



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Washington, DC 20226

I am pleased to furnish you the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of State Laws and Published Ordinances – Firearms (ATF P 5300.5). This publication is designed to help you comply with both Federal and State firearms laws. Specifically, the publication will assist you in complying with the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA) requirement that you may not sell or deliver a firearm to a nonlicensee whose receipt or possession of the firearm would violate State or local laws applicable at the place of sale or delivery. In addition, it will assist you in making lawful over-the-counter sales of longguns to out-of-State residents – transactions that must meet the legal requirements of your State as well as the purchaser's State of residence.

As you are aware, the permanent provisions of the Brady Law became effective on November 30, 1998. The eligibility of firearms purchasers is now determined at the time of sale by querying the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) or your State Point of Contact (POC).

State Laws and Published Ordinances – Firearms also includes a "Ready Reference Table" to provide you with additional assistance for your business operations. When deciding whether to make a sale, you should first consult the full text of the State requirements, and if appropriate, contact State and local authorities before making a decision.

As a Federal Firearms Licensee, you play the critical role of ensuring that only eligible persons are able to acquire firearms from you. Your acquisition and disposition records, Forms 4473, and Reports of Multiple Sales or Other Dispositions of Handguns, have proven invaluable to law enforcement agencies at all levels of government in tracing firearms involved in crime. I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the high level of assistance your industry has provided when contacted by ATF personnel. We are committed to working with you to strengthen our cooperative relationship.

If you have any questions concerning major issues affecting the daily conduct of your business, you may call these numbers with regard to the following:

- NICS checks, contact the FBI NICS Operations Center at 1-877-444-6427.
- Your Federal firearms license or renewal application, contact our National Licensing Center at (404) 679-5040.
- Federal firearms laws or regulations, contact the ATF Industry Operations field office nearest you.
- Stolen, lost firearms, including National Firearms Act weapons, or if you have knowledge of any unlawful activities concerning firearms, contact 1-800-788-7133, ext. 773.
- Interpretation of a State or local law or ordinance, contact your State police, local law enforcement authority, or the Attorney General's office.

Reports of multiple sales of handguns on ATF Forms 3310.4 should be mailed to the ATF National Tracing Center and to the designated Chief Law Enforcement Officer where your business is located. (You should retain the third copy.)

If you are going out of business with no successor, your firearms records should be shipped to the ATF Out-of-Business Record Center, 2029 Stonewall Jackson Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419.

Materials and ideas for future editions of this publication are welcome and may be addressed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Firearms Programs Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226.

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