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Open Letter to All Federal Firearms Licensees

The purpose of this Open Letter is to make you aware of the availability of the 2007, 28th Edition State Laws and Published Ordinances - Firearms (ATF P 5300.5). This publication is now being distributed in a CD-ROM version. This CD-ROM will make searching and identifying information easier and more efficient. The CD-ROM, is provided in an Acrobat Adobe PDF format, which displays the publication as it would appear in print and permit the publication to be reprinted by a personal computer. If you do not have access to a computer or prefer the publication in a bound printed version, please contact the ATF Distribution Center at 301-583-4696. The publication may also be viewed and downloaded from the ATF Web Site link <http://www.atf.gov/publications/firearms/>. The CD-ROM version will be distributed and shipped out to Federal Firearm Licensees on January 23, 2009.

This publication is designed to help Federal firearm licensees comply with Federal and State firearms laws. It will assist you in complying with the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). This act prohibits licensees from selling or delivering a firearm to a non-licensee whose receipt or possession of the firearm would violate State or local laws applicable at the place of sale or delivery. Additionally, this publication will assist you in making lawful over-the-counter sales of rifles and shotguns to out-of-State residents-transactions that must meet the legal requirements of both your State of residence and the purchaser's State of residence.

The Firearms Programs Division staff is available to answer questions about the issues addressed in this letter. You may reach them by telephone at (202) 648-7090.

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