

Dear Federal Firearms Licensee:

Federal law provides that when required by letter issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), licensees shall submit to ATF all record information required by the law or such lesser information as may be specified in the letter. The information requested must be provided in the format specified and for the periods and at the times specified in the letter [18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(5) and 27 C.F.R. § 478.126]. The Acting Director has delegated the authority to request this information to the Chief, National Tracing Center.

To assist its efforts in investigating and combating the illegal movement of firearms along and across the Southwest border, ATF is requiring licensed dealers and pawnbrokers in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to submit information concerning multiple sales of certain rifles. You must submit to ATF reports of multiple sales or other dispositions whenever, at one time or during any five consecutive business days, you sell to an unlicensed person or otherwise dispose of two or more semi-automatic rifles capable of accepting a detachable magazine and with a caliber greater than .22 (including .223/5.56 caliber). This requirement becomes effective upon receipt of this letter; by law, your obligation to report will continue until notified to the contrary in writing by ATF [27 C.F.R. § 478.126(a)].

The required information must be submitted on ATF Form 3310.12, Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Certain Rifles, no later than the close of business on the day the multiple sale or other disposition takes place. We have enclosed a copy of Form 3310.12 with this letter. Additional forms may be obtained from the ATF Distribution Center, 1519 Cabin Branch Drive, Landover, MD 20785, (301) 583-4696, or online at www.atf.gov.

Be advised that, in addition to the information required by this letter, licensees are still required to submit reports of multiple sales or other dispositions when the licensee sells two or more pistols or revolvers or any combination of pistols or revolvers totaling two or more to an unlicensed person at one time or during any five consecutive business days [18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3)]. Reports of multiple sales or other dispositions of handguns must be reported on

ATF Form 3310.4, Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Pistols and Revolvers, and must be submitted separately from the information required by this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact the National Tracing Center at 1-800-788-7133.

Charles Houser
Chief, National Tracing Center

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This request is in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection documents certain sales or other dispositions of certain rifles for law enforcement purposes. The information is used to determine whether the buyer (*transferee*) may be involved in unlawful activity, such as straw purchasing. The information requested is mandatory and required by statute (18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(5)).

The estimate average burden associated with this collection is 12 minutes per report by each respondent or recordkeeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to Reports Management Officer, Document Services Section, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Washington, DC 20226.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.