

1. Purpose

This procedure governs the transportation of firearms and/or ammunition by passengers in departures/arrival/transit.

2. Regulatory Framework

- PNS ed. 2, amendment 1
- Law 694/74

3. General Terms and Conditions of Agreement

All firearms and/or ammunition must be declared by the carrier and weapons must be unloaded. Firearms and/or ammunition may be admitted for transport as checked-in luggage, which cannot be accessed by passengers during the flight (except in the event of a specific exemption by the Authority).

Ammunition must not exceed 5 kilograms in gross weight and must be firmly secured (inside the container, the cartridges must be protected against impact and movement, so that they cannot accidentally detonate).

The outside of the container must state the text — **MUNIZIONI-AMMUNITION** or **—ARMA-WEAPON**.

Loose ammunition shall not be accepted and must not be placed in checked-in luggage.

In the event that suspicious situations are detected, the GPG shall immediately report them to the Border Police and to the Aeroporti di Roma Security Manager.

4. Transportation of Weapons and/or Ammunition in Departures

For the temporary and/or definitive export of weapons and ammunition, passengers must:

- a) Be in possession of the authorisation of the competent police authority in their province of residence.
- b) Comply with the legally-required customs obligations.
- c) Renounce and hand over the weapons/ammunition, in a suitable container, to the Border Police department at the terminal of reference, prior to the carrier's acceptance.
- d) Fill in three copies of the special form "declaration for the transportation of weapons and/or ammunition as checked-in luggage" and ensure it is signed by the Entities concerned (please see the appended form) obtaining the transit authorisation visa.
- e) The State Police shall hand over the weapon and/or ammunition to a GPG of an authorised security company, which shall ensure its appropriate escort and custody.
- f) The GPG shall go to check in with the passenger, in order to perform the acceptance and labelling of the weapon and/or ammunition to be loaded on board.
- g) The GPG shall accompany the weapon or ammunition on board the relevant flight, taking the shortest route to the aircraft.
- h) The ramp agent shall stow the weapon in the constant presence of an unarmed GPG.
- i) The GPG shall ensure, in the case of weapons/ammunition with hold luggage by communicating with the cabin, that the weapons or ammunition are placed under other luggage.
- j) On completion of the luggage stowing procedures, the GPG shall remain on board until the hold luggage doors are closed and the brakes are removed from the aircraft wheels.
- k) The CNA and baggage handlers shall keep the documentation relating to the flight with which the arms are transported for at least 60 days, for the purpose of any consultation by the competent authorities.
- l) In the event of failure to load the weapons with hold luggage, at the time of boarding and departure of the passenger, the company n/a shall, via the GPG, hand the weapons over to the Police.

5. Transportation of Weapons and/or Ammunition In Arrival

In the case of weapons and/or ammunition in arrival:

- a) the carrier shall alert the escort service that shall send a GPG on board to be present at the procedure of opening the hold baggage doors;
- b) the GPG shall oversee all luggage unloading movements until the container with the weapon and/or ammunition is identified, immediately taking it into his/her possession;
- c) the GPG shall then go to the Border Police Department, where he/she shall hand over the container with the weapon and/or ammunition, in the same conditions in which it was collected;
- d) The Police Department, having completed the relevant documentary checks, shall hand the weapon and/or ammunition back to its lawful owner.
- e) In the case of non-Schengen flights, passengers, once completed the required validations, shall go to Customs for the required procedures.

N.B.: in no case shall the escort activities, under the responsibility of the GPG, be interrupted, leaving the items entrusted to him/her unattended.

6. Transportation of Weapons and/or Ammunition In Direct Transit

In the case of a weapon reported on board an aircraft in direct transit:

- a) the GPG must be present on board for the entire transit time, in order to ensure the appropriate custody of the weapon.
- b) If, for technical reasons, direct transit is not guaranteed, the weapon must be handed over by the GPG to the Police Department, which shall inform Customs, for the adoption of the relevant customs procedures.

7. Transportation of Weapons and/or Ammunition In Indirect Transit

In the case of a weapon reported on arrival in indirect transit (aircraft change):

- a) the GPG must be on board from the time the arriving aircraft enters the parking area.
- b) The GPG shall take the weapon and transport it on board the departing aircraft. In the event the aircraft's departure is delayed, the GPG hand the weapon over to the Police and, at the time of the aircraft's departure, the GPG shall take the weapon and transport it on board, ensuring it is stowed in his/her constant presence.
- c) In the event that escort services for the weapon on arrival and departure are carried out by different security companies, for "short-connection" transits, an agreement shall be made between the aforementioned companies regarding the place where the weapon is to be handed over. For "long-connection" transits, the weapon shall be handed over on arrival to the Police Department at arrivals in the terminal of reference, until it is handed over to the security company providing for the escort of the weapon/ammunition on board in departures.

In the case of **Rush** weapons and/or ammunition, the GPG shall take them into custody and will hand them over in the shortest time and using the shortest route possible to the Border Police Department.

8. Exemptions

The transportation of weapons in the aircraft cabin is permitted for the items specified by Law 694/74.

**DECLARATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS
AND/OR AMMUNITION AS CHECKED-IN LUGGAGE**

The undersigned _____ born in _____ residing in _____ via/street _____
 _____ no. _____
 identity document _____ no. _____ issued by _____
 passenger on flight _____ of _____ from _____
 to _____

Bearing Weapons Licence no. _____

hereby declares, pursuant to Law 694/74 of the Italian Republic, to be in possession of:

WEAPONS	AMMUNITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> for hunting <input type="radio"/> sports <input type="radio"/> _____ <p align="center">of which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> shotguns (no. _____) <input type="radio"/> rifles (no. _____) <input type="radio"/> automatic guns (no. _____) <input type="radio"/> barrel guns (no. _____) <input type="radio"/> _____ (no. _____) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> cartridges with metallic case (_ kg) <input type="radio"/> cartridges with non-metallic case (_ kg) <p align="center">ALSO HEREBY DECLARES THAT</p> <p>The cartridges referred to above are non-flare and do not contain explosive or incendiary bullets</p> <p>Ammunition does not exceed 5 kg. By the neck and are packed in containers made of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> metal <input type="radio"/> wood <input type="radio"/> _____ <p>Shock and fire resistant, equipped with a safety closure and bearing the text - Ammunition on the outside.</p> <p>The ammunition is protected against shock and movements so that it cannot accidentally detonate.</p>
<p>ALSO HEREBY DECLARES THAT Breechblock-free (set apart), its disassembly being impossible. Duly protected and packed in sealed containers, the outside of which states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> the weapons are fully unloaded and dismantled <input type="radio"/> the text —ARMI-WEAPONSII <input type="radio"/> _____ 	

WARNING: If the destination is in Italy, the weapons and ammunition shall be handed over by the Airport Police Department, after submitting this form.

If, during the journey, there is a connection:

- from an international flight to a national flight, or
- from a national flight to an international flight, or
- from an international flight to another international flight

the passenger is advised to contact the cross-border airport staff for information regarding the customs and/or police procedures governing the export, import or transit of weapons. In this regard, it should be noted that, in many States, including Italy:

- the customs clearance of weapons on arrival must be carried out in the first national airport, even if the passenger's luggage is labelled for another destination

within the country;

- **the export procedures must be carried out at the final national airport, even if the passenger has boarded at another airport and his/her luggage has been labelled for the foreign destination.**

The undersigned hereby declares that he/she is aware of the regulations in force in the countries of departure, transit and destination, as regards the carriage, transportation and customs clearance of weapons and ammunition and that he/she is in possession of the necessary licences and permits required in the respective countries, in relation to the journey travelled.

(date)

(time)

(signature of the passenger)

(signature of the carrier/handler)

VISA FOR BORDER POLICE CONTROL

1st COPY – for the Airport Departures Police Department

2nd COPY – for the airport departures managers

3rd COPY – to be attached to the passenger's ticket