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COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY DIRECTIVE
WEAPONS PROHIBITIONS

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To ensure a secure environment for all the people of Iraq and to promote public order and safety, the carrying and use of weapons must be limited. I direct, as head of the Coalition Provisional Authority, that the following measures are effective immediately. This Directive includes a limited amnesty period to provide every citizen the opportunity turn in prohibited weapons. The possession of firearms and heavy weapons must be in accordance with the following rules:

1. Automatic and Heavy Weapons.

A. Automatic and Heavy Weapons are banned.

B. Automatic and Heavy Weapons are defined as:

1. Automatic firearms of any caliber (examples: AK-47, AKM, TABUK)
2. Machine Guns or Crew-Served Weapons
3. Anti-Tank Weapons (RPGs)
4. Anti-Aircraft Weapons (shoulder fired missiles and AA guns)
5. Indirect Fire Weapons (mortars, artillery pieces)
6. All Armored Vehicles or Self Propelled Weapons
7. High Explosives and Explosive Devices (including mines and hand grenades)

C. Except as provided below, no person shall:

1. Possess Automatic or Heavy Weapons
2. Conceal, hide or bury Automatic or Heavy Weapons
3. Trade, sell, barter, give or exchange Automatic or Heavy Weapons with or to any person that is not an authorized representative of Coalition Forces.

D. Only the following groups are authorized to possess Automatic or Heavy Weapons:

1. Coalition Forces
2. Police, Security, and Military Forces in uniform under the supervision of Coalition Forces, and limited to the possession of only those Automatic or Heavy Weapons which Coalition Forces expressly permit them to possess for the execution of their official duties, and
3. Militias that assisted Coalition Forces who remain under the supervision of Coalition Forces.
4. Designated personal security details (PSDs) for selected political leaders

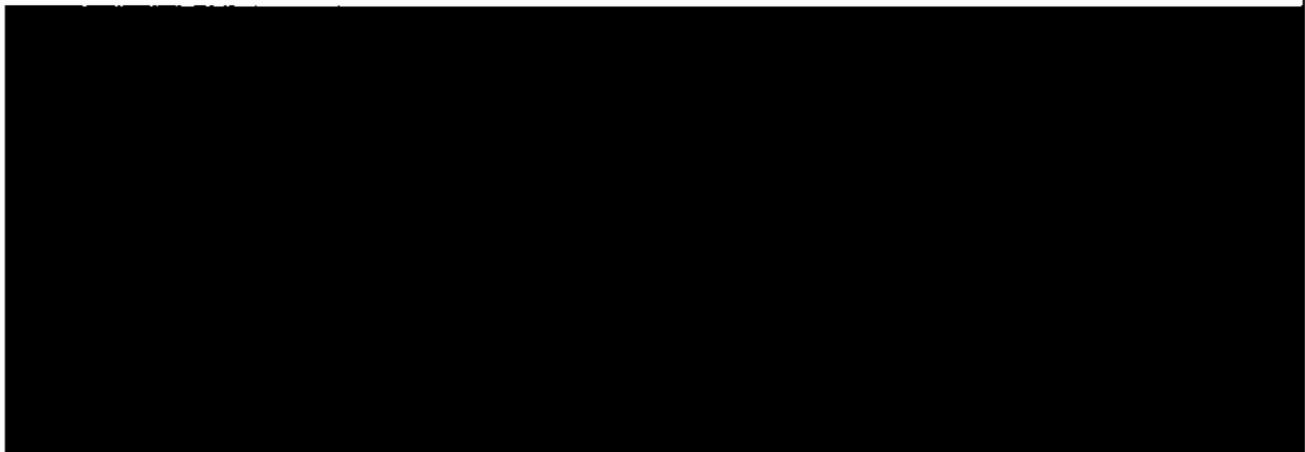
E. Unauthorized Automatic or Heavy Weapons are subject to immediate seizure wherever they may be found.

2. Small Arms

A. Small Arms may be possessed in homes. Only authorized persons may possess Small Arms in public places.

B. Small Arms include rifles, shotguns, and pistols but no Automatic Weapons.

C. No person may carry concealed weapons. Persons authorized to carry Small Arms must carry them openly.



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- D. The following groups are authorized to possess Small Arms in public places:
 1. Coalition Forces
 2. Police and Military Forces on duty and in uniform under the supervision of Coalition Forces
 3. Militias that assisted Coalition Forces who remain under the supervision of Coalition Forces, and
 4. Other persons authorized to carry Small Arms by Coalition Forces and who have a Temporary Weapons Card (TWC) in their possession.

E. Procedures for Authorization to Carry Small Arms. Persons who have a need to carry Small Arms in connection with their official duties must apply for a TWC to carry Small Arms. These include those employed as security guards for key government officials, government facilities, banks, railways, airports and other sensitive sites. Persons desiring such a TWC must demonstrate their official need to carry Small Arms as part of the application process. Applications will be submitted to the Brigade Level Commander responsible for the military district where the applicant works or resides. Persons authorized to carry Small Arms through this procedure must carry their TWC while armed. All Small Arms must be carried openly.

3. Arms Markets. Public Arms Markets are prohibited. Public Arms Markets are generally open-air locations that are not a permanent establishment, but do not include dealers of antique firearms. Weapons found for sale in Public Arms Markets areas are subject to immediate seizure by Coalition Forces.

Don't we want these turned in?

4. Amnesty. Effective 1 June 2003 banned weapons, except hand grenades and explosives, shall be turned in to Coalition Forces at designated collection points. Those that turn in banned weapons before sundown on 14 June 2003 will not be prosecuted for the possession of banned weapons. The Amnesty Period ends at sundown 14 June 2003. Only attempt to turn in weapons at designated collection points during daylight hours. When turning in weapons be sure it is unloaded, carry away from your body with the barrel pointing down. Walk slowly ~~to the collection point~~ *to the collection point.*

Procedure:

5. Firing Weapons Inside City Limits Is Prohibited. Persons may not fire weapons inside city limits except when required by official duties or in self-defense. The celebratory firing of weapons is banned.

Any person violating the provisions of this Directive may be arrested, detained and prosecuted by a competent authority. Any weapons possessed in violation of this Directive are subject to immediate seizure.

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