

May 16, 2017

The Honorable Ralph Goodale, Member of Parliament
Minister of Public Safety
House of Commons
Ottawa, K1A 0A6

Re: Recommended Solution to Concerns with implementation of Canadian Firearm Marking Scheme

I am very concerned that the “Marking of Imported Firearms (Bill C-10A) Regulations”, as currently drafted, will have a negative impact on Canadians who rely on hunting to feed their families and on sports shooters, by significantly increasing costs and reducing choice. It is also likely that it will have a disastrous impact on the Canadian firearms industry and result in the unnecessary loss of jobs and hurt trading relationships with other countries. I request that you amend the Regulations to reflect the modern firearms marking system that is already being followed in Canada.

The goal of the UN Firearm Marking protocol is to ensure every firearm can be tracked back to its point of origin. The protocol does not specify how that marking is to be accomplished, preferring to leave the entire implementation process up to individual party states. All of the information required by the UN Firearms Marking Protocol is already available quickly and easily using the existing firearm markings and the systems in place to track their movement from point of manufacture to their final destination at one of Canada’s firearm importers. Requiring the addition of markings that provide no useful information will unnecessarily add exorbitant costs to every single firearm imported into Canada.

It has been conservatively estimated that implementing the Firearms Marking Regulations, will add over \$200 to the price of every single firearm sold in Canada. This will have a devastating effect on the sale of firearms in Canada, and will place an onerous burden on those Canadians who rely on hunting to feed their families. In particular, it will negatively affect aboriginal hunters disproportionately.

Before implementing the Marking of Imported Firearms Regulations on June 1, 2017, I respectfully encourage the government to amend the regulations to reflect current practices which already meet all of the objectives of the UN Firearms Protocol.

Sincerely,

A responsible Canadian!

cc: Mark Warawa – MP Langley - Aldergrove
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