by decree.

Article 5:

No one may obtain delivery of explosive substances or detonators if he/she has no prior authorization to operate a depot. The necessary justifications shall be required for this purpose by the sellers or manufacturers and under their responsibility. Small quantities of explosives for immediate use may be delivered to persons not operating a depot under conditions laid down by decree.

Article 6:

For reasons of public safety, the manufacture of explosive substances or detonators may be prohibited by decree in a region or an expanse of the national territory. This measure shall not give room to any right to compensation to manufacturers.

Article 7:

Destruction at the expense of the operator of explosive substances or detonators that pose real danger to public safety shall not give room to any right to compensation.

The conditions for removal of a depot and transfer of explosives shall be laid down by decree.

Article 8:

Any violation of the provisions of this Law shall be punishable by imprisonment of 3 (three) months to one year and a fine of 100,000 (one hundred thousand) Francs to 1,000,000 (one million) Francs or only one of these penalties.

The court may also order the confiscation of the explosives in question.

Article 9:

In the case of imprisonment, the authorization to manufacture, conserve, import or purchase explosive substances or detonators shall be withdrawn under conditions laid down by decree.

Article 10:

Explosive substances and detonators for use by military and similar establishments shall be regulated by special texts. Hunting and war ammunition shall be and remain subject to special regulations in force.

Article 11:

A decree shall when necessary lay down terms and conditions for the implementation of this Law.

Article 12:

All previous provisions, in particular those of Law No. 50-598 of 30 May 1950 to regulate explosive substances in the territories of Togo and Cameroon, are repealed.

Article 13:

This law shall be registered and published in the Official Gazette in English and in French.

Yaounde, 6 December 1977

**Ahmadou Ahidjo
President of the Republic**