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Infoservis – Amendment of Trade Licencing Act effective 1st July 2008

On July 1, 2008 Act No. 130/2008 Coll., amending Act No. 455/1991 Coll., Trade Licencing Act (hereinafter referred to as the "*Amendment*"), will take effect.

The purpose of this edition of Infoservice is to inform you about the major changes which will the Amendment bring.

The Amendment abandons the Trade Licenses

The entrepreneur will no longer prove himself by the trade licenses, but only by means of one single document – an excerpt from the Trade License Register.

The Amendment abandons the territorial jurisdiction of Trade Licencing Offices

An entrepreneur will be entitled to notify the trade, apply for a license or to perform his/her/its notification duty at any of the Trade Licencing Offices. The Trade Licencing Offices will share the information through the information system of the Trade License Register.

The **entrepreneur's notification duty** towards a Trade Licencing Office will cover only those changes, which the Trade Licencing Office will not be able to find in public databases. Therefore, the entrepreneur will not be obliged to notify e.g. changes in the statutory bodies, etc.

The Amendment establishes one unregulated trade only

While currently there are 125 of unregulated trades with 622 objects of activity, the Amendment will establish one unregulated trade with 80 fields and the entrepreneur will only notify the field of activity, which he will perform within the range of the unregulated trade. Therefore, the entrepreneur will no longer need several trade licenses and so he will not pay a fee for every field of his activity.

Reduction of requirements for obtaining of trade licences

Where a practise is required in order to issue a trade license, there the Amendment shortens its periods. E.g. under current legal regulation, where the craft trades are concerned, a 4-year

practise period is required in case a person intends to carry business under re-qualification. Under the Amendment, only 1-year practise would be required on such person.