

1. Purpose

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

2. Regulatory framework

- PNS
- Law No. 694 of 23 December 1974 “Regulations for carrying weapons on board aircrafts.”

3. General Terms and Conditions of Agreement

All firearms and/or ammunition must be declared by the airline with which you intend to travel at the time of booking, they must be separated from each other, unloaded and placed in rigid and closed cases. 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

4.1. 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. Denounce and hand over the weapons/ammunition, in a suitable container and with the necessary documentation for the physical (on the firearms and/or ammunition) and documentation checks, 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:
 - one copy remains on file at the Border Police department;
 - one copy with the authorised visa from the Border Police must be handed in at the check in desk for the air carrier;

- one copy, with the authorised visa for transportation, to attach to the ticket, is kept by the passenger who will use it at the destination airport to collect the weapon and/or ammunition from the Border Police department present at the national airport of their arrival or foreign airports according to local provisions (Article 1, paragraph 3, of Law No. 694 of 23 December 1974).

The checks required to be carried out:

- a) Border Police staff request the airport operator to send a special security guard (GPG) from the security company in charge, to whom the package containing the weapon and/or ammunition is handed over, and who shall ensure its appropriate escort and custody.
- b) 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 taken on board as checked-in luggage.
- c) The GPG shall accompany the weapon or ammunition on board the relevant flight, taking the most suitable route to the aircraft.
- d) The ramp agent shall stow the package containing the weapon and/or ammunition in the constant presence of an unarmed GPG, and under the following conditions:
 - these containers shall be placed on top of any other luggage so that they are readily identifiable when the hold is opened and can be promptly taken over by escort staff on behalf of the carrier;
 - the airline concerned must be informed, who must then inform the captain of the aircraft.

In the event that an aircraft whose structural configurations do not provide for separate holds from the passenger cabin, the containers must be placed below any other luggage so that the latter prevents immediate access.

- e) Once the stowage operations have been completed, the GPG remains on board until the hold luggage doors are closed and the chocks are removed from the aircraft wheels.
- f) The CNA and baggage handlers shall keep the documentation relation to the flight with which the arms are transported for 60 days, for the purpose of any consultation by the competent authorities.
- g) In the event of failure to load the weapons, at the time of boarding and departure of the passenger, the airline shall, via the GPG, hand the weapons over to the Police.

4.2. In Arrival

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

- a) The carrier shall notify, in advance and in writing, the airport operator of the escort service, which shall send a GPG underneath the aircraft to be present at the procedure of opening the cargo hold hatches.
- b) When the holds are accessible, the GPG will check 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 then goes to the Border Police department where he/she shall hand over the container with the weapon and/or ammunition in the same condition 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 rightful owner.
- e) For Extra Schengen territories, passengers, once completed the required validations, shall go to Customs for the required procedures.

N.B.: under no circumstances may the escorting activities of the GPG be interrupted, leaving the items entrusted to them unattended.

4.3. In direct transit

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

- a) The carrier shall, in advance and in writing, alert the airport operator so that a GPG from the appropriate security company is sent underneath the aircraft;
- b) The GPG must be present underneath the aircraft for the entire transit time, in order to ensure the appropriate surveillance of the weapon and/or ammunition;
- c) 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.

4.4. In indirect transit

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

- a) The carrier shall, in advance and in writing, alert the airport operator so that a GPG from the appropriate security company is underneath the aircraft from the moment the arriving aircraft enters the parking area.
- b) The GPG picks up the package containing the weapon and/or ammunition and carries it underneath the departing aircraft from which the passenger departs. In the event the aircraft's departure is delayed, the GPG hand the weapon over to the Police department and, at the time of the aircraft's departure, the GPG shall take the weapon and transport it underneath the aircraft, ensuring it is stowed in his/her constant presence in the manner indicated in paragraph 4.1.A of this procedure.
- c) Once the stowage operations have been completed, the GPG remains underneath the aircraft until the hold luggage doors are closed and the chocks are removed from the aircraft wheels.
- d) In the event that escort services for the weapon on arrival and departure are carried out by different security companies, for "shot-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 the escort of the weapon/ammunition underneath the aircraft of the departing flight.

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

N.B.: In the event that suspicious situations are detected, the GPG shall immediately report them to the Border Police department.

5. Exemptions

Weapons may be carried in the aircraft cabin by persons referred to in Article 4 of Law No. 694 of 23 December 1974.

Pursuant to the aforementioned article, the legal obligations concerning the reporting of weapons and/or ammunition to the Border Police for subsequent embarkation in the hold of the aircraft do not apply to the staff referred to in Article 73, paragraphs 1 and 2, of Royal Decree No. 635 of 6 May 1940, who are therefore permitted to carry in the cabin of the aircraft the weapons and/or ammunition provided for by the respective regulations.

However, the provisions of Article 809 of the Navigation Code concerning the powers and responsibilities of the captain of the aircraft remain unaffected.

Passengers departing with an accompanying weapon belonging to the categories referred to in Article 4 above must, prior to their departure:

- go to the local Border Police department and declare the need to carry your weapon on board,
- obtain a stamp (WAM - weapon and ammunition) on the boarding pass, which must be in paper form, from the relevant Police Office once the relevant checks have been carried out and the name and seat have been communicated to the carrier.

The carrier shall ensure that the captain and crew members are notified of the presence on board and the exact seat number of the armed staff.

These passengers must also:

- store the weapon discreetly throughout the journey.
- keep it unloaded and without any bullets, taking care not to do this inside the aircraft to avoid giving rise to false alarms or tense situations on board the aircraft during flight.

These provisions must be included in the security programme of each air carrier.

6. Arms Export

In the event of definitive export of arms, their components and ammunition as well as in the event of export or temporary transfer of common firearms for sporting or hunting use, reference is made to Regulation (EU) No. 952 of October 2013 by which the European Union Customs Code was adopted as well as to the Ministerial Decree (Ministry of Economy and Finance) of 14 September 2016.

It should be noted that export procedures, as well as arms clearance procedures, must be carried out after Border Police controls have been carried out. (see the form "Declaration for the transportation of arms and/or ammunition as checked-in luggage" - "Warning" section).