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**ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO**  
**INFORMATION IN THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Article 1

In the Law on Freedom of Access to Information in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina", number 32/01), in Article 9, paragraph (3), in the second sentence the word: "Federation" shall be deleted.

Article 2

In Article 14, paragraph (3) shall be amended to read:

"(3) If the competent public authority denies the access to information, either in whole or in part, the requester shall be notified by a decision thereof. The said decision shall:

- 1) include the legal grounds for the exempt status of the information for the purpose of this Act, including all material issues relevant for enactment of the decision and taking into account public interest factors; and
- 2) inform the requester of the availability of appeal, the title and address of the body to whom the appeal should be filed, the deadline for and cost of filing an appeal."

After the paragraph (3), new paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be added to read:

"(4) Unsatisfied party may against the decision referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article file an objection to the head of the body within eight days from the receipt of the decision.

(5) Decision made upon the objection referred to in paragraph (4) of this Article shall be final in the administrative procedure and an unsatisfied party may against it initiate the administrative dispute before the competent court."

Current paragraph (4) shall become paragraph (6).

Article 3

In Article 20, in line 1), the third sentence shall be deleted.

Article 4

Article 21 shall be amended to read:

"Article 21  
**Ombudsman**

The Ombudsman shall perform its functions in relation to this law in accordance with its mandate and responsibilities as established under the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Law on the Human Rights Ombudsmen of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", 32/00, 19/02, 35/04, 32/06 and 38/06)."

Article 5

In Article 25, paragraph (1) shall be amended to read:

"(1) For the issues of the procedure not regulated by this law, the Law on Administrative Procedure ("Official Gazette of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina", no. 2/98) shall apply."

Article 6

This Act shall enter into force on the day after the day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina".

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