



**SPECIAL MESSAGE from the Director**  
**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20226**

I am pleased to furnish you the 24<sup>th</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, it 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 long guns 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 may be aware, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (the "Bureau") was affected by the recently signed Homeland Security legislation. The Bureau was split into two separate entities. One part was established in the Department of Justice as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and will oversee firearms, explosives, and arson programs. This agency will also deal with the Federal criminal laws concerning alcohol and tobacco smuggling and diversion. A corresponding entity was created to handle the regulatory and taxation aspects of the alcohol and tobacco industries, to include collection of firearms and ammunition excise taxes. This will be known as the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and will remain within the Treasury Department.

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 Pistols and Revolvers, have proven invaluable to law enforcement agencies at all levels of government in tracing firearms involved in crime.

If you have any questions concerning 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) 417-2750.
- Federal firearms laws or regulations, contact the ATF Industry Operations field office nearest you. A complete alphabetical listing is located in the front of this publication.
- Stolen, lost firearms, including National Firearms Act weapons, or if you have knowledge of any unlawful activities concerning firearms, contact 1-888-930-9275. (Evenings or holidays, contact 1-800-659-6242.)
- Interpretation of a State or local law or ordinance, contact your State police, local law enforcement authority, or the State Attorney General's office.

Reports of multiple sales of handguns on ATF Form 3310.4 should be mailed to the address indicated on the form or faxed (1-800-578-7223) 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, 882 T.J. Jackson Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419.

Materials and ideas for future editions of this publication are welcome and may be sent to ATF Firearms Programs Division, Attention: Chief, Firearms Enforcement Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226.

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