

This is Information received from the President of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association – who is also the Chair of the BCWF Recreational Sport Shooting Committee. This message was sent their members – and has been approved to be forwarded to other clubs. We are forwarding to LRGC members for their benefit.

Message to VFGPA Members:

Many of you will have heard by now that the federal Bill C-71 recently received Royal Assent.

The following information is largely taken from a recent notice from the Canadian Shooting Sports Association. I have also consulted with Prof. Gary Mauser, the BC Wildlife Federation Firearms Committee Chair, as well as my own firearms legal council on retainer (who described these amendments as “frustrating with respect to clarity”).

The following Section of Bill C-71 came into force effective **July 7, 2021**.

For Restricted and Prohibited 12(6) firearms, Long Term Authorizations To Transport (LTATT) conditions attached to the license were reduced to:

- All approved (Section 29) gun ranges in your province of residence; and
- To your home after the acquisition and transfer of a restricted or prohibited firearm.

These conditions are still attached to your RPAL and available to the police through a computer check on the RPAL. You may receive a paper copy of the conditions at a later date.

This means that you can still take your restricted firearms to the VFGPA (but not ones like an AR-15, recently prohibited by the 2020 Order in Council).

RPAL holders will now have to contact the CFO's office to obtain a Short Term Authorization to Transport (STATT) to transport a restricted or prohibited firearm anywhere else, including:

- to or from a business for repair or appraisal;
- to or from a gun show, whether for display, sale or appraisal (fortunately, the VFGPA 18 July gun show is located on a range);
- to another person's private residence following sale and transfer;
- to a Post Office when shipping a restricted or prohibited firearm; and
- to or from a Canadian border point.

Do not expect your STATT to be issued in a timely manner. There has been no sudden increase in CFO's office staff, and they will be trying to dig their way out of the issuing of hundreds of thousands of updated LTATTs.

Effective **July 26, 2021** the following sections of C-71 will Come into Force:

- LICENCE VERIFICATION: All transfers of non-restricted firearms will require licence verification. This will require disclosing licencing information to the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) for the transfer and receipt of a verification number. This information will be recorded and kept by the CFP; and
- MANDATORY DEALER RECORDS: Firearms businesses will be required to maintain records on the sale, possession and disposal of non-restricted firearms as a condition of the firearms business licence. These records will belong to the CFO and may be seized at any time without warrant.

Effectively, the long-gun registry is being re-introduced.

I will close with the following non-partisan statement:

- If you believe that C-71 is useful legislation, and will improve public safety and reduce crime; then by all means support the federal parties that voted in favour, i.e. Liberal, NDP, and Green.
- If you believe that C-71 is yet another of many recent laws that seem to focus on harassing lawful firearms owners, then please support the Conservatives, or the PPC; the only parties that voted against.

The choice is of course, yours.

Sincerely,

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President
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