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News from the USA

Ammo Ban Halted

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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) responded to immense pressure from gun owners and majorities of both houses of Congress and applied the brakes on its reimagining of the federal "armor piercing" ammunition law. Among other serious problems, BATFE's planned move would have banned M855 "green tip," the second most popular ammunition for the most popular rifle in America, the AR-15.

....BATFE noted in a special advisory released March 10, 2015, that it had received "more than 80,000 comments" from the public in the preceding three weeks, and that "the vast majority of the comments received to date are critical of the framework"

...While BATFE had alleged that M855 posed a "significant threat" to law enforcement officers when fired from a handgun, no law enforcement officer has been killed with any handgun capable of firing M855 during the 38 years that the FBI has reported the caliber of handguns used in such crimes.

This fact is echoed in the statements of numerous law enforcement groups that have submitted their own letters or comments in opposition to the Framework, including the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association, the National Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors Association, and the National Patrol Rifle Conference. Some of



these groups make the point that banning M855 ammunition could negatively affect officer safety by constricting the availability of 5.56 x 45 mm ammunition generally, thereby raising its price and reducing opportunities for police officers to train with their patrol rifles.

Extracted from: <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20150314/you-made-the-difference-and-your-voices-counted-the-obama-administration-has-retreated-for-now-from-its-ar-15-ammo-ban>

No Firing Pins, Please, as the N.R.A. Gathers

Seventy-thousand people are expected to attend the National Rifle Association's convention opening on Friday in Tennessee, but they won't be allowed to carry firearms in one of the main convention venues. This may run counter to the N.R.A.'s ideas about carrying guns everywhere, from elementary schools to workplaces.

There will, of course, be plenty of weapons in evidence at the hundreds of display booths, but for convention security the firing pins must be removed.

Anyone interested in buying the guns on display, many of them adapted from large-magazine battlefield weapons, will have to apply later at a federally licensed gun dealer where, sensibly enough, background checks are required.

The feature of this convention, beyond what is being advertised as "nine acres of guns," will be the parade of Republican presidential aspirants intent on impressing the N.R.A.'s membership, which is claimed to be more than 4.5 million. Virtually all the potential candidates have been invited to speak, from Jeb Bush to Donald Trump. (Democrats need not apply.)

Extracted from an article in the *New York Times* on April 10, 2015

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/10/opinion/no-firing-pins-please-as-the-nra-gathers.html?emc=edit_th_20150410&nl=todays-headlines&lid=16098491&r=0



Sun Trust Bank Closing ALL Gun Shop Accounts

Extracted from: This Large Bank Just Announced They're Closing ALL Gun Shop Accounts
By Matthew K. Burke,
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When American Gun & Pawn of Brooksville, Florida, USA received the following letter from SunTrust Bank, they were shocked and outraged:

Dear Client:

SunTrust continuously reviews its products, markets, and client relationships to ensure that we are able to provide the best possible client service while also meeting our corporate business objectives. There are circumstances where we will identify a specific account relationship that no longer meets these Criteria. In the best interest of our clients and SunTrust, we will request that those accounts be closed.

As a result of a recent account review, we regret to inform you that SunTrust is no longer able to provide some of the financial services you require. We respectfully request that you immediately begin closing all of your SunTrust deposit accounts, safe deposit boxes and credit cards by 4/20/2015. If you do not close these accounts by this date, we will need to close them for you, and either hold the proceeds until we hear from you or mail you a check for any collected balance. Unfortunately this decision cannot be reversed and is final. If an account is overdrawn, the overdrawn amount is a debt owed to SunTrust, and will require payment by the aforementioned date. Keep in mind that you are responsible for all items that are presented against the account after closure, along with any associated fees.

Our request does not include your installments loans, mortgages, IRA accounts or term commercial loans (term commercial loans remain

open until their maturity date). Your CDs (certificates of deposit) may remain until they reach their current maturity date.

If you have SunTrust check cards, they will become inactive within 10 days of the date of this letter. Further, all related deposit or account services you may have, including Online Banking, Bill Pay, Treasury Management Products, Merchant Services and Overdraft Protection will also be discontinued at the time your accounts are closed. To prepare your accounts for closing, you may be prohibited from making any deposits into your accounts other than cash after 10 days from the date of this letter. Please immediately begin making other arrangements for any automated credits to, or debits from, your accounts.

We have appreciated the opportunity to have served you. If I can offer any assistance in closing your accounts, you are welcome to call me.....

As you can see, ...SunTrust Bank informs the gun shop that they will no longer be serving themand that they must quickly close all of their accounts, or the bullying bank will close them if the customer doesn't by the deadline.

....American Gun & Pawn, after receiving the letter, wrote about it on their Facebook wall on March 27. They said that the bank told them they aren't just picking on them, but are closing ALL accounts of ALL legal gun shops across the country.....

<http://politistick.com/fascism-update-this-large-bank-just-announced-theyre-closing-all-gun-shop-accounts/>



From other news reports it appears that banks like SunTrust Bank are abruptly shutting down accounts with local small businesses as part of a federal program called "Operation Choke Point."

Businesses affected are pawn shops, gun shops, etc. The aim is to choke out some of the country's worst criminals, but instead it's harming some innocent business owners who claim they've done nothing wrong.

A SunTrust spokesman, Michael McCoy states: "SunTrust is pro-small business, and we are proud to serve more than 400,000 small business clients. SunTrust fully supports all of the rights that Americans are granted under the Constitution, and we continue to maintain banking relationships with licensed firearms dealers. It is consistent with long-standing industry practice to review relationships to ensure they satisfy a range of business and risk considerations. We have decided to discontinue banking relationships with three types of businesses - specifically payday lenders, pawn shops and dedicated check-cashers - due to compliance requirements. We remain committed to serving the needs of our communities while meeting the standards of our industry."

Rule Change For International Travel for Hunters and Shooters

Friday, March 20, 2015

The Obama administration's relentless assault on the Second Amendment continues as the State Department implements a new rule which catches American hunters and sport shooters in a web of bureaucratic red-tape when traveling outside the United States. Coming close on the heels of the withdrawn BATFE ammo ban we reported on last week, an unmistakable pattern of abuse is beginning to emerge, suggesting Obama's last two years could prove the most challenging period in history for America's gun owners.

Exporting firearms and ammunition from the U.S. normally requires a license - from the State Department for rifles, handguns, and rifle or handgun ammunition, and from the Commerce Department for shotguns and shotshells. But for many years, the State Department's International Trafficking in Arms Regulations (ITAR) have allowed Americans to temporarily export up to three non-automatic firearms and up to 1,000 rounds of ammunition without a permit, as long as the firearms were declared and presented to a Customs officer. This was done by bringing the firearms to a Customs office at some point before the trip and completing Customs Form 4457- a form ... that is normally used to prove that the traveler owned the property before going abroad, thus protecting the traveler from paying import duties on items already owned. The traveler would retain the form and present it upon reentry if needed.

But a 2012 State Department rule change added an important new requirement that the traveler declare rifles or handguns "upon each departure" by presenting documentation generated through the Commerce Department's "Automated Export System" (AES) - an online reporting tool designed for use by businesses.

Fortunately, the change was never enforced - until now. In postings on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) website and in internal ICE documents obtained by NRA-ILA, ICE makes clear that it has begun enforcing the rule change. Form 4457 may no longer be used for firearms, and electronic declarations will be the norm.

However, ICE's internal documents implicitly acknowledge that individuals are currently unable to use the AES because the system requires entry of an Employer Identification Number. Those numbers are normally only obtained by businesses, and the Internal Revenue Service says they should only be used for tax purposes.

Fortunately for travelers who are unaware of these requirements or unable to use the AES, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has, for the moment, implemented a stopgap plan under which Customs officers at airports can manually enter identifying information about the traveler and the firearm. While this may prevent travel plans from being ruined, it also raises questions about how long the information will be kept and

how it might be used. It is unclear how long this alternative will be available. It is also unclear how the new rules may be enforced in non-airport situations - for example, hunters who drive to Canada for the upcoming spring bear season.

The NRA, along with other groups representing hunters and sport shooters, are working on an emergency rule change to solve these problems. If necessary, the NRA will also pursue shorter-term administrative changes to prevent immediate headaches, and will also consider the potential need for a long-term solution through federal legislation.

Extracted from:

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20150320/rule-change-may-devastate-international-travel-for-hunters-and-shooters>

SAGA 30 Jaar Herdenkings Insignia

Spesiale items om die 30 Jaar te herdenk is uitgesoek. Die items sal slegs beskikbaar wees terwyl voorraad hou. **Bestel vandag** deur gebruik te maak van die onderstaande vorm of deur 'n e-pos te stuur met jou bestelling na saga@saga.org.za. Alle pryse sluit posgeld en verpakking in.

Lapwapen:

Hierdie spesiaal ontwerpte lapwapen sal ons gewone een vervang tydens ons 30ste jaar. Die eenvoudige lourier voeg erkenning tot die mylpaal in SAGA se geskiedenis. Die wapen kan aangestik of gestryk word. Prys: R25



Wolmus:

'n Warm SAGA groen gebreide mus met "SAGA" geborduur op die voorkant. Goed vir die koue dae op die skietbaan, of in die jagveld. Maklik om in jou skietsak te sit en teen 'n goeie prys! Een grootte pas almal. Prys: R50



Datastafie:

Iets meer nuttig sou moeilik wees het om te vind. Die 4Gb Datastafie is gegraveer met SAGA 30 Jaar kenmerk en kom in 'n handige plastiekse houertjie met 'n nekband. Ideaal vir elke dag se gebruik. Prys: R85



Biltong Mes:

Ons het nou 'n pragtige Victorinox Biltong mes met 'n swart-handvatsel en 'n spesiaal ontwerpte 30 Jaar teken smaakvol op die lem gegraveer. As jy een van ons gewone rooi-handvatsel Victorinox biltong messe het dan sal jy weet hoe nuttig en hardwerkende hulle is. Hierdie messe sal ons gewone messe tydens ons 30ste jaar vervang. Prys: R165



Langmou hemde:

Uiteindelik - 'n langmou hemp. Hierdie olyfgroen, "ripstop" materiaal langmou hemde word plaaslik gemaak en het 'n getinte 30 Jaar herdenk teken geborduur op die voor linkerbors sak. Hierdie hemde lyk goed en dra gemalik. Dit is beskikbaar in groottes van: Med tot 4XL. Prys: R300



Drimac baadjie:

Drimac is 'n handelsnaam wat aan almal wel bekend is, die baadjie is die toppunt van die items vir die jaar. Kwaliteit waarvan jy seker kan wees, die baadjies is 'n bottel groen met 'n 30 Jaar herdenk teken geborduur op die voort linkerbors. Dit is beskikbaar in groottes van: Med tot 4XL. Prys: R430



Ons gewone items sal ook nog beskikbaar wees, maar dra nie die 30 Jarige herdenking teken nie.

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Insignia Bestel Vorm

30 JAAR INSIGNIA	Prys	No.	Grootte	Totaal
Lapwapen	R25			
Wolmus	R50			
Datastafie	R85			
Biltong Mes (Swart)	R165			
Langmouhemp	R300			
Drimac	R430			
STANDAARD INSIGNIA	Prys	No.	Grootte	Totaal
Metaalwapen	R25			
Pet	R60			
Biltong Mes (Rooi)	R165			
Kortmouhemp	R265			
TOTALE BEDRAG	R			
NAAM:				
ADRES:				
EPOS:				
TELEFOON:				
LID No.:				
BETAALING:	EFT of Krediet Kaart of Tjek			

HuntEx Cape Game Fair Verskuif na Maart 2016

Die organiseerders van die HuntEx Cape Game Fair het besluit om die datums van die 2015 HuntEx Cape Game Fair te verander van 24-27 September 2015 na die **25, 26 & 27 Maart 2016**. Dit sal die skou in lyn te bring met die ander HuntEx uitstallings wat plaasvind voor die aanvangs van die jagseisoen.

Versoeke is uit verskeie oorde ontvang, om die skou na die tydsraam te verskuif en die onvoorspelbare weer in September het ook 'n rol gespeel in die besluit om die Skou na die begin van die herfs te verskuif.

SAGA sal daar wees om nuwe lede te werf, hernuwings te proseseer, insignia te verkoop, ens.

As jy by ons stalletjie wil help, kontak asseblief die kantoor op 031-562-9951 of epos saga@saga.org.za

The organisers of the HuntEx Cape Game Fair have decided to change the dates of the 2015 Cape Game Fair from 24-27 September 2015 to **25, 26 & 27 March 2016**. This will bring the Fair in line with the other HuntEx expos taking

place before the start of the hunting season.

Requests to move the Fair to this time frame were received from various quarters and the unpredictable weather in September also played a role in the decision to stage the Fair at the beginning of Autumn.

SAGA will be there to sign up new members, take in membership renewals, sell insignia, etc.

If anyone would like to get involved with helping on our stand please contact the office on telephone 031-562-9951 or email saga@saga.org.za

East Cape HuntEx 29-31 May 2015

The very first East Cape HuntEx will take place at Mentor's Country Estate, Jeffreys Bay from 29-31 May 2015.

Show times will be 9:00 - 17:00

Cost: Adults: R80

Members of accredited hunting associations and students: R40

Children under 10: Free

SAGA will have a table at the show so come along for memberships, leaflets and to see and buy the special 30-Year insignia.

HuntEx Gallagher Estate April 2015

Another successful HuntEx has just been held at Gallagher Estate. For those who popped in to renew memberships, sign up new members and buy insignia - thank you - it was good to meet you!

If you joined SAGA as a new member, welcome aboard.

Insignia viewed at the show is still available - place your order with the office.