

NFA

The National Firearms Act Division (NFA Division) is responsible for the administration of the National Firearms Act, as amended, and regulations issued pursuant to the Act. It maintains the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR), the central registry of all NFA firearms in the United States.



THE NFA DIVISION ACTS ON ALL APPLICATIONS TO MAKE, EXPORT, TRANSFER AND REGISTER NFA FIREARMS; PROCESSES NOTICES OF NFA FIREARMS MANUFACTURED OR IMPORTED; AMENDS THE NFRTR AS REQUIRED; PROVIDES TESTIMONY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT REGARDING THE REGISTRATION STATUS OF FIREARMS; AND SUPPORTS FIELD SPECIAL AGENTS AND INVESTIGATORS AS NECESSARY.

SHOT SHOW 2021

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT BRANCH (GSB) – Serves law enforcement and government entities by processing United States Government (USG) applications (Federal, state, local), provides subject matter testimony, and assists ATF field divisions with criminal or regulatory investigations associated with the administration of the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the regulations issued pursuant to the Act.

FY 2020:

- **512,315** NFA applications **processed** to manufacture, import, transfer, export firearms
- **487,745** NFA applications **received**
- **17,323** Special occupational tax holder/FFLs Tax Year 2020
- **2,353,436** Weapons processed

Silencer Statistics:

- **2,148,825** Silencers currently registered in the NFRTR

• Individual	463,797
• Trust/Legal Entity	732,831
• FFL/SOT	686,678
• GOV/LE/MIL	131,021

INDUSTRY PROCESSING BRANCH (IPB) - Serves industry through application processing and administers the National Firearms Act of 1934 and regulations pursuant to the Act. The branch maintains the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR), the central registry of all NFA firearms in the United States.

Pending Applications:

- **62,936** pending applications as of 2/9/2021, down from **146,045** on 7/31/2019.

• Form 1	5,584
• Form 2	242
• Form 3	1,990
• Form 4	54,056
• Form 5	458
• Form 9	24
• Form 10	60
• Form 5320.20	522

Processing Times QTR 4 FY 20

	Paper	eForm
Form 1	3 months	60 days
Form 2	1 month	10 days
Form 3	1 month	10 days
Form 4	7 months	n/a
Form 5	1 month	10 days
Form 9	1 month	10 days

Form 1 and 4 Processed & Received Silencers Only FY 2020

	Processed	Received
Form 1	11,006	12,132
Form 4	236,220	208,155

Are your ATF eForms 2 getting routed to "Pending Research"? A simple email identifying those new firearms models (not previously submitted) can help SOT Manufacturers avoid delays in noticing newly produced firearms. Prior to manufacturing new models, submit an email to NFAFax@atf.gov with Subject: "MFG F2 Add Model" and in the email body include: the new model name(s), caliber, and firearm type. These firearms will be added to eForms ahead of your submission so that your ATF eForms 2 will be routed around Pending Research.