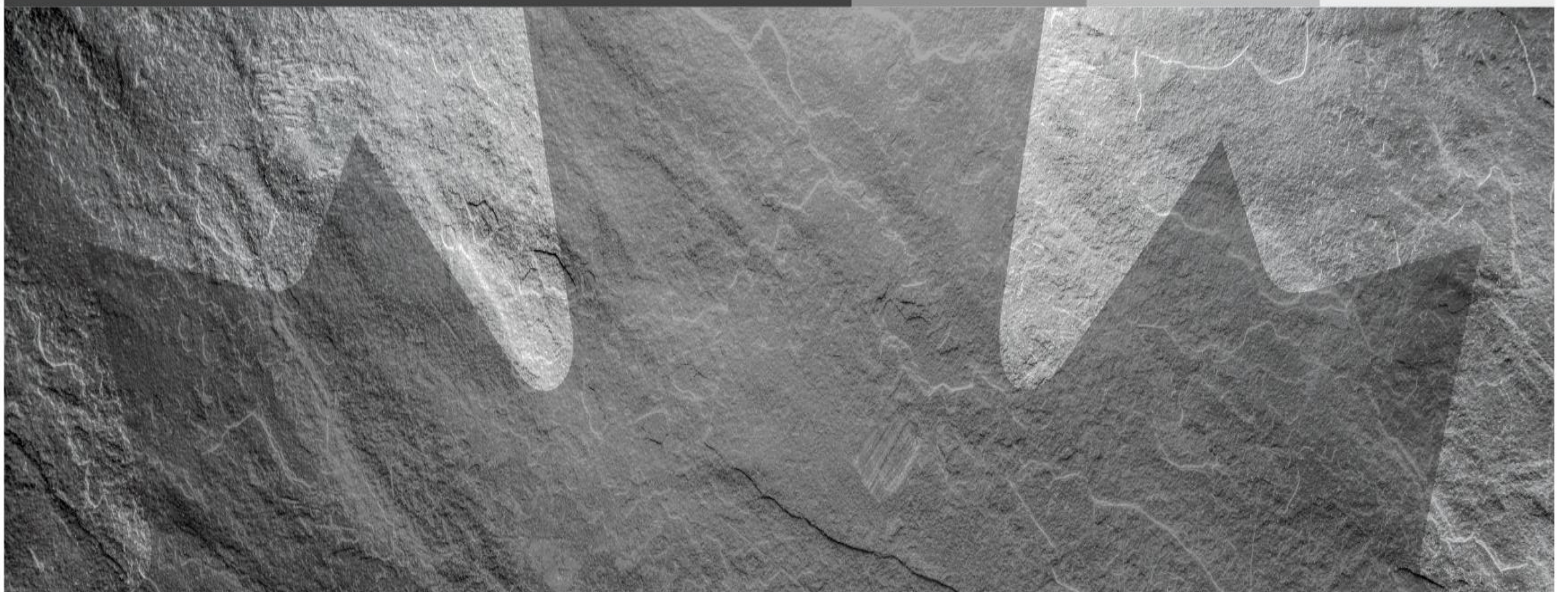




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Firearms Prohibition

Technical Briefing

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Summary: New firearms prohibitions are in effect as of May 1, 2020

- I. Revised classification regulations are now in force for civilian firearms:
 - Over 1,500 models of firearms are newly prescribed by name as prohibited firearms.
 - New maximum thresholds for muzzle energy and bore diameter are in place: any firearm that exceeds them is now classified as a prohibited firearm.
 - Certain component parts of prohibited firearms are newly prescribed as prohibited devices.
- II. An amnesty order is in effect to protect existing owners from criminal liability while they come into compliance.
- III. Government intends to offer owners the choice of either grandfathering or compensation if they surrender the firearm.
 - Details on grandfathering and compensation will be announced later.

What is prohibited by model?

- Nine principal models of assault-style firearms have been prescribed by regulation as prohibited; they are listed by name in the Regulations.
- Their 1,050 known variants in Canada have been listed in the Regulations.
- All current and future variants of these listed firearms are prohibited whether listed or not.
- These firearms were previously classified as restricted or non-restricted.
- Total number of firearms and owners affected is unknown, but it includes about 105,000 restricted firearms.
- The firearms were chosen through the following principles:
 - (1) semi-automatic action with sustained rapid fire capability (tactical/military design with large magazine capacity);
 - (2) modern design; and
 - (3) are present in large volumes in the Canadian market.
- The Government has concluded that these firearms are not reasonable for hunting or sporting purposes.

Which models are prohibited?

- The principal models prescribed as prohibited are
 - M16, AR-10, AR-15 rifles and M4 carbine
 - Ruger Mini-14 rifle
 - US Rifle M14
 - Vz58 rifle and CZ858 rifle
 - Robinson Armament XCR rifle
 - CZ Scorpion EVO 3 carbine and pistol
 - Beretta Cx4 Storm carbine
 - SIG Sauer SIG MCX and SIG Sauer SIG MPX carbines and pistols
 - Swiss Arms Classic Green and Four Seasons series rifles
- All variants of the 9 principal models are prohibited.
- In addition, the component part of M16, M4, AR-10 and AR-15 type firearms known as the “upper receiver” has been prescribed as a prohibited device.

What is prohibited by characteristic?

- Maximum muzzle energy and bore diameter have been prescribed in the Regulations; any firearm exceeding these limits is prohibited:
 - Muzzle energy greater than 10,000 joules (e.g., rifles chambered for .50 BMG); and,
 - Bore diameter of 20mm or greater (e.g., grenade launchers).
- Even the largest common hunting calibres fell well below these thresholds.
- Known models of affected firearms in Canada have been listed in the Regulations (450 variants). The limits apply to any firearm with these characteristics, whether listed or not.
- The Government has concluded that the potential power of these firearms exceeds any safe civilian use.

What does the amnesty do?

- Owners who were in legal possession of a newly prohibited firearm or prohibited device at the time the Regulations came into force are protected from criminal liability for unlawful possession of a prohibited firearm in order to provide the owner with the time to come into compliance.
- Creates one temporary exception to the prohibition on use: a firearm that was previously non-restricted may still be transported and used for sustenance hunting or in exercise of s. 35 Constitutional rights until a suitable replacement can be obtained.
- Amnesty is time-limited: it expires on April 30, 2022, allowing time for owners to come into compliance.

What may owners do with newly-prohibited firearms?

- The firearms may not be used for hunting or sport shooting, either at a range or elsewhere, unless provided in the amnesty.
- Prohibited firearms may not be bought, sold, lent, or imported.
- They may not be transported, unless provided in the amnesty.
- They must be stored in accordance with the storage regulations for the firearm class prior to prohibition.
- Lawful owners may export a prohibited firearm if they have proper export authorizations.
- Lawful owners may contact police of jurisdiction to arrange disposal without compensation
- Owners must not bring the firearm to a police station unless they have made an appointment to surrender it.

What happens next?

- The Canadian Firearms Program will communicate with all licence holders.
- Details on grandfathering and compensation will be announced later, once details have been decided.
- Owners will then have to declare their choice of complying through grandfathering or surrendering for compensation, before end of amnesty.
- The former Bill C-71 provides for prohibition and grandfathering of four named variants of CZ858 rifles, and 16 named variants of Swiss Arms SG-550 rifles.
 - Owners who were in lawful possession on June 30, 2018, will eventually be eligible for grandfathering as provided in C-71 when those provisions take effect, or they may choose to surrender for compensation instead.
 - As of now they may not use the firearm.
- The Government is committed to moving forward on additional measures to strengthen gun control measures while at the same time targeting criminal use of firearms.

Further information

- List of prohibited firearms and Amnesty Order
 - www.gazette.gc.ca
- RCMP - Canadian Firearms Program
 - <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm>
 - 1-800-731-4000 (toll-free for Canada and United States)
- Contact for local Chief Firearms Officer
 - <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/cfo-caf/index-eng.htm>
- CBSA – Customs Notice
 - <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/menu-eng.html>

Examples of Newly-Prohibited Firearms

Type

M16, AR-10, AR-15 rifles, and M4 carbine



US rifle M14



Beretta Cx4 Storm Carbine



Ruger Mini-14 rifle



Vz58 rifle



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Characteristic

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Upper and Lower Receivers (AR-15 example)

Upper Receiver



Lower Receiver



Upper and Lower Receivers

