

GEN 1.4 MERCI IN ENTRATA, TRANSITO E PARTENZA
ENTRY, TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF CARGO

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6 WEAPONS AND AMMUNITIONS

Import, export and transit of common weapons, ammunitions and explosives other than those for military use, must be authorized by Police authorities.

6.1 Authorization is granted by the competent authority of the Interior Department

Import of common firearms not registered in the National Catalogue of weapons cannot be authorized.

Customs undertake the forwarding of weapons after nationalization, at the expense of the importer to the "Banco Nazionale di Prova" (National Test Stand) in Gardone Valrompia (Brescia), of section thereof, for the relevant punching. Such operation is not needed when punching has already been applied by Test Stands officially recognized by virtue of an international agreement.

Should the firearms fail the test or be found not registered or not in conformity, the importer shall return the firearms within thirty days to the Customs Authority which carried out the nationalization, for the forwarding abroad, otherwise such firearms will be considered relinquished.

To import in the State any kind of explosives a previous licence granted by the Interior Department is needed, such authorization is also necessary for exportation.

To qualify the explosives for approval, they have to be already recognized and classified by the above Department. Such regulations do not apply when the explosives are in transit, in this case it is only required the authorization of the Prefect of the gateway Province of the State.

6.2 Hunting arms

- 1) Passengers wishing to carry hunting arms and ammunition must make a statement to the Pilot-Command of the aircraft and to the authorities of the airport (Police and Customs) before leaving the Italian territory, specifying also the number of cartridges transported. A similar statement must be made upon arrival.
- 2) Arms must be discharged and taken in pieces and such pieces must be properly packed so that they cannot be used during the flight.
- 3) Furthermore passengers must hold a licence to carry arms issued by the Italian authorities of Police.

6.3 Temporary import and export of arms for hunting

For temporary import of hunting arms and ammunition (200 cartridges), and for their transport to exercise the hunting activity - for a period not exceeding 90 days - it is sufficient a statement issued by Italian Diplomatic or Consular representative of departing country, visaed for confirmation by the border Police authorities.

This statement must report all characteristics of the imported arms as well as personal data of the owner.

The 90 days validity runs from the date of visa on the statement by the border Police authorities. This type of visa is equivalent to game and gun licence. For export purposes a licence issued by the Police authorities is required which can also authorize the reimport of the above mentioned arms.

6.4 Temporary import and export of arms and ammunition carried by sportsmen participating to shooting and target practice matches

Import and export of arms and ammunition by foreign sportsmen is allowed by submission of a statement issued by the "Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo" or the "Unione Italiana Tiro a Segno" visaed for confirmation by the border Police.

6.5 Carriage of weapons in aircraft cabin

Passengers departing from airports located on the Italian territory are subject to declare to the Airport Police Office any weapons or ammunition that they lawfully carry on the person or in their hand baggage, in order to hand such items to the Captain.

When arriving from abroad, or transiting in Italian airports, passengers are as well subject to hand to the Captain any weapons and/or ammunition they carry on or in their hand baggage and to declare to the Captain any weapons and/or ammunition contained in the checked baggage.

The Captain, upon arrival, shall promptly inform the Frontier Police Office accordingly (Law NR. 694 of 23.12.1977).