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Dear Sir

**FIREARMS ACT 1968 (As Amended):
AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 5**

I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that, under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended), they hereby authorise you to have in your possession, to acquire, purchase, transfer to UK Government agencies, Western Government partners and NATO allies:-

- prohibited weapons to which section 5(1)(a), 5(1)(ab), 5(1)(aba), 5(1)(ac), 5(1)(ae), 5(1)(b) and 5(1A)(c) of the Act applies; and
- prohibited ammunition to which section 5 of the Act applies.

Prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition for which an authority of the Secretary of State is required must not be sold or transferred to any person who does not hold an authority of the Secretary of State under section 5 unless that person is exempt from the need to hold an authority by virtue of the Act.

This authority is valid until **13 December 2026** and is given on the following conditions that:-

1. the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are never stored by VTIC UK Limited at any time
2. the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are never transported by VTIC UK Limited but are transported either by the MOD or by carriers who hold the authority of the Secretary of State
4. the chief officer of the Metropolitan Police and the Home Office Drugs and Firearms Licensing Section are notified in advance of any change of company name, company address, named authority holder or change of procedure for the safekeeping of prohibited consignments. **Failure to comply with this procedure will invalidate this authority;**
5. [REDACTED] ensures that all reasonable precautions are taken to secure the safe custody of the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition and that proper

records of all transactions involving the prohibited weapons and ammunition are kept;

6. this authority shall no longer be valid if [REDACTED] ceases to hold office with **VTIC UK Limited**;
7. the authority holder is responsible for ensuring the timely renewal of this authority; and
8. you notify us and your local police force immediately of any loss or theft of prohibited weapons and/or ammunition.

This authority does not exempt you from the need to comply with the requirements of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended). In addition, you must be registered with your local police as a firearms dealer.

Under section 5(5) of the Firearms Act 1968, it is an offence for a person to whom an authority is given under this section to fail to comply with any condition of the authority.

Under section 5(6) of the Firearms Act 1968, the Secretary of State is empowered to revoke this authority at any time.

Yours faithfully,



David Hughes, Head of Firearms Licensing