

Dear Mr. Monks,

You can find my answers to your questions below in green.

Kind regards,

Verzonden: donderdag 25 maart 2021 18:41

Onderwerp: RE: Import and export of Weapons

Thank you for your response. As I am trying to get information for all of Belgium I have also asked your colleagues in the Walloon Region the same questions I asked you.

Two questions based on your email:

1. Is there a specific date at which point firearms need not be licensed? **No license is required for firearms of historical value with black powder cartridges and when the model or certificate dates from before 1890 and the manufacturing from before 1945.**
2. Could individual units within the Association or the organisers in Belgium co-ordinate licensing directly with your Office? **Yes, the organiser will act as the representative of the individuals within the Association who wish to attend the event in Flanders and will be the contact with our service for the license application.**

Once again many thanks for your speedy response to my email.

Stay safe.

Regards.

Martyn

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Sent: 24 March 2021 16:45

Subject: RE: Import and export of Weapons

Dear Mr. Monks,

Thank you for your e-mail.

Firstly, it is important to determine which government is the competent authority for the control of the import. We are the competent authority for the import of weapons into the Flemish region of Belgium, in this case for an event that takes place in the Flemish region. If the event takes place in Waterloo, which is located in the Walloon region of Belgium, we advise you to contact our colleagues in the Walloon Region

(https://economie.wallonie.be/Licences_armes/contacts/Contacts.html).

Regarding the requirement of an import license for the import into the Flemish region, it is actually the other way round: the modern reproduction firearms require a license while original antique weapons do not require a license. For the import of modern reproduction firearms, the organizer of the event acts as the representative of all associations that would attend the event for the submission of the license application. This means that the Napoleonic Association will have to provide the organizer with all the details of the weapons that will be imported for the purpose of the event (category, type, make, model, calibre and serial number) and the details of the owner of the weapon (or bearer/user).

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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Onderwerp: Import and export of Weapons

Dear Sir,

The Napoleonic Association is the main Napoleonic Re-enactment organisation in the UK. Many of our members attend events in Belgium at the invitation of local Authorities such as Waterloo.

I have been informed by SPF Finances of the Belgian Federal Ministry of Finance that whilst modern reproduction firearms do not need licensing in Belgium original firearms do. Some of our members do use original antique weapons of the Napoleonic period at events. What would the process be for these original antique weapons to be licensed for events?

Many thanks.

Stay safe.

Regards.

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