



## **SPECIAL MESSAGE from the Director**

### **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20226**

I am pleased to furnish you the 25<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 are aware, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) was affected by the Homeland Security legislation, which split ATF into two separate bureaus. One part of ATF has been established in the Department of Justice as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and oversees firearms, explosives, and arson programs. This agency also deals with the Federal criminal laws concerning alcohol and tobacco smuggling and diversion. The corresponding entity has been created to handle the regulatory and taxation aspects of the alcohol and tobacco industries. This is known as the Tax and Trade Bureau and has remained within the Treasury Department. Each bureau will continue to strive in meeting its commitments to the American public, law enforcement, and the regulated industries.

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.

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) 417-2750 or toll free at 1-866-662-2750
- Federal firearms laws or regulations, contact the ATF Industry Operations field office nearest you. A complete alphabetical listing is located on pages vi–viii of this publication.
- Stolen, lost firearms, including National Firearms Act weapons, contact 1-888-930-9275 or ATF's 24 hour hotline 1-800-800-3855. If you have knowledge of any unlawful activities concerning firearms contact 1-800-ATF-GUNS.
- Interpretation of a State or local law or ordinance, contact your State police, local law enforcement authority, or your State Attorney General's office (see pages ix–x).

Reports of multiple sales of handguns on ATF Form 3310.4 should be mailed to the address indicated on the form or faxed to (1-877-283-0288) the ATF National Tracing Center and to the designated Chief Law Enforcement Officer where your business is located. (You must retain the third copy as part of your permanent records.)

If you are going out of business with no successor, your firearms records should be shipped to the ATF Out-of-Business Record Center, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

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, Room 7400, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226.

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