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This correspondence is to reinforce your understanding of the upcoming implementation of legislative changes that will affect you as the owner of a prohibited firearm or firearms.

Amendments to the *Firearms Act* regarding transportation of prohibited firearms were passed by Parliament as part of Bill C-10A in May 2003. As the legislation and related regulations show, certain firearms, by virtue of their features and characteristics, are prohibited from private ownership in the interest of public safety. In recognition of pre-existing ownership, some individuals are able to continue to possess these firearms through "grandfathering" privileges, albeit with limitations on use and transportation.

A number of legislative changes, contained in Bill C-10A, that affect the owners of prohibited firearms will be brought into force on April 10, 2005. This will include amendments to subsections 19(1) and 19(2) of the *Firearms Act*, whereby all prohibited firearms, other than handguns described in subsection 12(6.1) of the *Firearms Act*, will henceforth only be transported for the purposes of changing residence, repair, storage, sale, exportation, appraisal, taking part in a gun show, or to be transported to a peace officer, Firearms Officer or Chief Firearms Officer for registration or disposal. Transportation of these firearms to a shooting range will no longer be authorized.

This forms part of the implementation of a broader package of legislative and regulatory changes, as announced by the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada in December 2004. The broader package includes a number of other measures coming into force on April 10, 2005, that are designed to improve service delivery, increase cost-efficiency and streamline processes. The measures will benefit all firearms owners, as well as firearms businesses. For example, the licence renewal process and transfers of non-restricted firearms will be simplified.

If you have any questions regarding these changes and how they will affect you, please contact the Canada Firearms Centre at 1 800 731-4000.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

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