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The unofficial consolidated version of the Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia Act comprises:

- Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 1/95 of 10 January 1995),
- Act Amending the Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia Act – ZOdl-A (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 22/04 of 10 March 2004),
- Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia Act – Official consolidated version – ZOdl-UPB1 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 69/04 of 24 June 2004).

DECORATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA ACT (Unofficial consolidated version No. 2)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The decorations of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: decorations) are the highest distinctions awarded by the State for exceptional merit and acts of particular importance for the prosperity of Slovenia.

Article 2

Decorations may be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia.

Decorations may also be conferred on foreign nationals.

Decorations may also be conferred posthumously.

Decorations may, in exception, also be conferred on groups of nationals, legal persons and other organisations or foreign and international organisations.

Article 3

The President of the Republic shall be entitled, following his or her election, to the Order of Merit for Distinguished Service.

Article 4

A citizen of the Republic of Slovenia may receive a foreign state decoration only with the consent of the President of the Republic after a prior opinion has been issued thereon by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia.

II. DECORATIONS

Article 5

The decorations awarded in accordance with this Act are orders and medals.

The orders are as follows:

The Order of Merit for Distinguished Service,

The Golden Order of Merit,

The Silver Order of Merit, and

The Order of Merit.

The medals are as follows:

The Medal of Merit,

The Medal of Courage, and

The Medal for Honourable Conduct.

Article 6

Decorations shall be awarded for merit rendered in:

- the civil field,
- the diplomatic and international fields, and
- the military or security fields.

Article 7

1. THE ORDER OF MERIT FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

shall be conferred for exceptional work and merit rendered in advancing the sovereignty, prosperity, renown and progress of Slovenia in the cultural, economic, scientific, social and political fields.

The Order of Merit for Distinguished Service shall be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia and, in exception, on groups of nationals, legal persons, other organisations and leading foreign statesmen.

2. THE GOLDEN ORDER OF MERIT

shall be conferred for exceptional merit accomplished on behalf of Slovenia in the civil, diplomatic, international, military, or security fields.

The Golden Order of Merit shall be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia, foreign nationals and, in exception, on domestic, foreign and international organisations.

3. THE SILVER ORDER OF MERIT

shall be conferred for exceptional work and merit rendered in the fields of security, defence and protection of the Republic of Slovenia and for international cooperation in these fields.

The Silver Order of Merit shall be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia and foreign nationals and, in exception, on groups of nationals, legal persons and other organisations.

4. THE ORDER OF MERIT

shall be conferred for merit achieved on behalf of the Republic of Slovenia in other fields.

The Order of Merit shall be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia, groups of nationals, legal persons and other organisations, as well as on foreign nationals and foreign and international organisations.

5. THE MEDAL OF MERIT

shall be conferred for especially remarkable achievements and results in various fields that represent an important contribution to the development and international standing of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Medal of Merit shall be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia, foreign nationals, groups of nationals and on domestic and foreign organisations.

6. THE MEDAL OF COURAGE

shall be conferred for personal bravery and self-sacrifice in saving human lives and material goods.

The Medal of Courage shall be conferred on nationals of the Republic of Slovenia.

7. THE MEDAL FOR HONOURABLE CONDUCT

shall be conferred for exceptional acts worthy of particular distinction.

The Medal for Honourable Conduct shall only be conferred on individuals, nationals of the Republic of Slovenia, and foreign nationals.

Article 8

The decorations shall consist of a badge, substitute badge (flag) and an award document. The award document is a public document.

Article 9

The shape of decorations, the manner of wearing them and other characteristics of each decoration are determined in Annex 1, which forms a part hereof.

III. COMPETENCE

Article 10

Decorations shall be conferred by the President of the Republic by an order.

Article 11

The proposal that a decoration be awarded may be made by state bodies, local self-government bodies, organisations and nationals of the Republic of Slovenia.

The President of the Republic may confer a decoration at his or her own discretion without a prior proposal.

Article 12

A decoration or the replacement thereof may only be worn by the recipient. The recipient may not transfer such decoration. The wearing of decorations and the appropriate manner of wearing decorations are an honour and moral obligation of the recipients thereof.

Article 13

It is not permitted to make, wear, or trade in badges and other objects that have the shape or appearance of a decoration in accordance with this Act.

Article 14

A decoration awarded posthumously or that has not been personally awarded to the recipient within his or her lifetime shall be handed to his or her family in the following order: spouse, offspring or adoptees, parents or adoptive parents, and brothers or sisters.

IV. REVOCATION OF A DECORATION

Article 15

The President of the Republic may revoke a decoration if the holder of the decoration has been sentenced by a final judgement to imprisonment for a criminal offence against human rights and freedoms, against the security of the Republic of Slovenia and its constitutional system, or against humanity and international law.

The court shall inform the President of the Republic of the final judgement by which the holder of the decoration has been convicted.

Article 16

Holders of a decoration who have been sentenced to imprisonment by a final judgement may not wear the decoration while serving a sentence.

V. DATABASES ON PROPOSED RECIPIENTS AND RECORDS OF DECORATED PERSONS

Article 17

The database on proposed recipients and on decorated persons shall be kept by the Office of the President of the Republic.

The database shall comprise the forename and surname of the proposed recipient, his or her surname at time of birth, personal registration number, nationality, and address of permanent residence, or the name and head office of the proposed organisation, the reasons for such decoration, the type of the decoration conferred, the number and date of the order conferring the decoration and the date of conferral.

The personal data referred to in the preceding paragraph may only be used in procedures for conferring decorations.

VI. PENALTY PROVISIONS

Article 18

A fine of not less than SIT 200,000 shall be imposed on a legal person or sole proprietor for the unauthorised manufacture or placing on the market of badges or other objects that have the shape or appearance of a decoration according to this Act (Article 13).

A fine of not less than SIT 20,000 shall be imposed on an authorised representative of a

legal person for committing an act referred to in the preceding paragraph.

A fine of not less than SIT 20,000 shall be imposed on a natural person for committing an act referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Article 19

A fine of not less than SIT 20,000 shall be imposed on an individual wearing a decoration that has been awarded to him or her or for dishonouring a decoration (Article 12).

Article 20

A fine of not less than SIT 20,000 shall be imposed on a decoration holder who has misappropriated his or her decoration (Article 12).

The Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 1/95) contains the following transitional and final provisions:

"VII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 21

The decoration *The Order of Freedom of the Republic of Slovenia* established pursuant to the Order of Freedom of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*] No. 24/92) shall continue to be awarded as the highest decoration of the Republic of Slovenia for services rendered in the defence of freedom and the assertion of the sovereignty of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 22

Nationals of the Republic of Slovenia who have been decorated in accordance with previous regulations on decorations shall retain the right to wear those decorations.

The provisions of Articles 12, 13 and 15 hereof shall apply *mutatis mutandis* also in respect to those decoration holders who were decorated on the basis of a regulation referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Article 23

This Act shall enter into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.”

The Act Amending the Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia Act – ZOdl-A (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 22/04) amends Article 21 of the Act to read as follows:

“Article 21

The decoration *The Order of Freedom of the Republic of Slovenia* established pursuant to the Order of Freedom of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*] No. 24/92) shall continue to be awarded as the highest decoration of the Republic of Slovenia for services rendered in the defence of freedom and the assertion of the sovereignty of the Republic of Slovenia or in connection with acts related to the gaining of independence. For other instances of exceptional merit and acts of particular importance to the prosperity of Slovenia, the decorations in accordance with this Act shall be awarded.”;

and contains the following transitional and final provisions:

“Article 11

All records on decorated persons shall be transferred within one month of the entry into force hereof from the Personnel Service of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to the Office of the President of the Republic.

Article 12

As of the day of the entry into force of this Act, indents three, four and five of Article 3 of the Order of Freedom of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*] No. 24/92) shall cease to be in force.

As of the day of the entry into force hereof, the Statute of Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*] No. 16/95) shall cease to be in force.

Article 13

This Act shall enter into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.”.

ANNEX 1:

STATUTE OF DECORATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Statute of Decorations of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: decorations) sets out the form of decorations, how decorations are to be worn, and other characteristics of decorations.
2. The basic device on decorations shall be a stylised triangular overlapping leaf pattern that was used as a symbol of the Trinity on Köttlach Culture jewellery from the Early Christian period in Slovene lands.
3. The constituent parts of a decoration – the symbol of the decoration, the substitute symbol (breast ribbon) and the award document – shall be conferred simultaneously.
4. The award document shall be conferred in a cardboard folder that for Orders shall be dressed in leather of the same colour and quality as the box containing the corresponding order, and for medals shall be dressed in dark blue ornamented paper of the same colour and quality as the box for medals.

The size of the award document, which shall be printed on paper with a grammage of 500, shall be the same for all decorations: 210 mm x 290 mm.

Award documents for Orders shall have two coloured lines, each 20 mm wide on the left-hand side, as follows:

- Order of Merit for Distinguished Service: gold and red;
- Golden Order of Merit: gold and blue;
- Silver Order of Merit: silver and blue;
- Order of Merit: yellow and blue.

Award documents for Medals shall have two coloured lines, each 10 mm wide on the left-hand side, as follows:

- Medal of Merit: gold and blue;
- Medal of Courage: silver and blue;
- Medal for Honourable Conduct: yellow and blue.

The corners of the inner frame of the award document shall be filled with the basic device, which shall be printed in gold for Orders and in silver for Medals.

The award document shall contain the following text:

Pursuant to Order No. [number] of [date],

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

hereby confers on

[full name of recipient of the decoration]

THE [title of the decoration]

in [description of the field in which the recipient of the decoration is being decorated]

for [description of services in that field].

In the bottom left-hand corner of the award document there shall appear the date and place of the conferral of the decoration, the seal of the Republic of Slovenia shall be impressed in the centre, and to the extreme right of the page shall be the signature of the President of the Republic of Slovenia.

The title of the decoration shall be printed in gold for Orders and in silver for Medals.

II. STATUTES OF ORDERS AND MEDALS

1. Statute of the Order of Merit for Distinguished Service

The Order of Merit for Distinguished Service shall be made of 14-carat gold, white enamel, light blue enamel, and watered silk.

The base shall be made of 14-carat gold and have the form of an inverted equilateral triangle with sides measuring 48 mm and a thickness of 2mm. Resting on the base shall

be the basic form, an equilateral hexagon with concave sides made of 14-carat gold. The greatest distance between the opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm, while the depth of the curve shall be 3 mm. The thickness of the hexagon at the edges shall be 1 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with light blue enamel.

Positioned on the basic form shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of gold and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with white enamel, except for the base of the device, which shall be made of polished 14-carat gold. The basic device of the decoration shall be 1 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 3.5 mm in a gentle arc. A red precious stone (a ruby) cut in a rosette shape shall be set in the base of the device.

The upper and lower sides (the base) of the decoration shall be identical, except that the stone shall only be set in the front.

The device shall overlay and be joined to the base in such a way that one of the points of the device overlaps with the bisector of one of the curved sides of the hexagon and at the same time with the bisector of one of the sides of the triangle.

Fixed to one of the points of the device shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a way that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) are level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Order and shall have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of 14-carat gold.

The registration number of the decoration, which shall be printed by the maker of the decoration, shall be printed on the edge of the base of the decoration (the equilateral triangle) opposite the loop.

All visible gold shall be polished. The hallmarking of the gold shall appear on the edge of the base of the decoration.

The Order of Merit for Distinguished Service shall hang on a 46-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of golden yellow watered silk with a vertical 4-mm-wide red stripe in the centre. The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a triangular shape 54 mm long.

The breast ribbon shall be a golden yellow ribbon with a vertical 4-mm-wide red stripe in the centre attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Order of Merit for Distinguished Service or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time.

The Order shall be kept in a box covered in red leather that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with red silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in gold on the lid of the box shall be the words RED ZA IZREDNE ZASLUGE (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The official designation for the Order of Merit for Distinguished Service – RIZ – may be used.

2. Statute of the Golden Order of Merit

The Golden Order of Merit shall be made of 14-carat gold, white enamel, light blue enamel and watered silk.

The base shall be made of 14-carat gold and have the form of an inverted equilateral triangle with sides measuring 48 mm and a thickness of 2mm. Resting on the base shall be the basic form, an equilateral hexagon with concave sides made of 14-carat gold. The greatest distance between the opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm, while the

depth of the curve shall be 3 mm. The thickness of the hexagon at the edges shall be 1 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with light blue enamel.

Positioned on the basic form shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of gold and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with white enamel, except the base of the device, which shall be made of polished 14-carat gold. The basic device of the decoration shall be 1 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 3.5 mm in a gentle arc. The upper and lower sides (the base) of the decoration shall be identical.

The device shall overlay and join the base in such a way that one of the points of the device overlaps with the bisector of one of the curved sides of the hexagon and at the same time with the bisector of one of the sides of the triangle.

Fixed to one of the points of the device shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a manner that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) shall be level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Order and shall have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of 14-carat gold.

The registration number of the decoration, which shall be printed by the maker of the decoration, shall be printed on the edge of the base of the decoration (the equilateral triangle) opposite the loop.

All visible gold shall be polished. The hallmarking of the gold shall appear on the edge of the base of the decoration.

The Golden Order of Merit shall hang on a 46-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of golden yellow watered silk. The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a

triangular shape 54 mm long.

The breast ribbon shall be a golden yellow ribbon attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Golden Order of Merit or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time.

The Order shall be kept in a box covered in yellow leather that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with golden yellow silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in silver on the lid of the box shall be the words ZLATI RED ZA ZASLUGE (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The above description applies in instances where the Golden Order of Merit is awarded for merit in the civilian field.

When the Golden Order of Merit is awarded for merit in international or diplomatic fields, a circle of white enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

In such instances, the breast ribbon shall be the same as above, except that it shall have a 4-mm-wide silver stripe at each edge.

When the Golden Order of Merit is awarded for merit in military or security fields, a circle of light blue enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

In such instances, the breast ribbon shall be the same as above, except that it shall have a 4-mm-wide light blue stripe (the same colour as the enamel) at each edge.

The official designation for the Golden Order of Merit – ZRZ – may be used.

3. Statute of the Silver Order of Merit

The Silver Order of Merit shall be made of sterling silver, white enamel, light blue enamel and watered silk.

The base of the Silver Order of Merit shall be made of sterling silver and have the form of an inverted equilateral triangle with sides measuring 48 mm and a thickness of 2mm. Resting on the base shall be the basic form, an equilateral hexagon with concave sides made of sterling silver. The greatest distance between opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm, while the depth of the curve shall be 3 mm. The thickness of the hexagon at the edges shall be 1 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with light blue enamel.

Positioned on the basic form shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of silver and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with white enamel, except the base of the device, which shall be made of polished sterling silver. The basic device of the decoration shall be 1 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 3.5 mm in a gentle arc. The upper and lower sides (the base) of the decoration shall be identical.

The device shall overlay and be joined to the base in such a way that one of the points of the device overlaps with the bisector of one of the curved sides of the hexagon and at the same time with the bisector of one of the sides of the triangle.

Fixed to one of the points of the device shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a way that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) are level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Order and have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of sterling silver.

The registration number of the decoration, which shall be printed by the maker of the decoration, shall be printed on the edge of the base of the decoration (the equilateral triangle) opposite the loop.

All visible silver shall be polished. The hallmarking of the silver shall appear on the edge of the base of the decoration.

The Silver Order of Merit shall hang on a 46-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of light blue watered silk (the same colour as the enamel). The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a triangular shape 54 mm long.

The breast ribbon shall be a light blue ribbon with a 4-mm-wide silver stripe at either side, attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Silver Order of Merit or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time.

The Order shall be kept in a box covered in white leather that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with white silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in gold on the lid of the box shall be the words SREBRNI RED ZA ZASLUGE (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The description thus far applies to instances of the Silver Order of Merit being awarded for merit in the civilian field.

When the Silver Order of Merit is awarded for merit in the international or diplomatic fields, a circle of yellow enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

In such instances, the breast ribbon shall be the same as above, except that it has a 4-mm-wide golden yellow stripe on each side.

When the Silver Order of Merit is awarded for merit in the military or security fields, a circle of light blue enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

In such instances, the breast ribbon shall be light blue (the same colour as the enamel).

The official designation for the Silver Order of Merit – SRZ– may be used.

4. Statute of the Order of Merit

The Order of Merit shall be made of sterling silver, white enamel, light blue enamel, yellow enamel and watered silk.

The base of the Order of Merit shall be made of sterling silver and have the form of an equilateral hexagon with concave sides. The greatest distance between opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm, while the depth of the curve shall be 3 mm. The thickness of the hexagon at the edges shall be 2 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with light blue enamel.

Positioned on the base shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of silver and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with white enamel, except the base of the device, which shall be made of polished sterling silver. The basic device of the decoration shall be 1 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 3.5 mm in a gentle arc. The upper and lower sides (the base) of the decoration shall be identical.

The device shall overlay and be joined to the base in such a way that one of the points of the device overlaps with the bisector of one of the curved sides of the hexagon.

Fixed to one of the points of the device shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a way that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) are level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Order and have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of sterling silver.

The registration number of the decoration, which shall be printed by the maker of the decoration, shall be printed on the edge of the base of the decoration (the hexagon with concave sides) opposite the loop.

All visible silver shall be polished. The hallmarking of the silver shall appear on the edge of the base of the decoration.

The Order of Merit shall hang on a 46-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of light blue watered silk (the same colour as the enamel). The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a triangular shape 54 mm long.

The breast ribbon shall be a light blue ribbon with a 4-mm-wide silver stripe on one side, attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Order of Merit or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time. The breast ribbon shall be worn in such a way that the different coloured stripe is on the left from the wearer's point of view, when the breast ribbon only has one different coloured stripe.

The Order shall be kept in a box covered in light blue leather that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with light blue silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in gold on the lid of the box shall be the words MEDALJA ZA ZASLUGE (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The description thus far applies to instances of the Order of Merit being awarded for

merit in the civilian field.

When the Order of Merit is awarded for merit in the international or diplomatic fields, a circle of yellow enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

In such instances, the breast ribbon shall be the same as above, except that it shall have a 4-mm-wide golden yellow stripe on the left side.

When the Order of Merit is awarded for merit in the military or security fields, a circle of light blue enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

In such instances, the breast ribbon shall have a 4-mm-wide vertical silver stripe in the centre.

The official designation for the Order of Merit – RZ– may be used.

5. Statute of the Medal of Merit

The Medal of Merit shall be made of sterling silver, white enamel, light blue enamel, 14-carat gold and watered silk.

The base of the Medal of Merit shall be made of sterling silver and have the form of an equilateral hexagon. The greatest distance between opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm. The thickness of the hexagon shall be 2 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with light blue enamel.

Positioned on the base shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of silver and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with white enamel, except the base of the device, which shall be made of polished 14-carat gold. The basic device of the decoration shall be 2 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 5 mm in a gentle arc.

The device shall overlay and be joined to the base in such a way that three of the corners of the hexagon are covered by the points of the device.

Fixed to one of the points where a corner of the hexagon and a point of the device coincide (there are three in total) shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a way that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) are level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Medal and have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of sterling silver.

On the reverse of the medal shall be the following inscription inside a circle: (above) REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA and (below) MEDALJA ZA ZASLUGE. The two parts of the inscription shall be separated by the basic device. The inscription and device shall be embossed. In the intermediate space shall be the registration number of the medal (impressed by the maker of the medal). Below it, the name of the recipient of the decoration shall be engraved, and below this the date of conferral of the decoration.

All visible silver shall be polished. The hallmarking of the silver shall appear on the reverse of the medal, and the hallmarking of the gold in the bottom corner of the base of the basic device.

The Medal of Merit shall hang on a 40-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of light blue watered silk (the same colour as the enamel) with three 4-mm-wide horizontal golden yellow stripes 4 mm apart. The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a triangular shape 54 mm long in such a way that the upper edge of the top (first) horizontal stripe is 10 mm from the top edge.

The breast ribbon shall be a light blue ribbon with three vertical 4-mm-wide golden yellow stripes in the centre, 4 mm apart, attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Medal of Merit or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time.

The Medal shall be kept in a box covered in dark blue ornamented paper that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with light blue silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in silver on the lid of the box shall be the words MEDALJA ZA ZASLUGE (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The description thus far applies to instances of the Medal of Merit being awarded for merit in the civilian field.

When the Medal of Merit is awarded for merit in the international or diplomatic fields, a circle of white enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

When the Medal of Merit is awarded for merit in the military or security fields, a circle of light blue enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

The official designation for the Medal of Merit – MZ – may be used.

6. Statute of the Medal of Courage

The Medal of Courage shall be made of sterling silver, white enamel, light blue enamel and watered silk.

The base of the Medal of Courage shall be made of sterling silver and have the form of an equilateral hexagon. The greatest distance between opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm. The thickness of the hexagon shall be 2 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with light blue enamel.

Positioned on the base shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of silver and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with white enamel, except the base of

the device, which shall be made of polished sterling silver. The basic device of the decoration shall be 2 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 5 mm in a gentle arc.

The device shall overlay and be joined to the base in such a way that three of the corners of the hexagon are covered by the points of the device.

Fixed to one of the points where a corner of the hexagon and a point of the device coincide (there are three in total) shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a way that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) are level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Medal and have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of sterling silver.

On the reverse of the medal shall be the following inscription inside a circle: (above) REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA and (below) MEDALJA ZA HRABROST. The two parts of the inscription shall be separated by the basic device. The inscription and device shall be embossed. In the intermediate space shall be the registration number of the medal (impressed by the maker of the medal). Below it, the name of the recipient of the decoration shall be engraved, and below this the date of conferral of the decoration.

All visible silver shall be polished. The hallmarking of the silver shall appear on the reverse of the medal.

The Medal of Courage shall hang on a 40-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of light blue watered silk (the same colour as the enamel) with two 4-mm-wide horizontal golden yellow stripes 4 mm apart. The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a triangular shape 54 mm long in such a way that the upper edge of the top (first) horizontal stripe is 10 mm from the top edge.

The breast ribbon shall be a light blue ribbon with two vertical 4-mm-wide golden yellow stripes in the centre, 4 mm apart, attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be

rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Medal of Courage or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time.

The Medal shall be kept in a box covered in dark blue ornamented paper that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with light blue silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in silver on the lid of the box shall be the words MEDALJA ZA HRABROST (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The description thus far applies to instances of the Medal of Courage being awarded for courage in the civilian field.

When the Medal of Courage is awarded for courage in the international or diplomatic fields, a circle of white enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

When the Medal of Courage is awarded for courage in the military or security fields, a circle of light blue enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

The official designation for the Medal courage – MH – may be used.

7. Statute of the Medal for Honourable Conduct

The Medal for Honourable Conduct shall be made of sterling silver, white enamel, light blue enamel, yellow enamel and watered silk.

The base of the Order of Honourable Conduct shall be made of sterling silver and have the form of an equilateral hexagon. The greatest distance between opposite corners of the hexagon shall be 46 mm. The thickness of the hexagon shall be 2 mm. The intermediate spaces of the curved hexagon, up to the basic device, shall be filled with

light blue enamel.

Positioned on the base shall be the basic device of the decoration. This shall be made of silver and its edges and contours shall be accentuated to a width of 1 mm. On the device, the overlying or underlying line of the device shall be denoted by an incision. The intermediate spaces of the device shall be filled with light blue enamel. The basic device of the decoration shall be 2 mm thick at the extremes, while towards the centre its thickness shall increase to 5 mm in a gentle arc.

The device shall overlay and be joined to the base in such a way that three of the corners of the hexagon are covered by the points of the device.

Fixed to one of the points where a corner of the hexagon and a point of the device coincide (there are three in total) shall be a 2.5-mm loop for fixing the suspending ring, to which the ribbon of the decoration shall be attached. Seen in cross-section, the loop shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. It shall be fixed to the decoration in such a way that the outer sides of the loop (upper and lower) are level with the edges of the upper and lower planes of the basic device. The empty space shall thus be 1.5 mm high and 2 mm deep.

The suspending ring shall be a constituent element of the Medal and have the form and position of an inverted equilateral triangle. Seen in cross-section, it shall be a square with sides measuring 1 mm. The dimensions of the equilateral triangle shall be 6 mm. The ring shall be made of sterling silver.

On the reverse of the medal shall be the following inscription inside a circle: (above) REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA and (below) MEDALJA ZA ČASTNO DEJANJE. The two parts of the inscription shall be separated by the basic device. The inscription and device shall be embossed. In the intermediate space shall be the registration number of the medal (impressed by the maker of the medal). Below it, the name of the recipient of the decoration shall be engraved, and below this the date of conferral of the decoration.

All visible silver shall be polished. The hallmarking of the silver shall appear on the reverse of the medal.

The Medal for Honourable Conduct shall hang on a 40-mm-wide suspending ribbon made of light blue watered silk (the same colour as the enamel) with a 4-mm-wide horizontal golden yellow stripe. The suspending ribbon shall be folded and sewn into a triangular

shape 54 mm long in such a way that the upper edge of the horizontal stripe is 10 mm from the top edge.

The breast ribbon shall be a light blue ribbon with a vertical 4-mm-wide golden yellow stripe in the centre, attached to a clasp. The breast ribbon shall be rectangular in shape and measure 40 mm x 8 mm.

The Medal for Honourable Conduct or breast ribbon shall be worn on the left side of the breast. The two shall never be worn at the same time.

The Medal shall be kept in a box covered in dark blue ornamented paper that opens upwards along the shorter side, where the lid is fastened to the base of the box. Inside the box, the decoration shall rest in a moulded cavity lined with light blue silk. The ribbon connecting the lid to the base of the box shall be made of the same silk.

The maker's symbol may appear on the inside of the lid.

Printed in silver on the lid of the box shall be the words MEDALJA ZA ČASTNO DEJANJE (in the upper third of the lid with regard to how the box opens) and REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA (towards the bottom of the lid).

The description thus far applies to instances of the Medal for Honourable Conduct being awarded for an honourable conduct in the civilian field.

When the Medal for Honourable Conduct is awarded for an honourable conduct in the international or diplomatic fields, a circle of white enamel with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

When the Medal for Honourable Conduct is awarded for an honourable conduct in the military or security fields, a circle of yellow enamel (the same colour as the stripe on the ribbon) with a diameter of 8 mm shall be placed in the centre of the basic device.

The official designation for the Medal for Honourable Conduct – MČD – may be used.