

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Supporting Statement – Information Collection Request
1140-0066
Manufacturers of Ammunition, Records and Supporting Data of Ammunition
Manufactured and Disposed of

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Necessity of Information Collection

Manufacturer's records of ammunition apply only to disposition of armor piercing ammunition (required by 18 U.S.C. 922 (b) (5)). This record is primarily for law enforcement purposes. Ammunition may be traced by the use of these records. This evidence may serve to assist in a criminal investigation or court presentation. These records may also be used in compliance inspections to determine the validity of the record keeping system by comparing raw material used with the finished product on hand plus the quantity sold to customers. The manufacturer's commercial records in most instances, contains the data elements specified in the regulations.

2. Needs and Uses

Records are established by licensees by entering the required information into the proper record book as required by 27 CFR 478.123(b) and 125(d). Records are used by licensees for accounting and excise tax purposes. ATF uses the information during investigations or inspections for criminal or compliance purposes.

3. Use of Information Technology

The use of automated electronic mechanical or other technological collection techniques is not required by this information collection; however, pursuant to ATF Rul. 2013-5, maintaining these records electronically is permissible. The records are kept on the licensee's business premise and the licensee has to record specific entries regarding the disposition of firearms.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

There is not duplication with respect to the information collection as the ATF investigator ensures upon the inspection of records that there is no duplication or false entries regarding these records.

5. Minimizing Burden on Small Businesses

The collection of this information would have no impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting or Less Frequent Collection

Consequences of not conducting this information collection could result in licensees providing false information with regard to criminal investigations. These records are vital to ATF's mission to enforce the law.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances associated with this information collection. This information requirement is conducted in a manner consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. Public Comments and Consultations

The ATF investigators consulted with the licensees with regard to the required records. A 60-day and 30-day Federal Register Notice was published in the Federal Register in order to solicit comments from the general public. No comments were received.

9. Provision of Payments or Gifts to Respondents

No payment or gift is associated with this information collection.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

These records are maintained at the premises of the licensee in a secured location. Only cleared ATF investigators have access to this information.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

Record keepers are not required to maintain records of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate Respondents Burden

ATF estimates that there are approximately 317 armor piercing manufacturers that may respond to this collection. The estimated total number of responses is 159 (this is approximately ½ of the 317 armor piercing manufacturers that may respond). The estimated average time it takes to respond is approximately two minutes (.033 hours). The estimated total burden for this collection is 5.25 hours (159 times .033).

The record retention requirement for this information collection is 2 years.

13. Estimate of Cost Burden

There is no cost associated with this collection as the respondent records the information on the premises.

14. Costs to Federal Government

There is no cost to the Federal Government.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

The changes in burden are due to the fact that this information collection is considered optional and that most respondents are under no obligation to respond to the information collection.

16. Anticipated Publication Plan and Schedule

The results of this information collection will not be published.

17. Display of Expiration Date

ATF does not request approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information for this collection.

18. Exception to the Certification Statement

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.