

Directives for Showcasing Firearms, Pyrotechnic Products and Ammunition on the NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2025

Definitions

According to the legislation of the Slovak Republic:

Firearm is defined as a portable device that fires; is constructed or can be adapted in a way to fire a projectile and which 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 firearm. Thus airsoft gun, expansion devices, deactivated firearm, firearm cut, shot silencer, mechanical weapon whose tension force is greater than 150 N are all considered as firearms.

The main parts of the firearm are the barrel, the chamber, the insertion barrel, the revolver cylinder, breech, that 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. Ammunition component is a primer, powder charge or projectile that are used in firearms.

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

The munition is a complete equipment including parts of firearm systems and technique 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 2025 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 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 appropriate component; the components must not be situated in the assigned exhibition space. Weapons permanently situated in showcases is also considered such 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 technique and its' suitability is approved by the weapon inspector of the NATO EOD D&T 2025 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 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 and import/export license for firearms degraded by cutting.

Deactivated Ammunition and deactivated cartridges (DA). Is ammo or cartridges those 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 and import/export license for deactivated ammunition.

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

Ammunition (munition) Scale Model. Ammunition identical in shape and measurements with 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 and import/export license for 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 and import/export license for ammunition cut.

Education ammunition (EM). Belongs into 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 triangle and strickle. Other marking must be accompanied by voucher, certificate.

Models (Mock-ups) of Military Equipment (ME–M). Models of military technique, 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 and 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 group for which it is necessary to issue a license or remove completely from the NATO EOD D&T 2025 – in such cases the weapon inspector cooperates with 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 2025.

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 the 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 the 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 is showcasing of such material subjected to the regulations of MoD of SR.

Group E

Firearms and ammunition intended for practical demonstration. Practical demonstration of DRP, firearms, cartridges, ammunition and forbidden firearm accessories that is not possible to demonstrate on the exhibition area must be organized by the very authorized exhibitor or in legal cooperation with company who 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 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 2025** for approval. Organizer of the NATO EOD D&T 2025 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, eventually also 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 like 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 exhibitions in 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 opening hours of the NATO EOD D&T 2025, the permanent control of the 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 carriage, are thus removed from the technique for night and locked in the stand or attached to the technique that must be locked and sealed and submitted for guarding.

Firearms sets and technique place outside the exhibition hall that contain firearms must be locked for 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 in maximum 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 visitor, the exhibitor must undertake such measures to prevent injury by improper

handling or alienation. When finding about thievery of exhibit or property, the exhibitor is obliged to immediately inform the weapon inspector and security service.

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

For 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 following range of evidence – check the tables at the end of these regulations:

- location and duration of NATO EOD D&T 2025
- 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 2025 the exhibitor must send all the stated information to the organizer, no later than **28th August 2025** by the mail tibor.hamar@eodcoe.org.

Before the start of the NATO EOD D&T 2025 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 2025 by the exhibitor up to **6th October 2025**. 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 the 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 2025 as needed.

All functional, deactivated (in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the Slovak Republic) military technique 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 2025 there must be import-export documents made. Organizer of the NATO EOD D&T 2025 suggests the foreign exhibitors to discuss in advance these circumstances with authorities to avoid any problems in country of dispatch.

On the NATO EOD D&T 2025 it is forbidden to showcase military technique, 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 2025 are not suitable conditions for any presentations or negotiations with secret information. Extra security of the exposure, negotiations, 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 22nd September 2025 via email. All the participants of the NATO EOD D&T 2025 are required to undergo a screening where necessary.

After the end of the NATO EOD D&T 2025, 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 2025. Loading of the heavy equipment on the exhibition area during assembly and its disposal during disassembly of expositions is a subject to 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 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	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 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