



European Commission

Updated EU rules on import and export of firearms



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An estimated **35 million illegal firearms** are owned by civilians in the EU, **representing over half** of all firearms.

ENHANCED SECURITY AND FACILITATED LEGAL TRADE OF FIREARMS

The new rules will include:



Clear and common procedures for import, export, and transit of firearms



A new EU electronic licensing system for import and export authorisations, replacing paper-based applications



Administrative simplifications for hunters, sport shooters and exhibitors when temporarily importing or exporting firearms



Strict standards for alarm and signal weapons, to avoid them being converted into lethal firearms



Stricter rules on semi-finished firearms components, to avoid them turning into unregistered home-made firearms



An end-user certificate for the more dangerous firearms, to reduce the risk of diversion to the black market after export



Strict checks on refusals to grant authorisations, to avoid individuals 'shopping' around in the EU

MAIN BENEFITS

The updated rules will bring:



Increased security for **all those living in the EU**



Smoother procedures for **legal gun owners** such as hunters and sport shooters



Reduced administrative burden for **manufacturers and dealers**