

Dear exhibitors at IWA OutdoorClassics,

Arms are the most important product segment at the IWA OutdoorClassics trade fair. The presentation of arms requires special attention and consideration due to existing legal regulations as well as the conditions stipulated in the conditions of participation of the trade fair. With your registration, you as an exhibitor have undertaken to unconditionally recognize and observe the legal provisions relating to weapons that apply at the trade fair location as well as the conditions stipulated in the conditions of participation.

In the event of non-compliance despite a warning, the organizer is entitled to exclude you as an exhibitor from the current and the next IWA OutdoorClassics. Therefore, please be sure to observe the following instructions and information in your own interest and note that violations of applicable arms regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany are punishable by criminal prosecution.

Please also note that new or amended provisions in German weapons law have been in force since September 1, 2020 and must be urgently observed when applying for the exemption permits for IWA OutdoorClassics 2024 or for import and export.

ADMISSIBLE EXHIBITS:

- ▶ **Arms and products** that agree with the specified nomenclature and the theme of IWA OutdoorClassics as a trade fair for classic outdoor activities, security and law enforcement. In case of doubt, the exhibition management decides on the admissibility of a product in consultation with the exhibition committee and the sponsors of IWA OutdoorClassics.
- ▶ **Airsoft guns** that resemble **fully automatic military weapons**:
 - max. 1 model of each of these guns may be displayed,
 - **these guns are limited overall to not more than 20% of the total number of airsoft guns presented on the stand at IWA OutdoorClassics, and**
 - the models may not be shown as fully automatic versions.Fully automatic guns with an initial energy exceeding 0.5 joule are **prohibited** under German firearms law and must **not** be exhibited!
- ▶ **“Prohibited arms and articles” (as per German Firearms Act)**
Presentation is only possible if in possession of relevant special permission from the Federal Criminal Investigation Office – see further information at „application for exemption“.

It is expressly pointed out that

- lamps specifically designed for mounting on firearms,
- lamps (usually torches) associated with a suitable device for mounting them on guns and
- separate devices for mounting of lamps on guns

are **prohibited** by the German Firearms Act and require the approval of the Federal Criminal Investigation Office. This is also valid for their production, import and holding.

It is irrelevant whether or not such a device and/or lamp is already mounted on a gun. The type of gun on which the device and/or lamp is to be mounted is also irrelevant, i.e. the ban not only applies to firearms requiring a licence, but also to airguns, spring-operated guns, CO2 guns and airsoft guns.



In the course of this, please urgently note the new or amended provisions in German weapons law since September 1, 2020:

Night vision scopes and attachments for mounting on an existing scope remain prohibited as independent devices in Germany, although scopes and attachments may now exceptionally be used for hunting purposes in Germany. Therefore, an exemption from the BKA is still required for their import and export as well as for the exhibition!

Special magazines for firearms as well as special firearms with built-in magazine are prohibited items in Germany since September 1, 2020 as well now and require for the exhibition at IWA as well as for the import and export an exception permit of the Federal Criminal Police Office BKA.

These are:

- interchangeable magazines for semi-automatic handguns (total length up to 60 cm/23.6"), that can hold more than 20 cartridges of central fire ammunition,
- interchangeable magazines for semi-automatic long firearms (total length over 60 cm/23.6"), that can hold more than ten cartridges of central fire ammunition,
- purely the magazine housings for these interchangeable magazines,
- semi-automatic handguns for central fire ammunition, which have a built-in magazine with a capacity of more than 20 cartridges and
- semi-automatic long guns for central fire ammunition, which have a built-in magazine with a capacity of more than ten cartridges.

Please note the following amended or rewritten regulations in the German weapon law.

In this respect, we expressly draw your attention to the following:

Essential parts of firearms

The legally „essential parts of firearms“ as well as silencers are, as before under German law, equal to the firearms for which they are intended.

The „essential parts“ are

- the barrel,
- the cartridge chamber, if it is not already part of the barrel,
- the breech lock,
- the housing and
- the frame or other parts of the gun, provided they are intended to accommodate the trigger mechanism.

New here is that in the case of a separable breech, both the breech head and the breech carrier are „essential parts“ and if the weapon housing consists of an upper and a lower housing part / receiver (example: semi-auto long guns in M16/AR-15 style), both parts are „essential parts“.

These innovations are important because certain weapon parts that are now legally considered „essential parts“ and were previously not subject to authorization, are now to be treated as firearms requiring authorization with regard to registration and transport.

INADMISSIBLE EXHIBITS:

- ▶ Military weapons and items as defined by the Military Weapons Control Act (German KrWaffKontrG) (This also covers the presentation of military weapons and items in brochures, films or similar that can result in contract transactions).
- ▶ Parts of military weapons and items (example: hand grenade dummies) rendered unusable.
- ▶ Fully automatic firearms that are not military weapons, including non-essential weapon parts of fully automatic firearms, such as upper parts of cases, lower parts of cases, etc. (firearms for this purpose also include fully automatic airsoft, CO2, air or other kinds of spring-operated guns with an initial energy exceeding 0.5 joule as listed above).
- ▶ Any firearms rendered unusable (in particular also originally fully automatic firearms and weapons of war!) and originally functional that have been converted to decorative weapons and salute weapons. Due to new legal regulations for the conversion of firearms to decorative weapons, target devices etc. may no longer be mounted on firearms that have been rendered unusable for demonstration purposes. Plastic replicas shall be used instead.

IMPORTANT: PREVENTION OF THEFT, GUN SECURITY

Please note that suitable measures must be implemented to protect arms against theft and unauthorized access at all times of the day and night. The presentation of arms is to be arranged to allow observation by stand personnel at all times.

Valuable goods and especially arms requiring licences under German firearms law must be kept locked away at night.

It is expressly pointed out that particularly products requiring licenses (e.g. guns and ammunition) must be protected against theft 24 hours a day. Recognizable dummy ammunition is not to be secured. Firearms requiring licences **must** be mechanically secured with steel cables (this kind of protection must also be used for guns in showcases or similar). The actual steel cables, chains or other suitable fasteners (if necessary with plastic sheath) and **not** just the plastic connecting pieces (e.g. cable binders) must be connected to the gun. Alternative security measures can also be approved after checking with the IWA management. In the case of display cases that cannot be opened by simple means (e.g. universal key) or that have acoustic security, additional security within the display cases can be dispensed with. The permanent presence of stand staff is no substitute for mechanical locking devices.

Please note that all firearms requiring a license under German firearms law must be properly secured by Wednesday, 28.2.2024, 20:00 o'clock. In case of inadequate security the organizer reserves the right to charge the costs incurred to the exhibitor.

NOMINATION OF A STAND MANAGER

Each exhibitor presenting products requiring a permit (e.g. firearms and ammunition) on the stand must mandatorily name a responsible person and, if applicable, a deputy responsible person to the event management prior to the trade fair. Please submit this information using the „stand security manager“ form.

The stand responsible person is responsible for securing weapons under the above specifications at the stand (for both the direct exhibitor and the co-exhibitor) and must be present at the stand at all times during set-up, running time and dismantling if the products are not yet or no longer secured in accordance with the regulations.

The deputy stand manager may only take over the above-mentioned tasks for a short period of time.

The data of the stand supervisor and the deputy stand supervisor will be used exclusively for accessibility during set-up, the trade fair runtime and dismantling by the event management and the local technical authorities.

DIRECT SELLING

The delivery or handing over of exhibits (direct selling) is prohibited. In the event of contravention of this rule in spite of a warning being given, the organizer shall be entitled to exclude the exhibitor concerned from the current and next IWA OutdoorClassics. It is emphasized that the direct sale, delivery or handling (also as gifts or loan) of guns, ammunition and cut and thrust weapons is not only a violation of the Conditions for Participation in IWA OutdoorClassics, but also constitutes an offence against the applicable statutory firearms regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany (§ 52 Clause 1 No. 3 of German Firearms Act) and must be punished by penal prosecution.

STORAGE OF EMPTY PACKAGING DURING THE EXHIBITION

Please note that it is strictly prohibited to pack guns and/or gun parts in the empty packaging material stored during the exhibition.