

On December 26, 2019, ATF published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed changes to the content and layout of the Form 4473. ATF has received numerous comments on the proposed changes. Many of these comments address the purpose for the relocation of the firearm information. While evaluating proposed changes to the form, ATF determined that moving this information to the beginning of the form was more consistent with how many licensees actually complete the form. Specifically these licensees verify the exact firearm that the customer intends to purchase prior to starting the transaction. Additionally, the transferee/buyer cannot answer item 21.a., Are you the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form and any continuation sheet(s) (ATF Form 5200.9A), accurately if the firearm he/she is purchasing is not correctly recorded on the Form 4473.