

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 III

#### CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

##### *Article 17*

1 When completing customs formalities for the export of firearms, their parts and essential components or ammunition at the customs office of export, the exporter shall furnish proof that any necessary export authorisation has been obtained.

2 The exporter may be required to provide a translation into an official language of the Member State where the export declaration is presented of any documents furnished as proof.

3 Without prejudice to any powers conferred on them under Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92, Member States shall, for a period not exceeding 10 days, suspend the process of export from their territory or, if necessary, otherwise prevent firearms, their parts and essential components or ammunition which are covered by a valid export authorisation from leaving the customs territory of the Union through their territory, where they have grounds for suspicion that:

- a relevant information was not taken into account when the authorisation was granted; or
- b circumstances have materially changed since the authorisation was granted.

In exceptional circumstances and for duly substantiated reasons, that period may be extended to 30 days.

4 Within the period or extended period referred to in paragraph 3, Member States shall either release the firearms, their parts and essential components or ammunition, or take action pursuant to Article 11(1)(b).

##### *Article 18*

1 Member States may provide that customs formalities for the export of firearms, their parts and essential components or ammunition can be completed only at customs offices empowered to that end.

2 Member States availing themselves of the option set out in paragraph 1 shall inform the Commission of the duly empowered customs offices or of subsequent changes thereto. The Commission shall publish and update that information on a yearly basis in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

**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 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\(9\)\(b\)](#)
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- 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\(10\)\(c\)](#)