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Opinion – Ammunition Codification Flights of Fantasy & Regulation Without Reality

A Proposal That Fails at First Principle

Recent calls for the codification of ammunition, as raised in public commentary, reflect a familiar policy instinct: regulate more and assume improvement.

That assumption is not evidence. In this case, it is wrong.

South Africa does not lack firearm regulation. What it lacks is alignment between policy and how violent crime actually operates.

Ammunition codification does not address that gap. It ignores it.

This is not a new idea. It was presented during the NEDLAC engagement of **4 December 2025**, where it reportedly formed part of a submission by former SAPS members to the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service.

It was **firmly and unequivocally opposed** by the firearm sector – including industry bodies, dealers and user groups – on a single, consistent basis: **it is impractical, unworkable and irrelevant to crime reduction.**

Nothing has changed since then. The proposal remains exactly that.

A Solution Without a Defined Problem

No clear problem has been identified that ammunition codification would solve.

There is:

* no demonstrated causal link between ammunition classification and violent crime

* no evidence that current controls on licensed possession are failing in a way this would address
* no explanation of how such a system would affect criminal access

What is being proposed is regulation without demonstrated relevance.

The Technical Reality Makes Codification Unworkable

Ammunition is not a uniform or stable category. It exists across:

* multiple calibres
* varied loadings & projectile designs
* different intended uses (self-defence, hunting, sport, training)

Even within a single calibre, variations in weight, velocity and pressure produce materially different performance outcomes.

Any attempt to codify this diversity leads to one of two outcomes:

* a system too simplistic to be meaningful, or
* a system too complex to be enforceable

There is no workable middle ground.

Obsolescence Is Built In

Ammunition design and manufacturing evolve continuously. Any codification framework would begin to degrade from the moment it is implemented – requiring ongoing revision, reclassification and administrative intervention.

This is not regulation. It is permanent administrative maintenance with no measurable safety return.

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Administrative Burden, No Safety Gain

The proposal would impose additional obligations across the lawful chain:

- * retailers
- * distributors
- * regulators
- * licensed users

This within a system already characterised by:

- * backlogs
- * capacity constraints
- * documented inefficiencies

Adding complexity to a strained system does not improve outcomes. It compounds failure.

The Critical Error: Criminal Behaviour

The proposal fails on a basic, observable reality.

Criminals do not source ammunition through regulated channels. They do not comply with classification systems. They operate through:

- * illicit networks
- * theft
- * black-market distribution

There is no mechanism by which ammunition codification would materially affect these channels.

The result is predictable:

- * regulatory burden increases on the lawful sector
- * criminal access remains unchanged

Misdiagnosing the Cause

South Africa's violence crisis is real. But it is not caused by the absence of ammunition classification.

It is driven by:

- * organised criminal networks
- * weak enforcement
- * systemic policing failure
- * corruption
- * low perceived risk of consequence

Policy that does not address these drivers does not reduce crime. It diverts attention from it.

Conclusion | Regulation Without Impact

Ammunition codification is not a solution. It is administratively heavy, technically unworkable and strategically irrelevant to crime reduction. It creates complexity without control and compliance without impact.

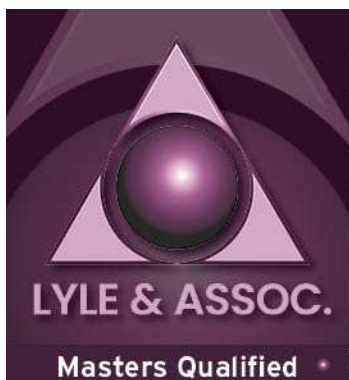
The fact that this proposal was **already tested – and rejected – at NEDLAC on 4 December 2025** on practical, operational and relevance grounds makes its reappearance particularly telling.

Public safety cannot be improved by regulating categories that are not driving the problem.

Until policy aligns with how crime actually operates, South Africa will continue to regulate the compliant while leaving the criminal environment untouched.

Regulation is not a substitute for understanding.

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Mening – Ammunisiekodifisering Verbeeldingsvlugte en Reguleringsonder Realiteit

'n Mislukte Voorstel

Onlangse oproepe vir die kodifisering van ammunisie, soos in openbare kommentaar geopper, weerspieël 'n bekende beleidsinstink: reguleer meer en aanvaar dat dit verbetering sal meebring.

Daardie aanname is onbewese en is verkeerd.

Suid-Afrika is reeds oorgereguleer insoverre dit vuurwapenaangeleenthede aanbetref. Wat ontbreek, is hoe beleid met betrekking tot geweldsmisdadigheid toegepas word.

Ammunisiekodifisering spreek nie daardie tekort aan nie. Dit ignoreer dit.

Dit is nie 'n nuwe idee nie. Dit is tydens die NEDLAC-byeenkoms van **4 Desember 2025** geopper waar dit deel van 'n voorlegging deur voormalige SAPD-lede aan die Burgerlike Sekretariaat vir Polisie gevorm het.

Hierdie voorlegging is **ferm en ondubbelsinnig** deur die vuurwapensektor – insluitend bedryfsorganisasies, handelaars en gebruikersgroepe – op een konsekwente grondslag teengestaan omdat dit **onprakties, onwerkbaar en irrelevant tot misdadigheidsvermindering** is.

Niks het sedertdien verander nie. Die voorstel bly onverander.

'n Oplossing Sonder 'n Gedefinieerde Probleem

Geen duidelike probleem is geïdentifiseer wat ammunisiekodifisering sou kon oplos nie.

Daar is:

- * geen bewese oorsaaklike verband tussen ammunisieklassifikasie en geweldsmisdadigheid nie
- * geen bewys dat huidige beheer oor gelisensieerde vuurwapenbesit misluk wat kodifisering sal oplos nie
- * geen verduideliking van hoe so 'n stelsel kriminele toegang sou beïnvloed nie

Wat voorgestel word, is regulering sonder bewese verband.

Die Tegnieëse Werklikheid Maak Kodifisering Onwerkbaar

Ammunisie is nie 'n eenvormige of stabiele kategorie nie.

Dit bestaan uit:

- * verskeie kalibers
- * uiteenlopende ladinge en projektielontwerpe
- * verskillende gebruike of toepassings (selfverdediging, jag, sport, opleiding, navorsing ens.)

Selfs binne 'n enkele kaliber lewer variasies in gewig, snelheid en druk wesenlik verskillende prestasie-uitkomst.

Enige poging om hierdie diversiteit te kodifiseer lei tot een van twee uitkomst:

- * 'n stelsel wat te eenvoudig is om betekenisvol te wees, of
- * 'n stelsel wat te kompleks is om afdwingbaar te wees

Daar is geen werkbare middelgrond nie.

Veroudering is Ingebou

Ammunisie-ontwerp en ontwikkeling in die vervaardigingssektor vind voortdurend plaas. Enige kodifiseringsraamwerk sal dus vanaf die oomblik van implementering begin verouder – wat deurlopende hersiening, herklassifikasie en administratiewe ingryping sal noodsaak.

Dit is nie regulering nie. Dit is 'n permanente administratiewe instandhouding sonder enige meetbare veiligheids resultaat.

Administratiewe Las, Geen Veiligheidswins

Die voorstel sal bykomende verpligtinge regoor die industrie veroorsaak bv:

- * kleinhandelaars
- * vervaardigers
- * herlaaiers
- * verspreiders
- * reguleerders
- * gelisensieerde gebruikers

Dit binne 'n stelsel wat reeds gekenmerk word deur:

- * agterstande
- * kapasiteitsbeperkings
- * gedokumenteerde ondoeltreffendhede

Continued...Mening – Ammunisiekodefisering

Om kompleksiteit by 'n reeds gespanne stelsel te voeg, verbeter nie uitkomst nie. Dit dra by tot en vererger mislukking.

Die Kritieke Fout: Kriminele Gedrag

Die voorstel misluk op basiese en waarneembare werklikhede.

Kriminele verkry nie ammunisie deur geregleerde kanale nie. Hulle voldoen nie aan klassifikasiesistels nie. Hulle tree op deur:

- * onwettige netwerke
- * diefstal
- * swartmarkverspreiding
- * smokkelnetwerke

Daar is geen meganisme waardeur ammunisiekodefisering hierdie kanale wesenlik sal of kan beïnvloed of aanspreek nie.

Die resultaat is voorspelbaar:

- * regulatoriese las neem toe vir die wettige sektor
- * kriminele toegang bly onveranderd

Verkeerde Diagnose van die Oorsaak

Suid-Afrika se krisis met geweldsmisdad werklik. Dit word nie deur die afwesigheid van ammunisieklassifikasie veroorsaak nie.

Dit word gedryf deur:

- * georganiseerde misdadnetwerke
- * swak wetstoepassing
- * sistemiese polisiëringsmislukking
- * korrupsie
- * 'n lae waargenome risiko van gevolge

Beleid wat hierdie nie drywers aanspreek nie, verminder nie misdad nie, dit lei bloot die aandag daarvan af.

Gevolgtrekking | Regulering Sonder Impak

Ammunisiekodefisering is nie 'n oplossing nie. Dit is administratief 'n swaar las, tegnies onwerkbaar en strategies irrelevant tot misdadvermindering. Dit skep kompleksiteit sonder beheer en nakoming sonder impak.

Die feit dat hierdie voorstel reeds **getoets – en verwerp – is by NEDLAC op 4 Desember 2025** op praktiese, operasionele en relevansiegronde, maak sy herverskyning besonder veelseggend.

Openbare veiligheid kan nie verbeter word deur kategorieë te reguleer wat nie die probleem aanspreek nie.

Totdat beleid in lyn gebring word met hoe misdad werklik funksioneer, sal Suid-Afrika voortgaan om die wetsgehoorsames te reguleer terwyl die kriminele omgewing onaangeraak bly.

Regulering is nie 'n plaasvervanger vir begrip nie.

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The opportunity to meet and greet visitors and exhibitors was much appreciated.

SAGA hopes to secure a small stand at HuntEx 2027.



RIGHT:
Damian Enslin (third from left) at the NATSHOOT stand.

BELOW RIGHT:
SUCo-SA (Sustainable Use Coalition) representatives with Damian Enslin and Gail Osborne of SAGA.



Will Canada Attempt a Door-to-Door Gun Confiscation?

<https://www.americanrifleman.org/content/will-canada-attempt-a-door-to-door-gun-confiscation/>

by Frank Minitier
23 April 2026

Canada's federal government has been moving since 2020 to ban and then seize a vast array of mostly semi-automatic firearms. In March, Canada's federal Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program wrapped up its declaration phase with only about 67,000 guns turned in – compliance rates are estimated to be only in the single digits. The country's amnesty period for having one or more of these firearms runs until Oct. 30, 2026; after that, owners of any of the more than 2,500 newly prohibited models must surrender, deactivate or destroy their guns or face possible criminal charges.

This is no "buyback." It is mandatory confiscation of legally owned property.

For a first-person account of what is going on in Canada, including what is being done to push back against this massive grab of Canadian's freedom, The Armed Citizen Podcast reached out to Blair Hagen, executive vice president of Canada's National Firearms Association.

"Basically, what has been happening is [our federal government is] giving people the opportunity to register their now banned order in council guns in a registry for future confiscation at some later date," said Hagen.

Hagen explained that "at this point in time, [we estimate] 2 percent compliance. And this is voluntary compliance. The government is now scrambling to figure out what to do next."

This gun-confiscation scheme began in May 2020 when the Liberal government prohibited over 1,500 semi-automatic rifles and variants.



The banned list was later expanded through regulations and Bill C-21. These are sporting rifles, hunting guns and collectibles owned by law-abiding citizens. Provinces like Alberta and Saskatchewan resisted cooperation, and many police departments refused to prioritize collection, citing strained resources. The cost of this move to disarm the Canadian citizens of popular firearms has continued to exceed early claims.

Nevertheless, the federal government in Canada has continued to push this forward. Canadians, meanwhile, do not have constitutional right to keep and bear arms, but, as Hagen explains, it does have protections in British common law.

Whether, after Oct. 30, 2026, the federal government in Canada will escalate to door-to-door confiscation or whether they will be forced in the courts and legislatures to confront the failure of a policy that trades liberty for an illusion of control remains to be seen.

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Leave the Area

This removes the temptation to touch the firearm as well as the danger that another person may negligently cause it to fire.



Tell an Adult

If a parent or guardian is not available, children should find a trustworthy adult, neighbour, relative or teacher.



Policy by Predetermination?

Firearm Sector Warns the CSPS Bill Risks a De Facto Gun Ban

Drafted by Shaun Lyle (Trustee), endorsed by the SAGA Board: 27 April 2026

South Africa's firearm sector is fatigued by the same cycle: consultative theatre, predetermined outcomes and repeated attempts to burden lawful citizens while violent criminals remain the real - and growing - threat.

That is why developments in Parliament on **24 April 2026** matter. During its presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Police, the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service (CSPS) stated in its response to the State of the Nation Address directive on gun crime:

"Review of the Firearms Control Amendment Bill and support of the parliamentary process over the medium term, to ensure enactment."

Those words matter. They do not suggest an open process still weighing evidence, constitutional concerns, stakeholder objections or implementation failures. They suggest the destination may already be fixed.

Reports that Portfolio Committee Chairperson Ian Cameron cautioned that Parliament is not a rubber stamp are therefore important. Parliament exists to test, amend, reject, or approve legislation - not simply endorse predetermined outcomes.

Many South Africans conflate the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service (CSPS) with the police – this is incorrect. The CSPS is a separate civilian department tasked with advising the Minister, shaping policy, developing legislation, monitoring policing performance and engaging stakeholders.

It does not arrest criminals, issue licences or run police stations. That distinction matters because policy may be shaped upstream long before citizens feel the consequences downstream through delays, restrictions, administrative dysfunction and compliance burdens.

The CSPS repeatedly describes its work as evidence based. If so, lawful stakeholders are entitled to ask: where is the disclosed evidence said to justify the Firearms Control Amendment Bill? Where are the transparent research packs, assumptions, impact studies and measurable projections open to public scrutiny?

In a constitutional democracy: "Trust us" is not evidence. Assertion is not evidence. Repetition is not evidence.

After years of plans, policies and oversight promises, can the public honestly say we now have:

- efficient firearm administration with prompt turnaround times?
- reliable digital systems and stronger accountability?
- effective suppression of illegal firearms?
- materially safer communities?

If the answer is mixed at best – and no at worst – why does legislative restriction remain such a recurring priority? Because it is easier to regulate the compliant than defeat the criminal.

This Bill should be rejected in its entirety - not softened, repackaged or cosmetically revised. The process must begin again from first principles:

- honest dialogue and genuine consultation
- transparency and evidence
- administrative competence
- constitutional compliance
- focus on criminals not the compliant

The firearm sector's frustration is rooted in lived experience - years of lawful citizens carrying the burden of state failure. Now is not the time for apathy. It is the time for unity, vigilance and resolve. Rights are rarely lost in one dramatic moment. More often, they are surrendered one "reasonable" step at a time.