

# Scottish Target Shooting

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Dear Mr Hilder,

I am the Honorary Secretary of the Scottish Target Shooting Federation, which is the governing body for target shooting in Scotland.

I was most concerned to hear that in the latest draft of the United Nations Conventional Arms Trade Treaty, the exemptions for sporting arms and antiques no longer appear. It is essential that these exemptions should be reinstated, so that sporting firearms (i.e. firearms used for target shooting and hunting etc) are exempt from the UN Treaty. Otherwise, it would be even more difficult for target and sporting shooters to take their personal firearms outside the EU. The additional bureaucracy involved would be quite unnecessary, especially on top of the already extensive controls placed on international travel by airlines etc. (I presume that the UN Treaty is not intended to restrict the legitimate use of target and sporting firearms, but rather to place controls on the spread of weaponry to conflict zones etc.)

It would also be appropriate to exclude all temporary exports and re-imports of firearms from the proposed UN Treaty where there is no change in ownership.

As noted above, antique firearms (as defined in the UN Vienna Firearms Protocol) should also be excluded from the ambit of the Treaty.

Yours sincerely,

Honorary Secretary, STSF



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