



Wiltshire Ballistic Services Limited
The Ranges
Station Road, Devizes
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Reference Number: 1082148

Dear Sir,

FIREARMS ACT 1968 (AS AMENDED): AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 5

I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that, under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended), she hereby authorises you to have in your possession, to purchase, acquire, store, sell and transfer in the course of your business as a ballistic testing centre,

- a) no more than 20 prohibited weapons to which sections 5(1)(a), 5(1)(ab) and 5(1)(aba) of the Act apply;
- b) no more than 5 prohibited weapons to which section 5(1)(ac) of the Act applies;
- c) to possess and to test no more than 2 anti-riot guns to which section 5(1)(b) of the Act applies;
- d) no more than 10 prohibited weapon to which section 5(1)(af) of the Act applies;
- e) no more than 250 prohibited component parts to which sections 5(1)(a) and 5(1)(aba) of the Act apply;
- f) to possess and to test no more than 300 rounds of prohibited ammunition to which section 5(1)(c) of the Act applies and no more than 20,000 rounds of prohibited ammunition to which sections 5(1A)(d), 5(1A)(e), 5(1A)(f) and 5(1A)(g) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) applies.

It is a criminal offence to transfer prohibited weapons or prohibited ammunition for which an authority under section 5 of the Act is required to any person who does not hold an authority of the Secretary of State under section 5, unless that person is exempt from the need to hold an authority by virtue of the Act.

This authority is valid until **5 April 2025** and is subject to the following conditions that:-

1. the prohibited weapons, prohibited component parts and prohibited ammunition are used only at the company premises at Station Road, Devizes, Wiltshire for testing and evaluation purposes only;
2. no more than 40 prohibited weapons are owned by the company at any one time;
3. any prohibited weapon not owned by the company is in its possession for no more than 14 days;
4. the company is permitted to repair prohibited weapons which are owned by themselves and to repair prohibited weapons which are in their possession for ballistic testing;
5. the prohibited weapons, prohibited component parts and prohibited ammunition are stored at no place other than the premises of the Wiltshire Shooting Centre, Devizes, Wiltshire under secure conditions as agreed with and satisfactory to the chief officer of Wiltshire Police;
6. the prohibited weapons, prohibited component parts and prohibited ammunition are never transported by the company at any time but only by those carriers who hold the appropriate authority of the Secretary of State;
7. the chief officer of Wiltshire Police and the Home Office, Drugs & Firearms Licensing Unit, Firearms Section are notified in advance of any change of company name, company address, named authority holder or change of procedure for the safekeeping of prohibited weapons;
8. **Mr Paul Everington and/or Mr Jason Laird** ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to secure the safe custody of the prohibited weapons, prohibited component parts and prohibited ammunition, and that proper records are kept in relation to ballistic testing showing the nature and date of the test and the prohibited weapons and/or prohibited ammunition used;
9. this authority shall no longer be valid if **Mr Paul Everington and Mr Jason Laird** cease to hold office with **Wiltshire Ballistic Services Limited**;
10. if **Mr Paul Everington or Mr Jason Laird** cease to hold office with **Wiltshire Ballistic Services Limited** the chief officer of Wiltshire Police and the Home Office, Drugs & Firearms Licensing Unit, Firearms Section are notified;
11. the authority holder is responsible for ensuring the timely renewal of this authority; and
12. you notify us and your local police immediately of any loss or theft of prohibited weapons.

This authority does not exempt you from the need to comply with the requirements of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended). In addition, you must be registered with your local police as a firearms dealer.

Under section 5(5) of the Firearms Act 1968, it is an offence for a person to whom an authority is given under this section to fail to comply with any condition of the authority.

Under section 5(6) of the Firearms Act 1968, the Secretary of State is empowered to revoke this authority at any time.

Yours faithfully



David Hughes
Head of Firearms Licensing

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