

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FIREARMS PROHIBITION

On May 1, 2020, the Government of Canada reclassified the following firearms and devices as prohibited:

- **Nine (9) types of firearms by make and model, and their variants;**
- **Firearms with a bore of 20 mm or greater, and those capable of discharging a projectile with a muzzle energy greater than 10,000 Joules;**
- **Upper receivers of M16, AR-10, AR-15 and M4 pattern firearms.**

As the holder of a valid firearms licence, you are being contacted by the Canadian Firearms Program as you may be in possession of one of these firearms.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THESE FIREARMS/DEVICES:

1. Owners of newly prohibited firearms are to keep them securely stored in accordance with their previous classification.
2. They cannot be sold or imported.
3. They may only be transported under limited circumstances.
4. They cannot be legally used for hunting unless allowed through the Amnesty Order.*
5. They cannot be used for sport shooting, either at a range or elsewhere.

**Exceptions are included under the Amnesty Order to allow for the continued use of the newly prohibited firearms and/or devices (if previously non-restricted) by individuals who hunt or trap to sustain themselves or their families, and by Indigenous persons exercising Aboriginal or treaty rights to hunt. At the end of the amnesty period, all firearm owners must comply with the new law.*

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

1. An amnesty has been introduced which protects owners who were in legal possession of one or more of these newly prohibited firearms or devices on the day the amendments to the Classification Regulations came into force, May 1, 2020.
2. The Government intends to implement a buy-back program and is looking at a range of options. More information on the buy-back program will be available at a later date.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

1. **Wait** for further instructions to participate in the buy-back program.
2. Have your firearm deactivated by an approved business.
3. Legally export your firearm, in which case individuals can engage businesses with the proper firearms privileges.

MORE INFORMATION:

For a list of newly prohibited firearms and information about the announcement or amnesty, go to the Canadian Firearms Program website:

www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/firearms

