

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

Supporting Statement
OMB 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, and may be used to trace ammunition collected as evidence during a criminal investigation or court presentation. During compliance inspections, these records may also help to determine the validity of a record keeping system, by comparing data collected about raw material used, with the finished product, and that which is sold to customers. The manufacturer's commercial records in most instances will also contain data elements specified in the regulations.

2. Needs and Uses

Records are established by licensees who enter the required information in their record books, as required by 27 CFR 478.123(b) and 125(d). ATF also uses the collected information during investigations or inspections, for criminal or compliance purposes.

3. Use of Information Technology

The use of an automated or electronic recordkeeping technique is not required by this information collection. However, pursuant to ATF Ruling 2016-1, maintaining these records electronically is permissible. The records are kept on the licensee's business premise, and the licensee is required to record specific data regarding the disposition of firearms.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

The ATF investigator will ensure that there is no duplicate or false entries in the licensee records when they conduct inspections.

5. Minimizing Burden on Small Businesses

This information collection has no impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting or Less Frequent Collection

Lack of this information collection could result in licensees providing false information regarding their disposition records during a criminal investigation. These records are vital to ATF's law enforcement mission.

7. Special Circumstances

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

8. Public Comments and Consultations

No comments were received during the 60-day Federal Register notice period. However, a 30-day notice will be published in the Federal Register in order to solicit comments from the public.

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 on the premises of the licensee in a secured location. Only cleared ATF investigators will have access to these records.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

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

12. Estimate Respondents Burden

ATF estimates there are approximately 376 armor-piercing manufacturers who may respond to this collection. The estimated total number of responses is 188 (this is approximately ½ of the 376 armor-piercing manufacturers). It will take approximately two minutes (.033 hours) to provide each response. Therefore, the estimated total burden for this collection is 6.2 (6) hours (188 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, since the respondent records the information on their 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 an increase in the number of responses to this collection from 159 during the last renewal in 2016, to 188 currently. Consequently, the burden hours for this information collection has also increased slightly from 5 to 6.2 (6) hours respectively.

16. Anticipated Publication Plan and Schedule

The results of this information collection will not be published.

17. Display of Expiration Date

ATF is not requesting 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

1. This information collection does not employ statistical methods.