

## **Attachment III**

### **State Secret – extracts from the Protection of Classified Information Act**

#### **Protection of Classified Information Act**

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Extract:

#### **Chapter three.**

### **KINDS OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND LEVELS OF CLASSIFICATION**

#### **Section I**

#### **Classified information**

Art. 25. State secret shall be the information, determined in the list of Appendix No. 1, the unregulated access to which would create danger or would damage the interests of the Republic of Bulgaria, connected with national security, defence of the state, foreign policy or protection of the constitutionally established order.

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#### **Section II**

#### **Levels of classification for security of the information**

Art 28. (1) The levels of classification for security of the information and their secrecy levels shall be:

1. "Top secret";
2. "Secret";
3. "Confidential";

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#### **Section III**

#### **Terms for protection of the classified information**

Art. 34.(1) The following periods shall be determined for protection of classified information, assumed from the date of its creation:

1. For information, marked as "Top secret" – 30 years;
2. For information, marked as "Secret" – 15 years;
3. For information, marked as "Confidential" – 5 years;

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(3) After the elapse of the terms under para 1 and 2 the level of classification shall be removed and the access to this information shall be provided under the procedures of the Access to Public Information Act.

## **Appendix No. 1 to Art. 25**

### Extract

#### **List of the categories of information, subject to classification as state secret**

- I. Information, connected with the defence of the state
- II. Information, connected with the foreign policy and the internal security of the country
- III. Information, connected with the economic security of the country