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NEW ATF RULE REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS ON IMPORTED EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS

WASHINGTON -- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced the publication today of a final rule in the *Federal Register* that, among other things, requires licensed explosives importers to identify by marking all explosive materials they import for sale or distribution.

Licensed manufacturers already were required to place identification markings on explosive materials manufactured in the United States. Similar marking requirements, however, did not exist for imported explosive materials. Identification markings are needed on explosives to help ensure that these materials can be effectively traced for criminal enforcement purposes.

Although ATF does not have regulatory oversight over foreign manufacturers, it does have authority over licensed importers of explosive materials. This rule will impose identification requirements on licensed importers of explosive materials that are substantially similar to the marking requirements imposed on domestic manufacturers.

The full text of the final rule (ATF 5F) can be found in today's edition of the Federal Register, http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050527c.html, or by visiting www.atf.gov and looking under "Regulations."

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