

Regulation (EU) No 258/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UN Firearms Protocol), and establishing export authorisation, and import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

CHAPTER II

EXPORT AUTHORISATION, PROCEDURES AND CONTROLS AND IMPORT AND TRANSIT MEASURES

Article 4

1 An export authorisation established in accordance with the form set out in Annex II shall be required for the export of firearms, their parts and essential components and ammunition listed in Annex I. Such authorisation shall be granted by the competent authorities of the Member State where the exporter is established and shall be issued in writing or by electronic means.

2 Where the export of firearms, their parts, essential components and ammunition requires an export authorisation pursuant to this Regulation and that export is also subject to authorisation requirements in accordance with Common Position 2008/944/CFSP, Member States may use a single procedure to carry out the obligations imposed on them by this Regulation and by that Common Position.

3 If the firearms, their parts and essential components and ammunition are located in one or more Member States other than the one where the application for export authorisation has been made, that fact shall be indicated on that application. The competent authorities of the Member State to which the application for export authorisation has been made shall immediately consult the competent authorities of the Member State or States in question and provide the relevant information. The Member State or States consulted shall make known within 10 working days any objections it or they may have to the granting of such an authorisation, which shall bind the Member State in which the application has been made.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EU) No 258/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Art. 4(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(4\)\(b\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(4\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 4(3) omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(4\)\(c\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Signature words omitted by virtue of [S.I. 2019/771, reg. 4\(17A\)](#) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/806 reg. 2\(7\)](#)
- Art. 2(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 2(5) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 2(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 2(6) substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 2(7) omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 2(8) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(e\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 2(8) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(e\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 2(8) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(e\)\(i\)\(cc\)](#)
- Art. 2(8) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(e\)\(i\)\(dd\)](#)
- Art. 2(8) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(9) omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- Art. 2(10) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- Art. 2(10) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- Art. 2(11) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(h\)](#)
- Art. 2(11a) inserted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(12) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(j\)](#)
- Art. 2(13) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(k\)](#)
- Art. 2(15) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(l\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(15)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(l\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(15)(c) omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(l\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 2(16) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(2\)\(m\)](#)
- Art. 3(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 3(1)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(a)(i) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(a)(ii) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(a)(ii) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(a)(ii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(e\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(2)(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(g\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 9(2)(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(g\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(2)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(g\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 9(2)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(h\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 9(2)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(8\)\(h\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 10(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 10(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(9\)\(c\)](#)

- Art. 11(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 11(1)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/771 reg. 4\(10\)\(c\)](#)