



**SCREENING CHAPTER 1  
FREE MOVEMENTS OF GOODS**

**AGENDA ITEM: FIREARMS**

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## NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- Law No. 6136 on Firearms, Knives, and the other similar objects
- Regulation No. 91/1779 on Firearms and Knives and similar objects
- Law No. 2521 on Manufacturing, transactions and possession of the hunting rifles, knives and target shooting rifles for sport
- Law No. 6551 on Exclusion of gunpowder and explosives, Hunting Materials and Arms and their components from the Monopoly
- Law No. 5201 on Supervision of Industries, manufacturing arms and equipment and explosives



## CATEGORIES OF FIREARMS

- All firearms, ammunitions and the other objects produced solely for attack and defense except those needed by the army and law enforcement bodies.
- Namely, weapons, guns, semi-automatic guns, non-automatic rifles with grooved barrel.

## AUTHORISATION

- Two kinds of authorisations exist for those items listed above;
  - ✓ First category: license to keep firearms either at workplace or at home.
  - ✓ Second category: license to carry firearms.



## CONDITIONS - I

- Conditions for the first category of licenses:
  - ✓ Turkish citizenship
  - ✓ Over 21 years old
  - ✓ Not falling under one of the categories listed in the Regulation No. 91/1779
  - ✓ Not having any legal or health obstacles.



## CONDITIONS - II

- Conditions for the second category of licenses:
  - ✓ Certain officials designated in the Law No. 6136.
  - ✓ Those entitled by the Council of Ministers through the Regulation.
  - ✓ Citizens who have life risk due to the nature of the work they are doing through the prefects.
  - ✓ Aliens with residence permit in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.



## WEAPONS WITH CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASPECTS

- There are no special rules for collectors and bodies, however licence can be issued for those weapons and other similar objects as long as their cultural and historical aspects are determined by the specially designated authorities.
- In this regards two types of weapons can be licensed:
  - ✓ First: Weapons of remembrance
  - ✓ Second: Historical weapons.



## HUNTING OR TARGET SHOOTING FIREARMS

- There is a separate legislation for hunting rifles or target shooting guns.
- The establishment of enterprises manufacturing hunting rifles with smooth barrels, target shooting weapons is subject to licensing by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on the condition of fulfillment of the other requirements set out by the Law No. 2521.



## TRACEABILITY HUNTING OR TARGET SHOOTING FIREARMS

- The manufacturer shall submit the list of hunting rifles and target shooting weapons that are sold, to the highest civil authority in the localities within one month. The list shall contain data regarding brands, types, calibers and serial numbers of the hunting rifles and target shooting weapons.
- The buyer shall obtain the purchase permit document from the highest civil authorities.
- All the relevant data of the weapons are registered in this permit document.
- The license must be issued within one month by the highest civil authorities.





## TRACEABILITY FOR FIREARMS WITH THE GROOVED BARRELS

- The list of the weapons sold must be submitted by sellers to the relevant authorities within two weeks in accordance with the format specified in the Regulation 91/1779.



## PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGNERS

- According to the Law No. 4915 on “Hunting On Land”, foreigners coming to Turkey for hunting can bring in 3 types of hunting rifles with grooved and/or with smooth barrels. These must be recorded in their Passports. This record is considered as the permit-in-country for keeping and carrying.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION