

To: Maryland Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL)
From: Harold F. Brown, Acting Section Chief, FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division's
National Instant Background Check System (NICS) Section *HAB*
CC: Maryland State Police
Date: January 8, 2014
RE: Background Checks for Pawn Redemptions and Consignments of Hand Guns

The NICS Section will begin processing background checks for handgun pawn redemptions and for the return of a handgun on consignment to the original owner for FFLs in the state of Maryland on January 8, 2014, until further notice. Please be advised the NICS Section will only process regulated firearm background checks for these two purposes.

While conducting a background check for pawn redemption or a return to seller consignment on a regulated firearm through the NICS Section, the FFL is required to specify to the NICS Contracted Call Center's customer service representative the type of transaction being requested. When conducting a firearm background check via the NICS E-Check, you are required to choose "Redemption of Handgun" for a pawn redemption on a regulated firearm. For a return to seller consignment transaction on a regulated firearm, you are required to choose "Private Sale Return to Seller of Handgun."

Please be advised, the category for pawn redemptions of regulated firearms is specifically for individuals attempting to redeem a previously pawned regulated firearm. The category for return to seller consignment is specifically for FFLs returning a regulated firearm currently on consignment to the original owner.

FFLs are reminded that their signature on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Form 4473 certifies that the information is true, correct, and complete. Knowingly providing false information is a prosecutable offense. Findings of misuse of the NICS will be referred to the ATF.

Please note the NICS Section will be evaluating point of contact state's access, in particular partial POCs, of the NICS to determine if access purposes coincide with original agreements with the states, how they may differ, and what process we may need to follow to ensure consistency and uninterrupted service in the future.

Please refer questions to Kimberly Brown, NICS Liaison Specialist, at (304) 625-7387 or via e-mail <kimberly.brown@ic.fbi.gov>; or Karey Kirkpatrick, NICS Liaison Specialist, at (304) 625-7361 or via e-mail <karey.kirkpatrick@ic.fbi.gov>; or Corporal Jason Edwards, Maryland State Police Licensing Division, at (410) 653-4508 or via e-mail <Jason.edwards@maryland.gov>; or ATF Baltimore Industry Operations at (443) 965-2120.