

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY & PROGRAM

**OBJECTIVE:** Develop a national Compliance Strategy & Program that supports, promotes and enforces compliance with the *Firearms Act* and its regulations by all individuals and businesses that possess firearms in Canada.

**RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE:** Brian Doyle, Beverley Holloway

**BACKGROUND:** The Firearms Act is a relatively new piece of legislation, introduced in 1995, with components phased in, some as recent as 2001. It, in conjunction with other complementary Federal initiatives, provides a comprehensive and far reaching public safety focused approach to Gun Control in Canada. Firearm possession/ownership is now, clearly a privilege, not a right. This significant shift in public policy will require a period of adjustment to allow the firearms community, law enforcement, and the judicial/court system to adapt and adjust to this reality. The adjustment period will be prolonged by the traditional importance and availability of firearms in our culture and economy.

The Firearms program and all its partners need to develop policies and practises that will assist Canadians in their efforts to comply with the legislation. High levels of compliance are essential to maintain and expand the integrity and confidence that partners and Canadians have in this public safety initiative.

These compliance efforts must be relevant for each client group and must incorporate appropriate risk management decision models to ensure a continued focus on public safety.

**GOAL:** Raise initial and continuing compliance levels for high priority client groups.

**PLAN:**

Identify and establish target rates of compliance for each affected client group

Identify current and projected rates of compliance by client group

- Stakeholder input and anecdotal evidence
- NWEST, Police, Firearms community
- Statistical analysis

Identify and prioritize areas for improvement

By client group:

- Identify reasons for non-compliance
  - Develop appropriate proposals to address non-compliance
  - Cost options
  - Seek approval for options
  - Implement
  - Monitor success
- Develop a draft compliance strategy

<b>TIMELINES:</b>	Target rates of compliance	November 2003
	Identify current compliance rates	November 2003
	Prioritize areas for increased compliance	November 2003
	Circulate draft compliance strategy	December 2003

For the three most important areas for increased compliance, development of compliance improvement proposals would be prepared for review and consideration by April 2004

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