

APPLICATION FOR PRIOR AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

NOTICE

A. Principles

Directives 91/477 of 18 June 1991 and 93/15 of 5 April 1993, transposed into French law by decree no. 95-589 of 6 May 1995, stipulate that the transfer of weapons, ammunition and their components from another Member State to France is subject to the obtaining of a prior agreement delivered by the Minister for customs.

This requirement concerns:

- a) - weapons, ammunition and their components of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of category 1 acquired for personal use ;
- weapons of section I of category 4;
- b) - weapons, ammunition and their components of category 5;
- ammunition of category 7;
- primers, primed cases, filled and primed cases intended for ammunition of category 5 or 7.

B. Forms

The application must be submitted on form CERFA no.11290*02. This form can be obtained from French customs offices. Reproduction by printing, word processing or photocopy is authorised.

C. Submission of applications and delivery

The application for prior agreement for transfer must be sent in triplicate to: Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects – bureau E/2, 11, rue des deux communes, 93558 Montreuil Cedex. The recipient of each copy must be checked in the “exemplaire pour” (copy for) column. The application for prior agreement must be accompanied:

- for category 1 or 4 weapons and ammunition: photocopy of the acquisition and possession authorisation;
- for category 5 weapons and ammunition: photocopy of the hunting permit or the shooting licence (valid documents issued in France);
- for foreign residents in France: photocopy of the document proving residence in France.

Following favourable opinions from the ministries concerned, the *Direction générale des douanes* delivers the authorisation and sends it to the applicant whose name and address is given in section 6.

D. Completion of applications

Sections 1 to 6 of the application must be completed by the operator.

Indicate whether the firearm resembles a weapon of war with automatic mechanisms.

“Catégorie” (category) section

Left-hand part: Enter the category given in Article 2 of decree no. 95-589 referred to above.

Right-hand part:

Specify: - for weapons, the category according to the annex of directive 91/477/EEC of 18 June 1991;

- for ammunition, the number according to the harmonised list for identification of ammunition for civilian use.

“Type” section

Specify whether over-and-under, side-by-side, express, pump action, reproduction of an automatic firearm, etc.

“Calibre” section

Enter the calibre and the case length of the ammunition used in the firearm.

“Autres caractéristiques” (other characteristics) section

Provide the information necessary for the classification of the firearm: feed system (manual repeater, semi-automatic), weapon length, barrel length, number of cartridges that can be fired without reloading, rim- or centre-fire, smooth or rifled bore.

CIP O/N: Specify whether the firearms have been tested (Yes/No).

Enter the number of firearms, parts or ammunition.

E. Use of the prior agreement

Two copies of the prior agreement, no. 1 and no. 2, are delivered; they are valid for one year. Copy no. 2 must be sent to the firearms supplier by its beneficiary, so that the supplier can obtain the transfer permit or, if the supplier has transfer authorisation, issue a declaration of firearms transfer to France.

F. Further information

Further information can be obtained by calling +33 (0)1 57 53 46 80.