

Directives for Showcasing Firearms, Pyrotechnic Products and Ammunition on the NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2023

Definitions

According to the legislation of the Slovak Republic:

The firearm is defined as a portable device that fires; is constructed or can be adapted in a way to fire a projectile and whose principal function is an immediate release of energy during the shot; the main part of the firearm, its components, functional replica, functional model or imitation is also considered as a firearm. Thus, airsoft guns, expansion devices, deactivated firearms, firearm cuts, shot silencers, and mechanical weapons whose tension force is greater than 150 N are all considered firearms.

The main parts of the firearm are the barrel, the chamber, the insertion barrel, the revolver cylinder, breech, which are as separated objects included in the category of firearms on which they are or should be installed.

Ammunition is a cartridge or blank cartridge; ammunition component is also considered as ammunition. The ammunition component is a primer, powder charge, or projectile that is used in firearms.

Forbidden firearm supplement is a shot silencer that does not accept the principles according to legislation act 64/ 2019.

The munition is complete equipment including parts of firearm systems and techniques containing explosives, utilizing their attributes for producing the desired effect including death or injury, causing damage to property and other protected values; an uncompleted munition, munition elements containing explosives, cartridge with explosives or incendiary shot and cartridges from caliber 20 mm inclusive are also considered as munition – except the pyrotechnic caliber 26,5 mm.

On NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2023 it is allowed to showcase firearms, fireworks, ammunition, forbidden firearm supplement, and munition in accordance with legislative SR of the following groups:

Group A

No shooting-able Firearm (DeF). It is a firearm that was temporarily modified in a manner that prohibits, with the use of proper munition, the shot and mechanism movement that could potentially threaten the health of visitors. It is performed e.g. by shortening the firing pin of its overhang (the length of protruding part of the firing pin from the top of the breech during started firing mechanism) or via removing the appropriate component; the components must not be situated in the assigned exhibition space. Weapons permanently situated in showcases are also considered such as locking of the chamber, trigger mechanism, or other part of the weapon that disables function of its mechanism. Where the stated technique is not suitable, the exhibitor him/herself suggests other techniques, and its' suitability is approved by the weapon inspector of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 in the technical project of the exhibitor. The exhibitor is responsible for preparing the firearms to be in no shooting-able condition and the execution of this act is verified by the weapon inspector of the fair. When referring to self-propelled propulsion, elimination of its' accidental startup drive even in case of manipulation by visitors must be secured on the exhibition place from opening till the end of exhibiting.

Degraded Firearm (DF). A degraded firearm is one that has been degraded in accordance with the legislation of the Slovak Republic (DECREE of SOSMT no. 516/2003 - EU 2015/2403), has the appropriate check mark and the exhibitor is obliged to have a valid verification of its degradation. It is not necessary to issue an import/export license for degraded firearms.

Firearm Cut (FC). Firearm cut has to conform to the legislation of the Slovak Republic (DECREE of SOSMT no. 516/2003), have the appropriate check mark, and the exhibitor is obliged to have a valid verification of the cut execution. It is not necessary to issue an import/export license for firearms degraded by cutting.

Deactivated Ammunition and deactivated cartridges (DA). Is ammo or cartridges that have been deactivated in accordance with the legislation of the Slovak Republic (DECREE of SOSMT no. 516/2003 - EU 2015/2403). It is not necessary to issue an import/export license for deactivated ammunition.

Expansion weapons produced from firearm category A, B, or C (Act no. 190/2003 Law Collection) must have a valid control sign and the exhibitor is to have a valid weapon passport.

Ammunition (munition) Scale Model. Ammunition identical in shape and measurements to original ammunition that does not contain explosives or other active filling including civil education ammunition or military school ammunition intended for training or course. It is not necessary to issue an import/export license for the ammunition scale model.

Ammunition (munition) Cut. Ammunition cut has to confirm by the legislation of the Slovak Republic (DECREE of SOSMT no. 516/2003). It is not necessary to issue an import/export license for ammunition cuts.

Education ammunition (EM). Belongs to the deactivated ammunition, which is by its specialized production and labeling designed for training in manipulation and firearm charging and its elements cannot be used for firing. School infantry munition (up to caliber 12,7 mm) is marked by dents on the cartridge. Bigger calibers are marked by red equilateral triangles and strickle. Other markings must be accompanied by a voucher or certificate.

Models (Mock-ups) of Military Equipment (ME–M). Models of military techniques, firearms, and munition are products that visually and dimensionally imitate the template product. Material from which the model is made as well as its´ internal organization must completely eliminate the conventional use of its´ template. It is not necessary to issue an import/export license for mock-ups.

In the case the degree of adaptation of the firearm or ammunition, firearm cut, ammunition cut, school munition, or models of military equipment does not answer to the above-stated requirements, it is necessary to move the exhibit into a group for which it is necessary to issue a license or remove completely from the NATO EOD D&T 2023 – in such cases the weapon inspector cooperates with the police department.

Group B

Specified products, whose possession is limited for safety reasons. Under the Act no.144/2013 Law Collection is aimed at products:

1. Firearm, its´ components and main part, ammunition which list is established by EU regulation no.258/2012.
2. Optical instrument.
3. Explosives for civil use. It is forbidden to showcase explosives on the NATO EOD D&T 2023.

4. Pyrotechnic article.
5. Apparatus for jamming electronic signals.

The exhibitor must have a valid license in case of transport of specified products, which possession is limited for safety reasons across the borders under Act no.144/2013 Law Collection.

Group C

Defense Related Products (DRP). DRP exhibitor must have a valid license in case of its' transport across borders under Act no. 392/2011 Law Collection. The defense-related product that contains degraded (with relevant documents) firearms, ammunition, military equipment, or equipment adapted for film purposes is classified as DRP – technique without equipment.

Group D

Military Equipment of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic and Armed Forces abroad - In accordance with the legislation of the Slovak Republic showcasing of such material subjected to the regulations of MoD of SR.

Group E

Firearms and ammunition are intended for practical demonstration. Practical demonstration of DRP, firearms, and cartridges. ammunition and forbidden firearm accessories that is not possible to demonstrate in the exhibition area must be organized by the very authorized exhibitor or in legal cooperation with the company that is qualified to do so, who are responsible for complex security within the designated area. Firearms intended for presentation with dummy ammunition are modified in such a way that it is not possible to shoot live ammunition from them. The responsibility for modifications, usage regime, and security of these firearms, ammunition, and pyrotechnic products falls on the exhibitor, who is obliged to draw up security measures in writing and graphic and submit them to the weapon inspector until **28th August 2023** for approval. Organizer of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 delegates the control right of such actions on the weapon inspector.

Group F

Pyrotechnic Products (PP). These are products that contain technologically processed pyrotechnic substances, and eventually, also a small amount of other types of explosives, aimed for technical purposes or entertainment, or celebration purposes. It is

possible to exhibit PP in accordance with the legislation of the Slovak Republic (Act no. 58/2014 Law Collection).

Group G

Explosive products (EP). Explosive products are products that are not considered ammunition (Act no. 58/2014 Law Collection). It is possible to exhibit EP in accordance with the legislation of the Slovak Republic (Act no. 58/2014 Law Collection).

Exhibitors' Obligations:

Firearms in expositions in the hall have to be placed in glassy, permanently locked, and sealed showcases. Alternatively, it is possible to place the firearms outside of the glassy showcases; however, in such cases, the firearms must be secured by steel chain or steel cable to a solid stand. Firearms from showcases or attached to the stand are only allowed to be handed to visitors for viewing under the supervision of the exhibitor or a person authorized by the exhibitor. During the opening hours of the NATO EOD D&T 2023, the permanent control of firearms must be secured by the exhibitor. After the end of the opening hours, the firearms remain locked in the showcases, and the firearms attached to the stand are stored in containers and locked in the lockable space of the exhibition stand for the whole night. Their physical security is secured by the organizer of the fair.

Firearms carried on a technique that are removable from the carriage, are thus removed from the technique for the night and locked in the stand or attached to the technique that must be locked and sealed and submitted for guarding.

Firearms set and techniques placed outside the exhibition hall that contains firearms must be locked for the night by the exhibitor, sealed, and passed by the protocol to the security service that will secure its' guard for the time outside the exhibition hours.

The next day the exhibitor takes back the exhibition from the security service. The security service takes the exposition closed, locked, and sealed and even puts on its own seal during acceptance.

The exhibitor is obliged to take all measures to secure their exposition. Handing of the exposition must be secured daily by the exhibitor within a maximum of 1 hour after the end of the opening hours and taking back of the exposition at least 1 hour before the commencement of the fair. During the time from taking back the exhibition place from security service to another hand over to security service, the exhibitor must have all the exhibits (particularly de-activated firearms) under constant surveillance. If renting a firearm

to a visitor, the exhibitor must undertake such measures to prevent injury by improper handling or alienation. When finding out about the thievery of the exhibit or property, the exhibitor is obliged to immediately inform the weapon inspector and security service.

Firearms can only be showcased in such conditions when the ammunition is not placed in the barrel, revolver cylinder chamber, ammo box, or container of the firearm.

For the purpose of securing firearms and ammunition against their abuse, loss, or theft during their showcasing, each exhibitor is obliged to keep a record of showcased firearms and ammunition in the following range of evidence – check the tables at the end of these regulations:

- location and duration of NATO EOD D&T 2023
- information on firearms – sort of firearm, brand, type, caliber, serial number,
- information on ammunition – type, brand, caliber and amount,
- sort, brand, type and serial number of forbidden firearm accessories that should be showcased,
- amount of showcased firearms and ammunition,
- information on owners of the showcased firearms, ammunition or forbidden firearm accessories in range – personal details of the owner; for natural person – entrepreneur a business name, business place and identification number; for legal person name, establishment and identification number,
- method of showcasing and securing the firearms and ammunition against their abuse, loss or theft.

Before the opening of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 the exhibitor must send all the stated information to the organizer, no later than **25th September 2023** by the mail tibor.hamar@eodcoe.org.

Before the start of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 the organizer, in cooperation with the weapon inspector of the exhibition, will check the accuracy of stated information with showcased exhibits and approve of them. Any changes in lists of showcased firearms and ammunition have to be written down and submitted to the organizer of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 by the exhibitor up to **10th October 2023**. Through the weapon inspector, the organizer of the fair will check the changes and approve of them. During the whole course of the fair, the exhibitor is obliged to substantiate the exhibits according to the legislation of the Slovak Republic and introduce documents and licenses to own such exhibits and manipulate with them to any possible control. Violation of the security rules may be

grounds for exclusion of the exhibitor from the fair.

Any transfer of firearms, pyrotechnic products, and ammunition outside of the allocated exhibition area must be discussed in advance with the organizer of the fair; the weapon inspector issues a written document on it. Control of the exhibited firearms and ammunition, their securing, and evidence is performed by Slovak police, customs authorities, and weapon inspector of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 as needed.

All functional, deactivated (in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the Slovak Republic) military techniques and equipment, defense-related products, firearms, and ammunition from abroad are subjected to the inspection regime of foreign trade and for its showcasing on NATO EOD D&T 2023 there must be import-export documents made. Organizer of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 suggests that foreign exhibitors discuss in advance these circumstances with authorities to avoid any problems in the country of dispatch.

On the NATO EOD D&T 2023, it is forbidden to showcase military techniques, firearms, and ammunition that are contrary to the Geneva Convention, thereafter those that contain explosive and incendiary substances and which weapon system is functional.

On the NATO EOD D&T 2023 are not suitable conditions for any presentations or negotiations with secret information. The extra security of the exposure, negotiations, and presentations containing a subject to research, patent, industrial property, etc. is possible to book with the organizer of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 until **25th September 2023** via email. All the participants of the NATO EOD D&T 2023 are required to undergo a screening where necessary.

After the end of the NATO EOD D&T 2023, the exhibitor is obliged to secure control and storage of the exhibited firearms, pyrotechnic products, ammunition, and munition into containers. Since that moment the exhibitor is responsible for the security of the exhibits. Exceptions can be discussed with the weapon inspector of the NATO EOD D&T 2023. Loading of the heavy equipment on the exhibition area during assembly and its disposal during disassembly of expositions is subject to the central schedule and fixed routes of the organizer, which the exhibitor is fully aware of and is obliged to follow these instructions for safety reasons above all.

I. Overview of the Exhibited Firearms

Personal details of the exhibitor: information on owners of the showcased firearms in the range – personal details of the owner; for a natural person – entrepreneur a business name, business place, and identification number; for legal person name, establishment, and identification number.

Ordinal number	Sort and type of the firearm	Template model	Caliber	Count	Serial numbers

II. Overview of the Exhibited Ammunition

Personal details of the exhibitor: information on owners of the showcased ammunition in range – personal details of the owner; for natural person – entrepreneur a business name, business place and identification number; for legal person name, establishment and identification number

Ordinal number	Type of ammunition	Ammunition producer brand	Template model	Caliber	Count

III. Overview of the Prohibited Firearms Accessories

Personal details of the exhibitor: information on owners of the prohibited firearms accessories in range – personal details of the owner; for a natural person – entrepreneur a business name, business place, and identification number; for legal person name, establishment, and identification number

Ordinal number	Type of prohibited firearm accessory	Accessory producer brand	Accessory type	Serial number	Count