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Picture of Bennie Bates on Unplash



Legal insights

Decree of the Walloon Region relating to the conservation of nature

Publication : 18.11.24 ; Entry into force : 28.11.24 - [FR](#)

💡 "In nature reserves and underground cavities of scientific interest, it is prohibited:

1° to kill, **hunt**, fish, trap, destroy or disturb, in any way, animals, their young, their eggs, their nests or their burrows;

(...) 3° to **carry a weapon**, a capture device, a cutting or extraction tool, outside public roads"

U.S Fish & Wildlife Services - Final rule

06.11.24 - [EN](#)

💡 Twelve national wildlife refuges, managed by the Service, are opening and expanding the opportunities for hunting and fishing.

With this final rule, Canaan Valley NWR in West Virginia will however require lead-free ammunition for all hunting on the new Big Cove Unit. Additionally, Des Lacs, J. Clark Salyer, Lostwood, and Upper Souris NWRs in North Dakota will require lead-free ammunition for newly opened elk hunting. While the Service continues to evaluate the future of lead use in hunting and fishing on Service lands and waters, this rulemaking does not include any opportunities that increase or authorize the new use of lead.

Recast proposal - Regulation 258/2012 - Import, export and transit measures for firearms, their essential components and ammunition

29.11.24 - [EN](#)

Context: Regulation 258/2012 implements the UN Protocol on illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms and aims to regulate **trade flows between EU Member States and non-EU countries**.

Status: Corrigendum adopted by the EU Parliament - awaiting Council's approval

- Wider scope: 'listed goods' would mean firearms, essential components, ammunition, alarm and signal weapons, deactivated firearms, semi-finished firearms, semi-finished essential components and sound moderators

- "only duly **licensed dealers and brokers** should be authorised to import **semi-finished firearms and semi-finished essential components**"

- semi-finished firearms: firearms that are not ready for direct use and have the approximate shape or outline of the corresponding finished firearms, and which can be used, other than in exceptional cases, only for completion into those finished firearms ;

- semi-finished essential components: essential components that are not ready for direct use and have the approximate shape or outline of the corresponding finished essential components, and which can be used, other than in exceptional cases, only for completion into those finished essential components

- dealer: any natural or legal person whose trade or business consists wholly or partly of either of the following: (a) the manufacture, trade, exchange, hiring out, repair, modification or conversion of firearms or essential components; (b) the manufacture, trade, exchange, modification or conversion of ammunition;

- broker: means any natural or legal person, other than a dealer, whose trade or business consists wholly or partly of either of the following: (a) the negotiation or arrangement of transactions for the purchase, sale or supply of firearms, essential components or ammunition; (b) arranging the transfer of firearms, essential components or ammunition within a Member State, from one Member State to another Member State, from a Member State to a third country or from a third country to a Member State.

Industry

15.11.24 - **FN Browning Group** and **Sofisport Group** enters into exclusive negotiations for the acquisition of Sofisport Group - [FR](#)

- FN Browning Group currently has two divisions (Security & Defense with FN and Noptel ; Hunting & Sport Shooting with Browning and Winchester) - it counts more than 3000 employees and 7 production sites across the world.
- Sofisport Group is the global leader in hunting and sport shooting cartridges (with brands such as Nobel Sport, Cheddite, Eley etc.) - it counts around 1000 employees and 15 sites across the world.

20.11.24 - **Sig Sauer** - Will appeal verdict in Abrahams vs. Sig Sauer - [EN](#)

- Relates to an accident that occurred with the P320 pistol
- Sig Sauer strongly disagree with the verdict in this unintended discharge (i.e. moment a firearm expels a round through the barrel) lawsuit

29.11.24 - **RUAG** - Contractual closing of the acquisition of RUAG International's Lithography Division by **ZEISS SMT** - [EN](#)



Market insights

21.11.24 - **Colt CZ Group** - Increased revenues by 51,1% in the first nine months of 2024 - [EN](#)

- due to both the organic growth and the consolidation of Sellier & Bellot ;
- the growth was recorded mainly in Europe including the Czech Republic and also in the USA

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28.11.24 - **Banc d'épreuve de Saint-Etienne (France)**

- 💡 Update of the firearms' reception process - [here](#)
- 💡 Update of the re-testing process - [here](#)
- 💡 Update of the fees (3.5% in general) - [here](#)