

# Decorations Act

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## Chapter 1

### General Provisions

#### § 1. Scope of application of Act

(1) This Act establishes the state awards (hereinafter decorations) bestowed by the President of the Republic, provides their classes and description, the procedure for bestowal, wearing withdrawal and return of decorations, the procedure for the registration of badges of honour and decorations and liability for violation of this Act.

(2) The provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act apply to the administrative proceedings prescribed in this Act, taking account of the specifications provided for in this Act.

#### § 2. State decorations

(1) The following are decorations:

- 1) the Cross of Liberty;
- 2) the Order of the National Coat of Arms;
- 3) the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana;
- 4) the Order of the White Star;
- 5) the Order of the Cross of the Eagle;

6) the Order of the Estonian Red Cross.

(2) The establishment, making and use of a decoration, badge of honour or any other badge confusingly similar to a decoration is prohibited.

### § 3. Cross of Liberty

(1) The Cross of Liberty was instituted in 1919 in order to give recognition for services during the Estonian War of Independence. The Cross of Liberty is a military decoration in the event of war conducted to defend Estonian independence.

(2) The Cross of Liberty comprises three classes:

1) 1st class – bestowed to give recognition for military services in the event of war conducted to defend Estonian independence;

2) 2nd class - bestowed to give recognition for personal bravery in the event of war conducted to defend Estonian independence;

3) 3rd class - bestowed to give recognition for administrative and civil services in the event of war conducted to defend Estonian independence.

(3) Bestowal of the Cross of Liberty was terminated by an Act of 19 June 1925 (RT<sup>1</sup> 1925, 109/110, 53). The Cross of Liberty may be bestowed again in the event of war conducted to defend Estonian independence as of the declaration of a state of war until the entry into force of an Act for termination of the bestowal of the Cross of Liberty.

### § 4. Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The Order of the National Coat of Arms was instituted in 1936 in order to commemorate 24 February 1918 - the day on which Estonian independence was declared. The Order of the National Coat of Arms is bestowed only on Estonian citizens as a decoration of the highest class to give recognition for services rendered to the state.

(2) The President of the Republic is the holder of the collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms. The Collar of the Order is passed on together with the office of President of the Republic.

#### § 5. Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

The Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana was instituted in 1995 to honour the independence of the Estonian state. The Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is bestowed on foreigners as a decoration of the highest class to give recognition for services rendered to the Republic of Estonia.

#### § 6. Order of the White Star

The Order of the White Star was instituted in 1936 in order to commemorate the fight of the Estonian people for freedom. The Order of the White Star is bestowed on persons to give recognition for services rendered in state or local government service, services rendered or achievements in the field of economy, education, science, culture or sports or other community services and achievements.

#### § 7. Order of the Cross of the Eagle

The Order of the Cross of the Eagle was instituted in 1928 by the National Defence League to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Estonian independence. The Order of the Cross of the Eagle is bestowed in order to give recognition for military services and services in the field of national defence.

#### § 8. Order of the Estonian Red Cross

The Order of the Estonian Red Cross was instituted in 1920 by the Estonian Red Cross Society. The Order of the Estonian Red Cross is bestowed in order to give recognition for

health and social services rendered in the interests of the Estonian people and for the saving of life.

#### § 9. Decoration holder

- (1) Decorations may be bestowed on Estonian citizens and on foreigners.
- (2) Decorations may also be bestowed posthumously.
- (3) Decorations may also be bestowed on military units for services on the battlefield.
- (4) A person from whom a decoration has been withdrawn shall not be deemed to be decoration holder.

## Chapter 2

### Bestowal, Wearing and Withdrawal of Decorations

#### § 10. Bestowal of decorations

- (1) The regular bestowal of decorations shall take place once a year on the occasion of 24 February, Independence Day.
- (2) Decorations may also be bestowed at any other time in exceptional cases, including in the event of a state visit or if a diplomat accredited to Estonia departs from Estonia upon expiry of his or her term of office, or posthumously.
- (3) During peace-time, a person who has been awarded a decoration may generally be awarded another decoration for similar services once five years have passed since the adoption of the previous decision concerning bestowal of decoration and for different services once three years have passed.

- (4) Before bestowing a decoration on a foreigner the President of the Republic shall hear the opinion of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- (5) Decorations together with certificates shall be bestowed without charge.
- (6) The bestowal of decorations and the related operations shall be organised by the Office of the President of the Republic.

#### § 11. Proposals for bestowal of decorations

- (1) Everyone, including every agency and institution, has the right to make proposals to the President of the Republic for the bestowal of decorations. The Office of the President of the Republic shall notify the person who made a proposal of the receipt of the proposal.
- (2) Proposals for bestowal of decorations for Independence Day shall be made to the President of the Republic by 1 November of the year preceding bestowal of the decorations.
- (3) The President of the Republic shall review the proposals for bestowal of decorations and decide upon the bestowal of decorations. Refusal to bestow a decoration on the basis of a proposal need not be substantiated.
- (4) A proposal for bestowal of a decoration shall contain the name, date of birth of and the description of the service rendered by the person with respect to whom the proposal is made.
- (5) Information on a proposal for the bestowal of a decoration shall be classified as information intended for internal use for five years as of the receipt of the proposal.

#### § 12. Wearing of decorations

- (1) Only the person on whom the President of the Republic has bestowed a decoration may wear the decoration, unless his or her decoration has been withdrawn.

(2) Decorations shall be worn in compliance with the good practice of wearing of decorations. The Office of the President of the Republic shall give explanations concerning the good practice of wearing of decorations.

### § 13. Withdrawal and Return of Decorations

(1) The President of the Republic may decide to withdraw a decoration if:

1) a court judgment by which the person is convicted of an intentionally committed criminal offence has entered into force, or

2) circumstances which existed before the bestowal of the decoration become evident, knowledge of which would have caused refusal to bestow a decoration on the person, or

3) later conduct of the person has been so indecent that it would preclude the bestowal of a decoration on him or her.

(2) If the President of the Republic withdraws a decoration by a resolution, the decoration shall be returned to the Office of the President of the Republic.

## Chapter 3

### Classes and Description of Decorations

#### Division 1

#### Cross of Liberty

### § 14. Ranks of Cross of Liberty

Each class of the Cross of Liberty is divided into three ranks.

#### § 15. 1st class 1st rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 1st class 1st rank Cross of Liberty is a 45 mm high and 39 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with white enamel with a golden border. The arms of the cross are 9 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide golden stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a black circle with a golden border with the golden letter "E" and a golden arm with a sword and the reverse of the cross bears a black circle of the same size with a golden border and a golden inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide black moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) and 8 mm wide white stripe at both edges.

#### § 16. 1st class 2nd rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 1st class 2nd rank Cross of Liberty is a 39 mm high and 34 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with white enamel with a silver coloured border. The arms of the cross are 8 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide silver coloured stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a black circle with a silver coloured border with the silver coloured letter "E" and arm with a sword and the reverse of the cross bears a black circle of the same size with a silver coloured border and a silver-coloured inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide black moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) and 8 mm wide white stripe at both edges.

#### § 17. 1st class 3rd rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 1st class 3rd rank Cross of Liberty is a 36 mm high and 30 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with white enamel with an oxidized metal border. The arms of the cross are 7 mm wide, their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is

a 1 mm wide silver coloured stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a black circle with a silver coloured border with the silver coloured letter "E" and arm with a sword and the reverse of the cross bears a black circle of the same size with a silver coloured border and a silver-coloured inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide black moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) and 8 mm wide white stripe at both edges.

#### § 18. 2nd class 1st rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 2nd class 1st rank Cross of Liberty is a 45 mm high and 39 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with black enamel with a golden border. The arms of the cross are 9 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide golden stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a red circle with a golden border with the golden letter "E" and arm with a sword and the reverse of the cross bears a red circle of the same size with a golden border and a golden inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide black and 8 mm wide white stripe at both edges.

#### § 19. 2nd class 2nd rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 2nd class 2nd rank Cross of Liberty is a 39 mm high and 34 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with black enamel with a silver coloured border. The arms of the cross are 8 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide silver coloured stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a red circle with a silver coloured border with the silver coloured letter "E" and arm with a sword and the reverse of the cross bears a red circle of the same size with a silver coloured border and a silver-coloured inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide black and 8 mm wide white stripe at both edges.



#### § 20. 2nd class 3rd rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 2nd class 3rd rank Cross of Liberty is a 36 mm high and 30 mm wide oxidized iron Latin cross. The arms of the cross are 7 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centre of the cross there is a red circle with a silver coloured border with the silver coloured letter "E" and arm with a sword and the reverse of the cross bears a red circle of the same size with a silver coloured border and a golden inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide black and 8 mm wide white stripe at both edges.

#### § 21. 3rd class 1st rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 3rd class 1st rank Cross of Liberty is a 45 mm high and 39 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with blue enamel with a golden border. The arms of the cross are 9 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide golden stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a white circle with a golden border with the black letter "E" and the reverse of the cross bears a white circle of the same size with a golden border and a black inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide white moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) and 8 mm wide black stripe at both edges.

#### § 22. 3rd class 2nd rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 3rd class 2nd rank Cross of Liberty is a 39 mm high and 34 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with blue enamel with a silver coloured border. The arms of the cross are 8 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide silver coloured stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a white circle with a

silver coloured border with the black letter "E" and the reverse of the cross bears a white circle of the same size with a black inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide white moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) and 8 mm wide black stripe at both edges.

#### § 23. 3rd class 3rd rank Cross of Liberty

(1) The cross of the 3rd class 3rd rank Cross of Liberty is a 36 mm high and 30 mm wide relief Latin cross covered with blue enamel with an oxidised metal border. The arms of the cross are 7 mm wide; their ends widen to form a T-shape. In the centreline of the arms there is a 1 mm wide silver coloured stripe. In the centre of the cross there is a white circle with a silver coloured border with the black letter "E" and the reverse of the cross bears a white circle of the same size with a silver coloured border and a black inscription of the date "24. II 1919" (Annex 1).

(2) The ribbon of the badge of honour is a 30 mm wide white moiré ribbon with a 7 mm wide blue (PANTONE 285 C) and 8 mm wide black stripe at both edges.

## Division 2

### Order of the National Coat of Arms

#### § 24. Description of Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The pendant of the shape of the grand national coat of arms which is a part of all the classes of the Order of the National Coat of Arms and which is gold-plated on both sides bears the embossed date "24. II 1918" on its reverse.

(2) The moiré ribbon of all the classes of the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is blue (PANTONE 300 C).

## § 25. Collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a 30 mm wide gold chain with pieces in the form of Estonian ornaments. The centres of four of the ornaments of the chain are encrusted with precious stones. A gold-plated pendant of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 69 mm in diameter is suspended from the chain (Annex 2).

(2) The insignia of the collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms include an eight-pointed gold star of 87 mm in diameter with a badge of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 42 mm in diameter in the centre of the star.

(3) The insignia of the collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms include a special sash which is a 105 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for women with a 5 mm wide golden border and a gilt pendant of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 58 mm in diameter is suspended from its bow.

(4) The rosette badge of the collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms is the rosette badge of the 1st class (Annex 7).

## § 26. 1st class Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The insignia of the 1st class Order of the National Coat of Arms consist of a sash and a silver star. The sash is a 105 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for women and a gilt pendant of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 58 mm in diameter is suspended from its bow (Annex 2).

(2) The silver star is an eight-pointed star of 87 mm in diameter with a gilt badge of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 38 mm in diameter in the centre of the star.

(3) The rosette badge of the 1st class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a blue rosette on a golden coloured base (Annex 7).

#### § 27. 2nd class Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The insignia of the 2nd class Order of the National Coat of Arms consist of a gilt pendant of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 55 mm in diameter suspended from a 41 mm wide blue moiré ribbon and a star identical to that on the 1st class Order of the National Coat of Arms (Annex 2).

(2) The rosette badge of the 2nd class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a blue rosette on a base the right side of which is golden in colour and the left side of which is silver in colour (Annex 7).

#### § 28. 3rd class Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The 3rd class Order of the National Coat of Arms is identical to the 2nd class Order of the National Coat of Arms but without a star (Annex 2).

(2) The rosette badge of the 3rd class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a blue rosette on a silver coloured base (Annex 7).

#### § 29. 4th class Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The 4th class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a gilt pendant of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 42 mm in diameter suspended from a 35 mm wide blue moiré ribbon. A blue rosette of 22 mm in diameter is affixed to the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 2).

(2) The rosette badge of the 4th class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a blue rosette (Annex 7).

#### § 30. 5th class Order of the National Coat of Arms

(1) The 5th class Order of the National Coat of Arms is identical to the 4th class Order of the National Coat of Arms but the ribbon has no rosette (Annex 2).

(2) The rosette badge of the 5th class Order of the National Coat of Arms is a 3 mm wide strip of the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 7).

#### Division 4

#### Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

##### § 31. Description of Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The crosses and shields of all the classes of the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana are of the same size and have the same design, except the crosses that form the links of the collar.

(2) The moiré ribbon of all the classes of the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is blue (PANTONE 300 C).

##### § 32. Collar class Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The chain of the collar class Cross of Terra Mariana is a 22 mm wide silver chain which consists of twelve monograms of Mary, six Gothic shields bearing three enamelled blue lions on a gold-plated background and six crosses of Terra Mariana of 22 mm in diameter. The lock of the chain is a Gothic shield whereto a Cross of Terra Mariana is attached to (Annex 3).

(2)

The Cross of Terra Mariana is a silver Mantuan cross of 48 mm in diameter covered on both sides with white enamel, with the arms of the cross being bordered on both sides with a 2 mm wide enamelled blue and black stripe.

The reverse of the cross bears the words “*PRO TERRA MARIANA*”. Between the arms of the cross there are monograms of Mary.

(3) The insignia of the collar class Cross of Terra Mariana include an eight-pointed silver star of 80 mm in diameter. It is surmounted by a Cross of Terra Mariana of 48 mm in diameter with a golden Gothic shield of 16 mm in diameter and three blue lions in the centre of the cross.

(4) The insignia of the collar class Cross of Terra Mariana include a sash of the 1st class which is a 105 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for women. A golden Gothic shield with three blue lions and with a Cross of Terra Mariana attached to the shield is suspended from its bow.

(5) The insignia of the collar class Cross of Terra Mariana include the rosette badge of the 1st class (Annex 7).

#### § 33. 1st class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The insignia of the 1st class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana consist of a sash and a silver star. The sash is a 105 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide blue moiré ribbon for women. A golden Gothic shield with three blue lions and with a Cross of Terra Mariana attached to the shield is suspended from its bow (Annex 3).

(2) The silver star is identical to the silver star which is part of the insignia of the collar class Cross of Terra Mariana.

(3) The rosette badge of the 1st class Order of Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is a blue rosette on a golden base (Annex 7).

#### § 34. 2nd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The insignia of the 2nd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana consist of a golden Gothic shield with three blue lions attached to a 40 mm wide blue moiré ribbon and with a

Cross of Terra Mariana attached to the shield, and a star which is identical to the silver star on the collar class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana (Annex 3).

(2) The rosette badge of the 2nd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is a blue rosette on a base the right side of which is golden in colour and the left side of which is silver in colour (Annex 7).

#### § 35. 3rd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The 3rd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is identical to the 2nd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana but without a star (Annex 3).

(2) The rosette badge of the 3rd class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is a blue rosette on a silver coloured base (Annex 7).

#### § 36. 4th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The insignia of the 4th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana consist of a golden Gothic shield with three blue lions attached to a 35 mm wide blue moiré ribbon and with a Cross of Terra Mariana attached to the shield. A blue rosette of 22 mm in diameter is affixed to the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 3).

(2) The rosette badge of the 4th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is a blue rosette (Annex 7).

#### § 37. 5th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

(1) The 5th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is identical to the 4th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana but the ribbon has no rosette (Annex 3).

(2) The rosette badge of the 5th class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana is a 3 mm wide strip of the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 7).

## Division 4

### Order of the White Star

#### § 38. Description of Order of the White Star

- (1) The stars of all classes of the Order of the White Star have the same design but different measurements.
- (2) The moiré ribbon of all the classes of the Order of the White Star is red (PANTONE 206 MC).

#### § 39. Collar class Order of the White Star

- (1) The collar class Order of the White Star is a 30 mm wide gilt silver chain with pieces in the form of Estonian ornaments, its lock being a gilt badge in the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 38 mm in diameter. A six-armed gilt star of 65 mm in diameter covered with white enamel on both sides is suspended from the chain. A small six-pointed gold star is in the centre of the obverse of the star, the reverse of the star bears the date "7. X 1936". Gold trimmings project from the centre of the star (Annex 4).
- (2) The insignia of the collar class Order of the White Star include a hexagonal gold star of 83 mm in diameter, surmounted by a six-armed star covered with white enamel. A gilt badge of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 38 mm in diameter is in the centre of the star.
- (3) The insignia of the collar class Order of the White Star include a sash of the 1st class.
- (4) The rosette badge of the collar class Order of the White Star is the rosette badge of the 1st class (Annex 7).



#### § 40. 1st class Order of the White Star

(1) The insignia of the 1st class Order of the White Star consist of a sash and a silver star. The sash is a 105 mm wide red moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide red moiré ribbon for women and a six-armed white star of 65 mm in diameter is suspended from its bow (Annex 4).

(2) The silver star is a hexagonal star of 83 mm in diameter, surmounted by a six-armed star covered with white enamel. A gilt badge of the shape of the grand national coat of arms of 38 mm in diameter is in the centre of the star.

(3) The rosette badge of the 1st class Order of the White Star is a red rosette on a golden base (Annex 7).

#### § 41. 2nd class Order of the White Star

(1) The insignia of the 2nd class Order of the White Star consist of a white star of 65 mm in diameter suspended from a 41 mm wide red moiré ribbon and a star which is identical to that on the 1st class Order of the White Star (Annex 4).

(2) The rosette badge of the 2nd class Order of the White Star is a red rosette on a base the right side of which is golden in colour and the left side of which is silver in colour (Annex 7).

#### § 42. 3rd class Order of the White Star

(1) The 3rd class Order of the White Star is identical to the 2nd class Order of the White Star but without a star (Annex 4).

(2) The rosette badge of the 3rd class Order of the White Star is a red rosette on a silver coloured base (Annex 7).

#### § 43. 4th class Order of the White Star

(1) The 4th class Order of the White Star is a white star of 47 mm in diameter suspended from a 35 mm wide red moiré ribbon. A red rosette of 22 mm in diameter is affixed to the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 4).

(2) The rosette badge of the 4th class Order of the White Star is a red rosette (Annex 7).

#### § 44. 5th class Order of the White Star

(1) The 5th class Order of the White Star is identical to the 4th class Order of the White Star but the ribbon has no rosette (Annex 4).

(2) The rosette badge of the 5th class Order of the White Star is a 3 mm wide strip of the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 7).

#### § 45. Medal class Order of the White Star

(1) The medal class Order of the White Star is a circular medal of 31 mm in diameter and with a loop elaborated with Estonian ornaments. The obverse of the medal bears a relief enamel image of the White Star. The reverse of the medal bears the embossed date "7. X 1936" (Annex 4).

(2) The ribbon of the medal class Order of the White Star is a 30 mm wide red moiré ribbon.

(3) The rosette badge of the medal class Order of the White Star is the rosette badge of the 5th class (Annex 7).

### Division 5

#### Order of the Cross of the Eagle

#### § 46. Description and ribbon of Order of the Cross of the Eagle

- (1) The crosses of all the classes of the Order of the Cross of the Eagle have the same design.
- (2) The moiré ribbon of all the classes of the Order of the Cross of the Eagle is orange (PANTONE 137 MC).
- (3) The insignia of all the classes of the Order of the Cross of the Eagle include a 10 mm high and 35 mm wide ribbon whereto a rosette badge representing the class of the decoration is attached (Annex 7). The military decorations of the Cross of the Eagle have crossed swords attached to the ribbons.

#### § 47. 1st class Order of the Cross of the Eagle

- (1) The insignia of the 1st class Order of the Cross of the Eagle consist of a sash and a silver star. The sash is a 105 mm wide orange moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide orange moiré ribbon for women with a 4 mm wide blue stripe and a 4 mm wide orange hem (Annex 5).
- (2) The sash ends in a bow from which a four-armed black Maltese cross of 58 mm in diameter which is enamelled on both sides and surrounded by a 0.5 mm wide golden border is suspended. The length of the arm of the right-angled cut at the external end of each arm of the cross is 15 mm. The obverse of the cross bears an oxidised silver Nordic eagle ready to take wing and the eagle is holding a small national coat of arms in its left talon and a double-edged sword in its right talon. The wing span of the eagle is 23 mm, the length of the eagle from its head to the end of its tail feathers is 19 mm and the length of the sword is 14.5 mm. The reverse of the cross bears a black enamelled circle of 10 mm in diameter with a golden border and an inscription of the date "24. II 1928" running from top to bottom in the centre; the arms of the cross bear the motto *PRO PATRIA* on the reverse.
- (3) The silver star is a relief eight-pointed star of 85 mm in diameter which consists of diamond-shaped rows of bosses increasing in size from the centre outwards. In the centre of the star there is a cross of the 5th class.

§ 48. 2nd class Order of the Cross of the Eagle

The insignia of the 2nd class Order of the Cross of the Eagle consist of a cross and a star identical to those on the 1st class Order of the Cross of the Eagle, but the cross is suspended from a 40 mm wide orange moiré ribbon with a 1 mm wide blue stripe in the centre and a 3 mm wide blue stripe and a 1.5 mm wide orange hem at the edges (Annex 5).

§ 49. 3rd class Order of the Cross of the Eagle

The 3rd class Order of the Cross of the Eagle is identical to the 2nd class Order of the Cross of the Eagle but without a star (Annex 5).

§ 50. 4th class Order of the Cross of the Eagle

(1) The insignia of the 4th class Order of the Cross of the Eagle include a cross which is identical to that on the 3rd class Order of the Cross of the Eagle, but the cross is 50 mm in diameter and the length of the arm of the right-angled cut at the external end of each arm of the cross is 12.5 mm (Annex 5).

(2) The ribbon of the decoration is a 35 mm wide and 50 mm long orange moiré ribbon with a 3 mm wide blue stripe and a 1.5 mm wide orange hem at the edges. An orange rosette with blue stripes and of 22 mm in diameter is affixed to the ribbon.

§ 51. 5th class Order of the Cross of the Eagle

The 5th class Order of the Cross of the Eagle is identical to the 4th class Order of the Cross of the Eagle but the ribbon has no rosette (Annex 5).

## § 52. Medal class Orders of the Cross of the Eagle

(1) The medal class Orders of the Cross of the Eagle are the gold, silver and iron crosses which shape and size are identical to the 5th class Order of the Cross of the Eagle but they are made of metal and are not enamelled (Annex 5).

(2) The ribbon of the gold, silver and iron crosses of the Order of the Cross of the Eagle is a 35 mm wide orange moiré ribbon with 1 mm wide blue stripes in the centre:

- 1) the gold cross has three stripes at intervals of 2.5 mm;
- 2) the silver cross has two stripes at an interval of 6 mm;
- 3) the iron cross has one stripe.

## § 53. Military Order of the Cross of the Eagle

(1) The Order of the Cross of the Eagle is a military decoration if two crossed swords are affixed to it as follows:

1) the cross has crossed swords movably attached at the hilts of the swords to the tips of the top arms of the cross. The length of the swords together with their hilts is 35 mm for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class decorations and 33 mm for the 4th and 5th class decorations and the gold, silver and iron crosses;

2) the star has crossed swords affixed to the oblique rays of the star and the vertical and horizontal rays remain uncovered. The swords are set hilts down. The length of each sword is 85 mm.

(2) The insignia of the basic classes and the gold cross of the Order of the Cross of the Eagle have gold swords, and the silver and iron crosses of the Order of the Cross of the Eagle have swords of the same metal as the crosses.

## Order of the Estonian Red Cross

### § 54. Description of the Order of the Estonian Red Cross

- (1) The crosses of all the classes of the Order of the Estonian Red Cross have the same design.
- (2) The moiré ribbon of all the classes of the Order of the Estonian Red Cross is light blue (PANTONE 297 MC).

### § 55. 1st class Order of the Estonian Red Cross

- (1) The insignia of the 1st class Order of the Estonian Red Cross consist of a sash and a silver star. The sash is a 110 mm wide moiré ribbon for men and a 64 mm wide moiré ribbon for women with a 59 mm wide blue stripe in the centre. On each side of the stripe there is a 6 mm wide black stripe, a 7 mm wide white stripe, a 2 mm wide black stripe and a 10.5 mm wide blue stripe at the edge. The sash ends in a bow from which a cross of 41 mm in diameter with 9.5 mm wide arms is suspended.
- (2) The cross is enclosed in a 2 mm wide white enamel frame with a 1.5 mm wide gilt border. There are four nine-pointed bunches of gilt rays in the corners of the cross. The obverse of the cross bears a stylised octagon of 24.5 mm in diameter bordered with the colours of the Estonian flag with the gilt letter "E" on the red enamel background in the centre. The reverse of the cross contains an enamel red circle of 22 mm in diameter with a golden border which bears the motto *INTER ARMA CARITAS* and with the year "1919" in the centre of the circle. The top arm of the cross ends with a 19 mm long image of a lighthouse. The lighthouse is covered with white enamel and stands on an ornate gilt base and five gilt rays project to either side from the top of the lighthouse (Annex 6).
- (3) The silver star is an eight-pointed star of 86 mm in diameter with shining rays which end in three points and on which round bosses increasing in size from the centre outwards are located. Between each pair of the rays, there are six rows of pyramid-like matt silver bosses increasing in size from the centre outwards and ending in a little round ball. The star is

surmounted by a red enamel cross with 41 mm long and 9.5 mm wide arms which is enclosed within a 1.5 mm wide gilt frame with a 2 mm wide white enamelled border. The cross bears three blue pacing lions looking in the face on a golden background in the form of a stylised octagon of 24.5 mm in diameter surrounded with the colours of the Estonian flag.

(4) The rosette badge of the 1st class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a light blue rosette with a black and white stripe on a golden coloured base (Annex 7).

#### § 56. 2nd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross

(1) The insignia of the 2nd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross consist of a star and an enamelled cross with arms of equal length which are identical to these of the 1st class Order of the Estonian Red Cross (Annex 6).

(2) The ribbon of the 2nd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a 40 mm wide moiré ribbon with a 21 mm wide blue stripe in the centre. On each side of the stripe there is a 2 mm wide black stripe, a 2.5 mm wide white stripe, a 1 mm wide black stripe and a 4 mm wide blue stripe at the edge.

(3) The rosette badge of the 2nd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a light blue rosette with a black and white stripe on a base the right side of which is golden in colour and the left side of which is silver in colour (Annex 7).

#### § 57. 3rd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross

(1) The 3rd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is identical to the 2nd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross but without a star (Annex 6).

(2) The rosette badge of the 3rd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a light blue rosette with a black and white stripe on a silver coloured base (Annex 7).

#### § 58. 4th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross

(1) The cross of the 4th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is identical to that of the 2nd class Order of the Estonian Red Cross but of 38 mm in diameter (Annex 6).

(2) The ribbon of the of the 4th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a 36 mm wide moiré ribbon with a 19 mm wide blue stripe in the centre. On each side of the stripe there is a 2 mm wide black stripe, a 2.5 mm wide white stripe, a 0.5 mm wide black stripe and a 3.5 mm wide blue stripe at the edge. A rosette of 22 mm in diameter is affixed to the ribbon of the decoration.

(3) The rosette badge of the 4th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a light blue rosette with a black and white stripe (Annex 7).

#### § 59. 5th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross

(1) The 5th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is identical to the 4th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross but the ribbon has no rosette (Annex 6).

(2) The rosette badge of the 5th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a 3 mm wide strip of the ribbon of the decoration (Annex 7).

#### § 60. Medal class Order of the Estonian Red Cross

(1) The medal class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is a circular silver medal of 29 mm in diameter. The obverse of the medal bears a relief enamel image of a red cross of 13.5 mm with arms of equal length and 3 mm in width. The reverse of the medal bears the embossed inscription *EESTI PUNANE RIST* [Estonian Red Cross] (Annex 6).

(2) The ribbon of the medal class Order of the Estonian Red Cross is identical to that of the 5th class Order of the Estonian Red Cross.

(3) The rosette badge of the medal class Order of the National Coat of Arms is the rosette badge of the 5th class.



## Division 7

### Miniature of decoration

#### § 61. Description of miniature of decoration

- (1) The miniature of a decoration is a reduced size precise replica of the corresponding 5th class decoration, and the diameter of the badge is 17 mm and the width of the ribbon is 15 mm. The height of the miniature together with the ribbon is 50 mm.
- (2) The miniature of the medal class of a decoration is a reduced size precise replica thereof with the measurements of a miniature of the basic class.
- (3) The rosette badge of the relevant class is attached 10 mm above the lower edge of the ribbon of the miniature of the decoration as an attribute of the class of the decoration.

## Chapter 4

### Decorations Register

#### § 62. Decorations register

- (1) The Office of the President of the Republic keeps record of the decorations in order to ensure a structured overview of the persons on whom a decoration has been bestowed and the Estonian citizens on whom foreign state badges of honour and decorations have been bestowed and the decorations bestowed on them and the availability of the relevant information to the entitled persons and agencies.
- (2) The statutes of the decorations register shall be established by a regulation of the Government of the Republic.

### § 63. Entry of data concerning decorations in register

The Office of the President of the Republic shall, on the basis of a resolution of the President of the Republic, enter the information specified in subsection 11 (4) of this Act and the name and class of the decoration bestowed, the dates of the bestowal and presentation of the decoration and information concerning withdrawal of a decoration in the decorations register.

### § 64. Registration of foreign badges of honour and decorations

(1) Estonian citizens on whom foreign state badges of honour and decorations are bestowed shall, within a reasonable period of time after bestowal of a decoration, submit an application to the Office of the President of the Republic for entering the decoration in the decorations register. A copy of the certificate of the badge of honour or decoration shall be annexed to the application.

(2) The Office of the President of the Republic may enter a foreign state badge of honour or decoration bestowed on an Estonian citizen without the person's application if the bestowal thereof is known to the Office of the President of the Republic.

## Chapter 5

### Miniature of decoration and additional rosette badge

### § 65. Receipt of miniature of decoration and additional rosette badge

(1) A holder of a decoration has the right to apply to the Office of the President of the Republic for a miniature of the decoration and an additional rosette badge in addition to the decoration bestowed on him or her.

(2) The application shall be submitted to the Office of the President of the Republic. Before the submission of an application, a state fee shall be paid in the amount provided for in the State Fees Act.

(3) The Office of the President of the Republic shall make a decision on the satisfaction of an application within 30 days as of the receipt of the application and issue the things applied for to the holder of a decoration within a reasonable term.

## Chapter 6

### Liability

§ 66. Making, wearing and other use of decorations by persons who have no right to do so

(1) The making, wearing and other use of a decoration by a person who has no right to do so shall be punished by a fine of up to 300 fine units.

(2) The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 2000 EUR.

§ 67. Purchase, sale, exchange or other transfer for charge of state decorations

(1) The purchase, sale, exchange or other transfer for a charge of a state decoration shall be punished by a fine of up to 300 fine units.

(2) The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 2000 EUR.

§ 68. Dishonouring state decorations

(1) A person who damages, profanes defames or uses a state decoration in any other undignified manner shall be punished by a fine of up to 300 fine units.

(2) The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 2000 EUR.

§ 69. Acts concerning things which are confusingly similar to state decorations

(1) The making, wearing and other use of things which are confusingly similar to state decorations shall be punished by a fine of up to 300 fine units

(2) The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 2000 EUR.

§ 70. Procedure

(1) The provisions of the General Part of the Penal Code and the Code of Misdemeanour Procedure apply to misdemeanours provided for in §§ 66-69 of this Act.

(2) The body conducting extrajudicial proceedings on the misdemeanours listed in sections 66–69 of this Act is a police authority.

## Chapter 7

### Implementing Provisions

§ 71. Bestowal of collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms retroactively

The holders of the collar class Order of the National Coat of Arms are President Lennart Georg Meri and President Arnold Rüütel.

§ 72. Transfer of administration

The State Chancellery shall transfer the administration related to the bestowal of decorations to the Office of the President of the Republic within a month as of the entry into force of this Act. The submitted recommendations shall be deemed to be proposals for the bestowal of a decoration.

§ 73. – § 75. [Excluded from this text.]

§ 76. Entry into force of Act

- (1) This Act enters into force on 1 March 2008.
- (2) Subsection 4 (2) and § 71 of this Act enter into force on 23 February 2008.
- (3) Section 74 of this Act enters into force pursuant to the general procedure.

1st class 1st rank

Annex 1

2nd class 1st rank

Cross of Liberty

3rd class 1st rank

1st class 2nd rank

2nd class 2nd rank

3rd class 2nd rank

1st class 3rd rank

2nd class 3rd rank

3rd class 3rd rank



I liigi 1. järk



II liigi 1. järk



III liigi 1. järk



I liigi 2. järk



II liigi 2. järk



III liigi 2. järk



I liigi 3. järk



II liigi 3. järk



III liigi 3. järk

Collar class

2nd class

3rd class

Annex 2

Order of the National Coat of Arms



Ketiklass



II class



I class



III class



IV class



V class



Collar class

2nd class

3rd class

Annex 3

Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana



Ketiklass



II class



I class



III class



IV class



V class

Collar class

2nd class

3rd class

Annex 4

Order of the White Star



Ketiklass



II class



I class



III class



IV class



V class



Medal

1st class  
3rd class  
4th class  
5th class  
2nd class  
Gold cross  
Silver cross  
Iron cross

Annex 5  
Order of the Cross of the Eagle



I klass



III klass



IV klass



V klass



II klass



Kuldrist



Höberist



Raudrist

1st class

3rd class

2nd class

Annex 6

Order of the Estonian Red Cross



I class



III class



II class



IV class



V class



Medal



Order of the National Coat of Arms

1st class

2nd class

3rd class

4th class

5th class

Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana

1st class

2nd class

3rd class

4th class

5th class

Order of the White Star

1st class

2nd class

3rd class

4th class

5th class

Order of the Cross of the Eagle

1st class

2nd class

3rd class

4th class

5th class

Gold cross

Silver cross

Iron cross

Order of the Estonian Red Cross

1st class

2nd class

3rd class

4th class

5th class

Annex 7

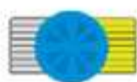
Rosette badges and ribbons of  
decorations



### Riigivapi teenetemärk



I klass



II klass



III klass



IV klass

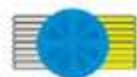


V klass

### Maarjamaa Risti teenetemärk



I klass



II klass



III klass



IV klass



V klass

### Valgetähe teenetemärk



I klass



II klass



III klass



IV klass



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### Kotkaristi teenetemärk



I klass



II klass



III klass



IV klass



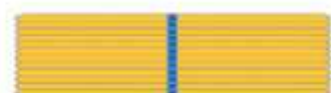
V klass



Kuldrist



Hõberist



Raudrist

### Eesti Punase Risti teenetemärk



I klass



II klass



III klass



IV klass



V klass

<sup>1</sup> RT = *Riigi Teataja* = *State Gazette*