

CANADIAN SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION / CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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EXPLOSIVES ACT UPDATE – GOOD NEWS FOR HANDLOADERS

After eight years of consultation and development with Natural Resources Canada, CSSA/CILA are pleased to announce the introduction of new draft regulations for the storage and acquisition of handloading components and ammunition. These regulations apply specifically to combustible ammunition components regulated under the Explosives Act. We believe these new regulations will allow greater freedoms to handloaders without presenting significant restrictions for others.

CSSA/CILA were one of the principal organizations responsible for this progressive step forward for handloaders in Canada. A brief summary of the new proposals is shown below. To view the entire document, go to the CSSA website (www.cdnshootingsports.org).

Propellants:

Current Storage Limit – 10 kg

Proposed Storage Limit (single dwelling unit) - 25 kg propellant of which no more than 10 kg may be black powder + 75 kg in separate storage outside of dwelling with no separation distance

Proposed Storage Limit (multi-dwelling unit) – 5 kg of smokeless or 20 kg smokeless in containers of 1kg or less, 2 kg black powder in bulk in containers of 500 g or less and 3 kg in cartouches and bulk

Primers/Percussion Caps:

Current Storage Limit – “a reasonable quantity” (reasonable is up to the Judge)

Proposed Storage Limit – Unlimited in original packaging – up to 150 "stored" in loading equipment

Ammunition:

Current Storage Limit – “a reasonable quantity” (reasonable is up to the Judge)

Proposed Storage Limit – 225 kg NEQ, i.e., **propellant** loaded into cartridges*

Acquisition:

Current – name and address provided at point of sale

Proposed – POL or PAL number (only) required OR name and address recorded for two years

Businesses:

Ammunition: Storage limits for sale – no change (225 kg NEQ)

Propellant: no change (12 kg propellant)**

Primers/Percussion Caps: 10,000 primers for display, unlimited storage if kept in their original packaging

** sellers must enroll on the seller's list

** More can be stored with a license (quantities would depend on the license).

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These regulation are currently posted on the NRCan website and will be published in the Canada Gazette early 2010.

We believe these regulations represent a significant advancement for handloaders and we respectfully request you support them. These regulations represent the fruit of eight years labour on your behalf by CILA/CSSA through many face to face meetings and countless phone and email communications. We were delighted to discover that the personnel at NRCan (Explosives Branch) were very professional, cooperative and sympathetic to the needs of firearms owners.