

Council Directive of 18 June 1991 on control of the
acquisition and possession of weapons (91/477/EEC)

CHAPTER 1

Scope

- Article 1 (1) For the purposes of this Directive ‘weapons’ and ‘firearms’...
Article 2 (1) This Directive is without prejudice to the application of...
Article 3 Member States may adopt in their legislation provisions which
are...

CHAPTER 2

Harmonization of legislation concerning firearms

- Article 4 At least in respect of categories A and B, each...
Article 5 Without prejudice to Article 3, Member States shall allow the...
Article 6 Member States shall take all appropriate steps to prohibit the...
Article 7 (1) No one may acquire a firearm classified in category...
Article 8 (1) No one may be in possession of a firearm...
Article 9 (1) The handing over of a firearm classified in category...
Article 10 The arrangements for the acquisition and possession of
ammunition shall...

CHAPTER 3

Formalities for the movement of weapons within the Community

- Article 11 (1) Firearms may, without prejudice to Article 12, be
transferred...
Article 12 (1) If the procedure provided for in Article 11 is...
Article 13 (1) Each Member State shall communicate all useful information
at...
Article 14 Member States shall adopt all relevant provisions prohibiting
entry into...

CHAPTER 4

Final provisions

- Article 15 (1) Member States shall intensify controls on the possession of...
Article 16 Member States shall introduce penalties for failure to comply
with...
Article 17 Within five years from the date of transposition of this...
Article 18 Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and...
Article 19 This Directive is addressed to the Member States.
Signature

ANNEX I

For the purposes of this Directive, 'weapon' means: any firearm...

ANNEX II

EUROPEAN FIREARMS PASS

The pass must include the following sections:
identity of the holder; identification of the weapon or firearm,...

- (1) OJ No C 235, 1. 9. 1987, p. 8 and
OJ No C 299, 28. 11. 1989, p. 6.
- (2) OJ No C 231, 17. 9. 1990, p. 69 and
OJ No C 158, 17. 6. 1991, p. 89.
- (3) OJ No C 35, 8. 2. 1988, p. 5.