

FACT CHART
ON
FOREIGN FIREARMS CONTROL LAWS

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Afghanistan: (15,271,681) 1966 Government estimated*	No statute but government regulations enforced by Interior Ministry (20 page manual).	Under regulations, police permit required for owning and possessing high caliber military type rifles. Permit granted only to those who show need to protect life or property. Private persons prohibited from possession non-antique handguns or easily concealed operable firearm. (Gun control regulation not enforced in Pushtun Tribal areas along Afghanistan-Pakistan frontier.	No license needed for possession of light sporting weapons (except handguns), shotguns and "obsolete" rifles and pistols.	No license for possession, buying and selling light sporting weapons (except handguns).	Licensed trader may freely import or sell sporting weapons, etc.	Any person with ordinary trader's license.	Not Available	Not Available

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Algeria: 10,788,000 (census 1960); 11,500,000 (est. 1964).	Yes.	Forbids possession of war material, weapons, munitions, and explosives.	Public security forces and army. Private guards authorized to carry only upon official approval.	Sporting clubs can possess hunting weapons, if government official approves. Only licensed individuals can purchase hunting weapons. Air guns and blank guns can be easily bought although dealer must take down name, address, and other identification data of buyer.	Yes, arms merchants controlled by strict procedures relating to their inventories. Restocking must be approved by government officials and police.	Mail order traffic non-existent. Importation of firearms allowed after receiving government permission.	Not available.	Not available.

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<p>Australia: 11,478,703 (Gov. Est. 1965)</p>	<p>No Federal gun control law but each state has law.</p>	<p>Generally most states have separate laws for pistols and for shotguns and rifles. Yes, a pistol owner must have license from either police or magistrate. Presently no license to own rifles and shotguns necessary but trend toward such licensing exists. Ownership and possession of handgrenades, machine guns, and sub-machine guns are absolutely prohibited in all states. Age for pistol licenses; generally 18 (21 in some cases).</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Special provision for target shooting pistols--individual must be active member in good standing of recognized club or organization. (Some states pistols must remain at the club under lock and may not be transported.</p>	<p>Federal Government regulates importation but Federal postal regulations do not prohibit sending of weapons through mails. Ammunition, however, is so prohibited.</p>	<p>Apparently, anyone, (dealers are not licensed but trend is toward licensing of dealers).</p>	<p>Not Available</p>	<p>Not Available</p>

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Austria: 7,255,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (1967 law)	Yes, registration of firearms and licensing of buyers. Age for license: 21 or over; but under special circumstances person 16 or above may get license "to own but not use" (inheritance, occupational, and training, etc.).	Special exceptions include military personnel and military weapons, civil servants who carry firearms in the performance of their duty, and authorized gunsmiths and dealers. Firearms made before 1871, air guns with caliber of less than 6 mm and so-called zim-merstutzen (small target practice rifles) not subject to licensing.	Hunting license holder may purchase, possess and carry hunting guns and member of traditional shooting associations may carry his traditional gun at events held by the association. (Hunting licenses are difficult to obtain since special examinations must be passed and certain qualifications required).	Yes--importation by licensed dealers or valid license holders. Mail order purchase not possible since no one is permitted to sell guns or any other firearms to another unless recipient produces his license. Possession and importation of weapons disguised as objects of every day use or of firearms which can be folded up or dismantled and of "silencers" is forbidden.	Licensed gunsmiths or dealer and a person who owns a firearm may sell it to another person if latter is licensed to possess firearms and if necessary notification to authorities is made.	Not Available	Not Available

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Belgium: 9,464,000 (U.N. est 1965).	Yes, (1933 law) law divides weapons into four categories (a) forbidden weapons; (b) defensive weapons; (c) weapons of war; (d) hunting and sporting weapons.	Yes. Police permit required for purchase of defensive weapons such as pistols, revolvers, automatic pistols and air or gas repeating pistols, automatic or semi-automatic. Permit to carry these weapons is also required except for pistols and revolvers. Private citizens may not possess weapons of war like rifled weapons or side arms suitable for arming troops without authorization by the provincial governor. No license required for hunting and sporting weapons but may be carried for only legitimate purposes. Possession of rifle canes and fielding guns over 20 caliber and guns which can be readily disassembled and all offensive weapons	Ornamental weapons and collections; military commands, government arsenals and public law enforcement authorities.	Sporting guns not subject to licensing (a government commission is now studying a bill to subject 22 caliber rifles, air guns, and hand guns to licensing requirement).	Yes, only duly registered manufacturers and dealers may import weapons (no known mail order dealer in Belgium). Weapons listed as forbidden weapons such as rifle canes, etc. may not be sold, distributed, imported, or transported.	Only registered dealers are authorized to manufacture, repair, or trade in firearms.	Not available for entire country.	Not available for entire country.

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Burundi: 2,600,000 (1963 census).	Yes.	Yes, some form of permit or license.	None	None	Yes, importation permitted only under license--no local manufacturer.	Only one Belgium businessman presently authorized to sell sporting firearms in Burundi. Government requires special license.	Not available.	Not available.

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Cameroon: 5,210,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (Interior Ministry).	Yes, registration. Purchase must have police authorization. Police are periodically visiting homes to check on possession of legal or illegal firearms.	None.	None.	Importation only by licensed importer. No mail service. Police must authorize firearms transferred from one city to another or from one person to another.	Government licensed dealer.	Not available.	Not available.

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Canada 18,238,247 (Census of 1961) (19,859,000 government estimated 1966)	Yes	Registration is not required for rifles and shotguns but is for pistols, revolvers and automatic firearms. A special permit is required to possess a firearm at a place other than the residence or place of business. This permit issued only if needed to protect life or property, used in one's business or occupation or used for target practice at a government approved sporting club. A person under 14 needs special minor's permit to acquire a firearm, air gun, air pistol or ammunition for it. Possession of offensive weapons	Exemptions: Armed forces of Canada or any other country while in Canada, peace officers or public officers, immigration customs or excise tax officers. Registration requirements not applied to wholesalers, repairers, or licensed retailers.	Special permit required for use of firearms for target practice at approved shooting club.	Importation of offensive weapons, pistols, revolvers and automatic weapons is prohibited except for persons traveling across Canada via Alberta or British Columbia on way to Alaska. (A customs seal is placed thereon.) Importation of sporting rifles and shotguns for persons holding permits for such firearms is permitted. Mail order purchase is not specifically dealt with.	Retailers need permit (wholesalers and repairers do not need a permit).	<p>Homicides due to firearms:</p> <p>1962 - 92 1963 - 99 1964 - 107 1965 - 108 1966 - 98</p> <p>Suicides by firearms & explosives:</p> <p>1962 - 495 1963 - 556 1964 - 560 1965 - 622 1966 - 609</p> <p>Accidental deaths due to firearms:</p> <p>1962 - 189 1963 - 150 1964 - 180 1965 - 138 1966 - 197</p>	<p>Persons convicted:</p> <p>1962 - 142 1963 - 212 1964 - 244 1965 - 224 1966 - 172</p>

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Canada (con't)		(firearm, air gun, air pistol) and ammunition therefor is prohibited. Possession of sawed off shotguns or rifle with barrel less than 20 inches long with or without stock that can be folded, telescoped or shortened is forbidden. Possession of silencer is prohibited. Although provinces do not have gun control laws, they do require permits for use of hunting rifles and shotguns (often require applicant to pass a safety course).						

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Central African Republic 1,352,000 (UN. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes, registra- tion and annual licensing.	Weapons of war prohibited. No other exemptions.	None, but more lenient licensing of sporting guns in view of desire to promote tour- ist and hunting trade.	Importation and mail order pur- chase not limited by law but im- ported arms held by customs service until properly li- censed.	Government li- censed dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Ceylon: 11,232,000 (U.N. est. 1965) L.O.U.	Yes, 1916 law as amended in 1955.	Yes, registration and licensing required for all guns prior to possession. While law permits possession of hand guns, it is in effect restricted by practice of registering authority to decline issuance of permits for hand-guns or hand gun cartridges.	No, other than for security forces who are issued guns on ad hoc basis (police normally do not carry guns).	Law permits possession of sporting guns. Practice is to restrict to those who prove need for protection of food crops against wild animals. Influential persons, other than food producers, however, frequently obtain authorization for gun possession under this provision.	Importation is allowed but mail order guns effectively prohibited. (Diplomatic personnel and foreign currency holders permitted mail order purchases). Registration and licensing required to import.	Only government licensed outlets can sell, manufacture or repair firearms. Sale and purchase of cartridges also require license.	Not available.	Firearms used in 225 cases; 211 assaults 34 robberies; shotgun was major firearm used. Suicides and accidental statistics not available.

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<p>hile: 8,567,000 (U.N. est. 1965)</p>	<p>Yes, November, 1967 Decree requires compulsory re-registration of all firearms with Defense Ministry.</p>	<p>Yes, permit must be obtained for possession and use of all types of firearms.</p>	<p>No exception as to firearms type; police and armed forces are excepted from the law.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes (Ministry of Defense must authorize clearance through customs or release by Post Office.</p>	<p>Only by vendors licensed by Interior Ministry.</p>	<p>Not Available.</p>	<p>Not Available.</p>

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Colombia: 17,787,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, Constitution and Ministry of Defense regulations.	Mandatory biennial registration of weapons; citizens can carry weapons for hunting and self-protection including shot-guns up to 12 guage single barreled, 22 caliber rifles and hand guns but all must be registered.	National police and military forces.	Yes, for carrying hunting weapons which must be registered.	Yes, only government can import and manufacture arms.	Only government can sell arms.	Not Available.	Firearms used are involved in 95% of robbery and assault cases.

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Republic of Congo (Kinshasa) 15,627,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes, permit required to purchase or possess any firearm including sporting firearm obtained from Ministry of Interior or National Police. Aliens may also obtain permits. May, 1968 law forbids possession of military firearms by non-military personnel.	The surete and public prosecutors are exempted from this May, 1968 law, but law does not exempt National Police which by law specifically requires them to use military weapons.	None	Importation not forbidden but requires a permit. No law regulating mail order sales except permit requirement.	Commercial arms sold by anyone with permit (none going currently because of security situations.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Costa Rica: 1,433,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes, registration for all firearms and permits to carry arms. Persons convicted of misdemeanors or felonies cannot possess arms.	None indicated.	None (for target practice firearms or any other hunting firearms).	Yes, importation of hand guns, rifles, and shotguns is regulated. Requires a government approved request order to import arms and authenticated permission order to withdraw them from customs. Persons convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor cannot import firearms.	Authorized firearms dealers.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Cyprus: 598,000 (Gov. est. Dec., 1965).	Yes.	Yes, importing, exporting, possession, sale or manufacture of rifles and automatic weapons is absolutely prohibited. Persons under 21 may not possess any firearm. Person convicted of any offense may in the discretion of the police be barred from possessing any firearm.	Prohibition extends to pistols and revolvers except where special individual permit granted to import and possess. There are currently 10 such permits. 1964 Amendment prohibiting one from using or carrying any kind of firearm not specifically permitted does not apply to shotguns and air rifles.	Recognized only shotguns and air rifles as sporting guns which are controlled by special import licenses, police permits and registration procedures.	Importation of rifles and automatic weapons absolutely prohibited; importation of pistols and revolvers permitted under special procedures.	Trading and manufacturing of firearms including shotguns and air rifles is prohibited. Police must consent before private transfer of shotguns and air rifles.	Not available.	Commission of crime involving firearms during 1965, 1966, and 1967 is respectively 112, 52 and 76.

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Czechoslovakia: 14,159,000 (U.N. est. 1965).	Yes, (1949 weapons and ammunition law as amended by 1961 Ministry of Interior decree).	Yes, registration of all firearms including shotguns and handguns with county civil authorities. All weapons with rifled barrels except shotguns have to be registered with local police.	Only those held by police and military personnel (controlled by internal regulations).	None--sporting guns must be registered in same manner as other types. Citizens cannot buy hunting weapons unless they belong to regional hunting clubs which vouch for buyers by issuing closely screened membership booklet. Booklet has identifying information on member's firearms.	Yes, importation only through state trading monopoly (amnipol). Though law does not refer to mail order purchases of weapons domestically, neither arms or ammunition can be bought without presenting either firearms license or club booklet. Mail purchase is in effect precluded. Ammunition bought only in specific caliber of firearms registered in buyer's license or booklet.	Only authorized persons dealing in established premises or permanent shops can trade in weapons. Private sales of personally owned firearms permitted so long as transfer of ownership is duly registered.	Not available.	Not available.

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Dahomey: 2,300,000 (U.N. est. 1964)	Yes.	Yes, permit required.	Muzzle loaders locally made and used extensively in the bush.	No, general import, sale, and transport of sporting guns are prohibited. Only individually imported sporting goods allowed with permit.	Importation and mail order purchases of firearms are not prohibited.	No one (each individual imports own firearms and is limited to one weapon.	Not available.	Not available.

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Denmark: 4,758,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes, police permits to possess and carry (special restriction on persons under 18) (self-defense not sufficient reason for permit; no general permit on one's person). Permits required for possession of all firearms and associated ammunition except for smooth-bore shotguns.	Shotguns; certain cooperatives and legally registered shooting clubs.	Yes, for sporting guns used by shooting clubs (shotguns generally available). Certain limitation on permit holders is that weapon is only to be transported between home and shooting range.	Strict limit and control of importations of firearms; because of gun permits plus proof of age mail order purchase within Denmark is limited.	Police grant permits to dealers to sell weapons.	Homicides: 1962 (6), 1963 (7), 1964 (8), 1965 (6), 1966 (6); Suicides: 1962 (59), 1963 (51), 1964 (57), 1965 (48), 1966 (49); Accidental deaths including those due to explosives: 1962 (15), 1963 (6), 1964 (6), 1965 (4), 1966 (5).	Not available but incidents of usage in robberies and assault said to be "rather small."

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Dominican Republic: 3,619,000 (U.N. est. 1965).	Yes, October, 1965 law.	License required for use and ownership of all firearms and air guns except for such types as historical weapons. Age limit: less than 18.	President, Vice-President, Armed Forces, National Police.	Yes, number of sporting weapons and annual cost of user's license somewhat more liberal than regular requirements.	Only dealer can import firearms (there is no provisions for bringing private firearms into country). Although mail order is not specifically forbidden red tape would essentially preclude such sales.	Government approved dealer.	Not available.	Not available.

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El Salvador: 2,929,000 (U.N. est. 1965).	Yes, (1914 law as amended).	No permit for purchase and possession of firearms required; carrying sidearms generally prohibited within urban areas.	Law enforcement officers, members of armed forces on active duty and certain civilian government officials.	Yes, target practice guns imported by government and sold to individuals or organizations accredited by national target association pursuant to special request through Department of Physical Education.	Yes, importation of firearms and ammunition controlled by government; dealer must be registered with the government. Government must approve importation of all types of firearms (mail order sales not specifically covered by law).	Government registered dealer.	Not available for entire country.	Not available for entire country.

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Ethiopia: 22,590,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (1958 decree).	Registration required for all "arms"; prohibits possession by persons under 18 years of age unless received as gift or as inheritance (in such cases persons guardian required to safeguard firearm). Later proclamations limit possession by one family to three firearms and 100 rounds of ammunition for each weapon.	Not Available.	None	Permit required to import or mail order purchase weapons; for sporting arms permit applicant must present valid government hunting license.	Any licensed person.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Finland: 4,630,000 (Gov. est. 1966)	Yes, (1933 law, as amended, by 1946 law).	License to purchase small arms required from police chief; to purchase firearms of larger than 6mm caliber requires license from Ministry of Interior; no person can obtain license for automatic pistol or gun; registration is also required for all firearms.	Law covers all firearms; state authorities and defense force personnel whose positions require possession of firearms are sole exceptions to licensing and registration requirements.	None.	Importation and purchase through mail only after license to purchase and to import obtained from local chief of police.	Anyone licensed by provincial governor.	1962, 16 of 108 homicides caused by firearms; 176 of 994 suicides caused by firearms 1963, 22 of 94 homicides caused by firearms; 183 of 873 suicides caused by firearms 1964, 13 of 86 homicides caused by firearms; 178 of 908 suicides caused by firearms 1965, 13 of 79 homicides caused by firearms; 161 of 911 suicides caused by firearms 1966, 20 of 92 homicides caused by firearms; 179 of 892 homicides <i>suicides</i> caused by firearms.	Not Available

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<p>France:</p> <p>49,157,000</p> <p>(Gov. est. Jan. 1, 1966)</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Registration and licensing for war material firearms and ammunition and weapons of self-defense including all revolvers, non-sporting pistols and non-war time automatic pistols. Private persons and organizations need prior official approval.</p>	<p>Military, police bank guards and certain other professions.</p>	<p>Yes, prior to May 29, 1968, private individuals could buy hunting guns and rifles and practice pistols without prior official approval. No registration or licensing required for hunting arms or ammunition. However, recent instructions of May 29, 1968, from Interior Ministry require purchase and possession of all weapons including hunting weapons and practice pistols have prior approval. Special provisions allow sporting associations to purchase and own limited number of war material firearms and hand guns. Members of such</p>	<p>Yes, importation of war fare ammunition and firearms, and related equipment gas masks, revolvers, pistols hunting arms and ammunition is prohibited. No mail order of warfare related weapons allowed. Mail order of revolvers, pistols, and other hand guns allowed upon prior government approval. Before May 29, 1968, decree mail order of hunting weapons and ammunition and practice firearms including pistols of caliber equal to or less than 6mm and starting pistols could be ordered through the mail without prior approval.</p>	<p>Any arms manufacturer, gunsmith, or authorized store licensed by the state.</p>	<p>Not Available.</p>	<p>Not Available.</p>

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Gabon: 4,612,000 (U.N. est. 1965) L.O.U.	Yes.	Yes, purchase of permitted firearm requires Interior Ministry permit; possession of all machine guns, military rifles, handguns of 9mm caliber or larger and shotguns is absolutely prohibited.	Military and police; permitted to carry self-defense weapons are persons such as those guarding substantial amounts of money, doctors and other night workers.	Gun clubs permitted upon request; members may not remove guns from club (there apparently are no gun clubs now).	Mail order purchase prohibited; importation requires permit from Interior Ministry.	Specially licensed gunsmiths (purchaser must have permit to buy); private person needs Interior Ministry permit to sell to specific buyer who has permit to buy.	Not available.	Not available.

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German Fed. Rep. (West Germany) 58,900,000 (Gov. est. 1966)	Yes, new law (June 14, 1968) will become effective on December 1, 1968. Also applicable is the Reich Weapon Law of March 18, 1938.	Yes, licensing and registration.	Soldiers, police officers, certain bank officials who carry firearms in discharge of duties; hunters in possession of hunting license. Everyone else needs both licenses to acquire firearms and to carry a firearm outside his residence. Age limit on license is 18.	None.	Importation of short and certain long firearms and of ammunition is subject to licensing. License may limit types and quantity and weapons and impose conditions. Mail order purchases allowed but would require licensing.	Government licensed dealers who possess required professional knowledge established by examination.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Ghana: 7,740,000 (U.N. est. 1965).	Yes, (Arms and Ammunition Act of 1962).	License needed to bear firearms; in case of revolvers and pistols must have valid police license or certificate that weapon is needed for personal protection or protection of valuable property. Separate police permits to buy and/or use ammunition, to transfer firearms to another party, and to operate arms repair shop; 1961 Act empowers Interior Ministry to prohibit entirely possession or use of arms and ammunition in any part of country or impose conditions on their use.	Not available.	License required for hunting weapons. Flint locks and cap guns are in special category with slight prohibition on importation and internal shipment of such firearms through mails.	Only authorized arms and ammunition dealers are licensed to import arms. Imported arms and ammunition stored in government warehouse or authorized private warehouse operated under government control. Withdrawal requires police permit.	Dealers; individual gun owner may sell to authorized person or firm if the latter has police permit to transfer firearm.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Greece: (8,510,000) U. N. estimated 1964.	Yes. (1914 law)	Ownership requires prior government approval.	Military, police, guards for money and valuables and persons who have received threats against their lives (including cattle merchants, shepherds, farmers and "carriers of goods outside city limits").	None.	Only authorized dealers may import subject to police inspection.	Authorized dealer under police inspection.	Not available.	Not available.

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Guatemala: (4,438,000) U. N. estimated 1965.	Yes.	Yes. Permit required for each purchase and possession--annual permit to carry arms. Higher caliber pistols and rifles and shotguns and automatics are considered military weapons and reserved to sole use of military and police forces. Rifles with telescopic sights have to be registered directly with Defense Ministry.	Certain government officials, military, quasi-military and police (free licenses issued to guards, inspectors, bank employees, etc.)	None for sporting guns and ammunition except may be imported and sold through rifle and hunting clubs. Same licensing and registration requirements apply.	Imports controlled by licensing; mail order imports receive customs treatment.	Firearms and ammunition sold only by about 22 specifically licensed dealers and approved sporting clubs; ammunition imported only by Defense Ministry which stores it to issue to retailers. Vendors licensed annually and can sell only to licensed buyer.	Not available.	Not available.

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Guyana: 647,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (Firearms Ordinance and Regulations).	Registration and licensing throughout country except in designated "sensitive" areas where law prohibits possession of any firearm.	Diplomatic personnel, host country ministers and staff, police approved individuals handling payrolls, etc. In non-restricted areas permission granted for shot-guns for small game hunting and for protection of field crops.	Yes, although members of official rifle club must conform to government internal security requirements regarding transporting arms and use of ammunition.	Yes, importation and mail order is strictly prohibited	Only licensed dealer (who can sell only to persons bearing written permission from police). Stock of retail dealer held by police at emergency depot and turned over to him upon proof of legitimate sale. (While strict control in coastal area, there is mild regulation and less enforcement in interior areas where subsistent hunting and cattle protection are necessary.	1966 & 1967: one suicide, four homicides and no accidental deaths from firearms. No further statistics available.	1967 & 1966: 6 robberies and no assaults involving firearms; no further statistics available.

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Haiti: (4,660,000) U. N. est. 1965.	Yes.	Annual registration and licensing required of all firearms.	None.	Special provisions covered tourists bringing shotguns for hunting; they must declare them on arrival but are not required to have license. Unclear whether diplomatic mission personnel must meet registration and licensing requirement (in practice not require compliance).	Government must approve all imports of firearms.	Dealers but none presently authorized to sell new acquisition of firearms by private persons limited to regime supporters who must meet registration and licensing requirement.	Not available.	Not available.

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Honduras: 2,284,000 (U.N. est. 1965) L.O.U.	Yes.	Law prohibits ownership of all rifles and carbines of certain calibers, sawed off shotguns, automatic and semi-automatic pistols except 22 caliber, revolvers except certain calibers and automatic weapons such as machine guns. The ownership of non-prohibited weapons is by license obtained from Ministry of Defense. Legal eligibility is limited to shopkeepers, professionals; owners of ranches, farms or mines, hunters, and people living in areas without law authority.	Not known.	Not known.	Importation needs permission from Defense Minister by eligible persons.	Law not deal with sale of weapons.	Not available.	Not available.

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Hungary: 10,148,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, along with Interior Ministry decrees.	Yes, permit to purchase and license to possess by police and Interior Ministry.	Firearms of 4.5 mm or less; armed forces and officially armed regulatory forces such as police, customs, penal officers, etc.	None: Permits for sporting and target weapons must be applied for through hunting or target clubs.	Importation must be through licensed dealer; no provision for direct mail order purchase either domestically or through importation nor any other person-to-person sales.	Only authorized dealers.	Not available.	Not available. (Strict regulations during pre 1956 regime made unauthorized possession of weapons a capital offense).

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Iceland: (208,000) U. N. est. 1965).	Yes. (1936 law and regulations.)	Licensing and registration (no licenses granted for pistols or other firearms except rifles and shotguns--police certificate required for license).	None.	Some exception to prohibition against licensing anyone under 21 in countryside especially where ptarmigan hunting pursued.	Yes, permission from Justice Ministry required; authorized importers and shops are registered.	Authorized dealers and shops.	Compiled statistics for years 1961 through 1966; 45 deaths due to firearms: accidents 6; suicides 38; homicide 1 (since 1966 2 homicides and no suicides)	Not available. (Icelandic police do not carry guns.)

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India: (471,624,000) U. N. est. 1964	Yes. (Arms Act of 1959 and Arms Rule of 1962.)	Yes, license required before purchase of any gun.	Only persons with diplomatic privileges, former princes and military officers on duty or returned may own automatic, semi-automatic or prohibited caliber weapons, i.e. .35 or higher caliber for hand guns or rifles and .303 rifles being prohibited caliber. Persons with diplomatic privileges must re-export their automatic, semi-automatic or prohibited caliber weapons upon completion of tours of duty; all types of weapons are covered.	None.	Mail order purchase of guns prohibited.	Licensed arms dealers (including ammunition).	Not available.	Not available.

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Indonesia: (160,000,000) 1966 est.	Yes.	Yes, registration of all firearms (pistols, shotguns, and rifles) with police and licenses for carrying and using firearms are required. There is one license for self-defense and one for hunting. No one may possess a weapon larger than .32 caliber (shotguns excluded) nor possess more than one weapon of a given caliber or gauge. Only licensed owners may purchase ammunition. Prior police approval necessary for mail order.	Members of the armed forces.	Separate licenses for carrying for hunting	Importation requires customs permission.	Licensed dealers or registered owners can sell.	Not available.	Not available.

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Iran: (23,428,000) U. N. est. 1965.	Yes.	Registration and licensing of all firearms; prohibits possession of firearms not so registered or licensed.	Certain types of weapons reserved for security forces only including military caliber weapons such as machine guns, machine pistols, etc.	Yes, up to 30-30 caliber rifles and all shotguns legal for hunters if registered.	Strict limitations on importation; Iranian Embassy in the country from whence the gun comes must first approve and certify the shipment. This is usually most stringent for Iranians.	Only registered dealers approved by the government. Any Iranian can sell his personal registered weapon if buyer has permit to receive it. (Foreigners forbidden to sell firearms.)	Not available.	Not available.

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Ireland: (2,563,000) U. N. est. 1965.	Yes.	Registration; only persons having firearms certificates issued by local police superintendent may possess firearms or ammunition; certificates held for each weapon and are valid for one year at a time.	Police and armed forces members on duty; no exemptions by class of firearms.	None.	Only persons holding firearms certificates may purchase or import firearms.	Only registered firearms dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Israel: (2,563,000) U. N. est. 1965.	Yes.	Registration and licensing; separate license required for (a) keeping weapon at home, (b) carrying and transporting, (c) hunting (licenses only for non-military caliber type guns) (only those with legitimate reason may receive license for hand weapons or military caliber weapons such as police and guards).	Apparently none.	Apparently none.	Import license as well as other licenses normally required in Israel is necessary; while mail order purchase not customary it is possible after granting of separate license to purchase and transport and after inspection by postal authorities.	Only authorized dealers whose licenses are annually renewed.	Not available.	Not available.

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Italy: (52,736,000) Government est. 1965.	Yes.	Yes, registration of arms held in homes and/or business establishments; carrying arms for personal defense or sporting purposes is subject to license issued by local police renewable annually; a prefect by public notice may ban temporarily in the region under his jurisdiction and (in the interest of public safety) private possession of arms.	No exception as to type of weapons; exempted from registration and licensing requirements are prefects (provincial administrators), vice-prefects, members of the armed forces and police forces, and magistrates.	Apparently none.	Importation subject to license by police; commercial shipments and/or mailing of arms likewise must be authorized by police; Mail order purchases of arms is not possible.	Only licensed dealers (who can sell only to person having license)	Not available.	Not available.

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Ivory Coast 3,750,000 (U.N. est. 1964) (L. O. U.)	Yes (French type regulation).	Yes, registration.	Not known. Diplomatic personnel allowed one small and one high caliber rifle but no hand guns.	Tourists must register guns and ammunition before hunting licenses are issued (but formalities and issues expedited in such cases).	No mail order purchase permitted. Importation limitations unknown.	Government licensed dealers to governmentally authorized purchasers.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Jamaica: 1,800,000 (Gov't est. 1966)	Yes. (Firearms Act of 1967.)	License required to import/export tranship, manufacture or repair and/or use firearms; artillery, automatic firearms, grenades and bombs are prohibited.	Air rifles and air pistols; those authorized by government to possess government owned firearms (i.e. military, police and other limited groups).	None except member of recognized rifle clubs is exempt from license fees.	Importation and mail order purchase is licensed and closely controlled.	Licensed dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Japan: 98,281,955 (Census, 1965)	Yes. (Law Controlling Possession, etc., of Firearms and Sword)	No private person without special legal reason can possess any hand gun with very few exceptions; hunting guns (rifles and shotguns) requires permit from local public safety commission. Definite reasons include hunting, extermination of harmful insects or animals, or target shooting.	Police officer or maritime safety officer (athlete participating in international pistol shooting match or a person designated by a Japanese Athletic Association as its representative or candidate can possess a pistol or hand gun after getting valid permit from local public safety commission).	None except possession of hunting gun (rifles and shotguns) by individual requires permit.	Not known.	Not known.	<p>Homicides due to use of pistols or revolvers:</p> <p>1963-50 (cases known to police)</p> <p>1964-40 (cases known to police)</p> <p>1965-12 (cases known to police)</p> <p>1966-22 (cases cleared up)</p> <p>1967-7 (cases cleared up)</p> <p>Homicides due to rifles and shotguns:</p> <p>1963-62 (no. of weapons)</p> <p>1964-43</p> <p>1965-37</p> <p>1966-29</p> <p>1967-38</p>	<p>Robberies (pistols and revolvers)</p> <p>1963-25</p> <p>1964-26</p> <p>1965-20</p> <p>1966- 5</p> <p>1967- 7</p> <p>Shotguns and rifles</p> <p>1963-8</p> <p>1964-6</p> <p>1965-4</p> <p>1966-3</p> <p>1967-4</p> <p>Assaults (use of pistols and revolvers)</p> <p>1963- 6</p> <p>1964-12</p> <p>1965- 8</p> <p>1966- 8</p> <p>1967- 4</p> <p>(use of rifles and shotguns)</p> <p>1963-14</p> <p>1964-19</p> <p>1965-10</p> <p>1966-16</p> <p>1967-14</p>

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Kenya: 9,365,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes. (1954 Act)	Registration of all firearms; police issue firearms certificates upon proof of need (e.g. hunting, bank guard, etc.). Firearms certificate also allowed for self-protection. Possession of firearm or ammunition is prohibited without valid firearms certificate. Certificate for possession of handgun issued only in exceptional cases; toys and reasonable copies of weapons are prohibited from sale or possession; possession of military semi-automatic or fully automatic (except semi-automatic hand gun) weapons are categorically prohibited.	Only special exemption is where license is issued to gun club and weapons retained in club armory.	None for sporting guns; failure to renew game license over 12 month period results in revocation of weapon license; licensed weapons which are retained outside of approved commercial armories must be kept in security storage container approved by the police.	Importation or mail order purchase of firearms using postal service to, from, or within Kenya is prohibited. Importation or mail order purchase by sea or air freight is permitted upon production of import license and valid police firearms certificate. Bulk imports are permitted only to authorized firearms dealers.	Authorized firearms dealer; private individuals may sell or exchange weapons if both have valid certificate for particular type weapon.	Not available.	Not available.

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Kuwait: 468,000 (est. 1965)..	Yes, (1961 law).	Police or public security permit required for possession of firearms and ammunition. Very few non-Kuwaites permitted to bear firearms since Interior Ministry exercises discretion to fullest extent.	Members of ruling family; diplomatic and consular corps if reciprocity exists	None	Only Kuwaitis issued permits for importing.	Licensed dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Laos: 3,000,000 (Gov. est. 1965)	Yes	Yes, permit from Interior Ministry and registration with National Police; applications for permit for war weapons such as hand guns and rifles are specially reviewed by director and deputy director general of the National Police.	Any exception regarding permits for persons or weapons lies with National Police.	Provencial police superintendent reviews sporting and hunting weapons applications.	Importation and mail order allowed by one licensed gun dealer (smuggling of weapons across border is prevalent).	Licensed gun dealer.	1966, 42 deaths due to firearms; 1967, 49 deaths due to firearms.	1966, 134 robberies involving firearms and 48 assaults (these represent 10.66 per cent of all robberies and assaults); 1967, 108 robberies and 63 assaults involving firearms (representing 6.84 per cent of total robberies and assaults).

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Lesotho: 858,000 (census 1966).	Yes, (Internal Security Arms and Ammunition Act of 1966).	Yes, registration and licensing; automatic firearms possession prohibited; registration certificates must be produced on police demand. Age prohibition: under 18.	No significant exceptions.	Not known.	No mail order purchases; importation only through licensed dealers in South Africa.	Only licensed individuals or firms (sales and other transfers only between licensed individuals and firms).	Not available.	Not available.

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Liberia: 1,066,000 (U.N. est. 1966)	Yes.	Yes, annual registration.	Flint lock guns with unrifled barrels. Armed Forces National Police Force, National Bureau of Investigation.	None.	Importation of firearms and ammunition requires Presidential permit.	Only persons authorized by President.	Not available.	Not available.

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Libya: 1,617,000 (U.N. est. 1965).	Yes, (Royal Decree).	Annual license (licensee may hold no more than two pieces on list of authorized weapons which includes pistols and guns; machine guns may not be licensed). Age limit: 20 or over.	Army, public security, customs guards, and court officers.	None.	Importation not prohibited but apparently must be through licensed dealer so as to obtain license to hold weapon; law not mention mail order purchases. Importation, trade, manufacture and repair licenses for weapons and ammunition are issued for two years. License specifies place where valid; no license granted for place where no police station available.	Licensed sellers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Luxembourg: 331,000 (U.N. Est. 1965)	Yes	Registration for possession of all weapons; special permit to carry "forbidden" weapons such as Rifled weapons and any hand weapons which can cause injury ("normal" weapons are smooth bore firearms).	Law enforcement authorities and military personnel can possess and carry on duty; prison guards, bank messengers, and industrial guards and others can possess and carry handguns only after special investigation; weapon must be stored at place of duty. Not permitted to carry weapon to residence or any other place outside duty requirements.	Sales of sporting guns as all weapons must be registered with police by seller, including authorized firearms dealers. (It is easier to obtain such registration and permission if one desiring weapon is a member of a sporting club)	Importation of newly manufactured firearms only by persons in business of selling such with special authorization from authorities after complete investigation. Generally, all traffic in forbidden firearms is prohibited except through such dealers. No weapon or ammunition can be sent or obtained through the mails.	Legally authorized dealers; legal possessors of forbidden weapons may sell or transfer only with special permission of law enforcement authorities after investigation of possessor and proposed acquirer	Not available	Not available

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Malagasy Republic 6,262,000 (Gov. est. 1965).	Yes.	Yes, registration (firearms subject to inspection and seizure on demand of authorities). Annual re-registration (weapons classified as war materials are forbidden for individuals to possess).	No exception as to type of firearm. Only adult (not defined) may possess firearms (even antique weapons are included under registration requirement).	Yes; hunting arms may be carried only in "open season" and only with hunting permit.	Gun imports subject to strict government regulation; mail order purchase not specifically mentioned in law.	Only authorized merchants (these are generally sporting goods dealers). They can sell only a limited number of cartridges to individuals presenting gun registration and hunting permits.	Not available.	Not available.

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Malawi: 3,753,000 (U.N. est. 1963)	Yes (1967 Firearms Act)	All firearms and ammunition registered with registrar of firearms in the office of the President; permit to acquire firearm needed by individual; police commissioner may prohibit possession by anyone of "undesirable" weapons.	Official armory of army, police, and game department exempted from licensing requirements,	None, although private citizens in practice find it relatively easy to obtain license for sporting firearms.	Imported needs permit to acquire firearm before it is ordered; law prohibits neither importation nor mail order purchases.	Dealers licensed by registrar	Not available	Not available

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Malaysia: 9,384,000 (U.N. est. 1964)	Yes	Registration and licensing	None	Usually owner of sporting gun must be member of recognized gun club.	Importation only after police approval; mail order purchases not allowed.	Licensed firearm dealers.	Not available	Not available

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Mali: 4,576,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (1960 Law and administrative decrees of Interior Ministry)	Possession of all types of firearms requires registration and licensing; private persons cannot possess firearms "de guerre" (of war). Age limit: 18 or over	Army, and police	None	Importation and mail order purchase allowed but strictly regulated by Interior Ministry's Director of General Security and local level Circle Commander.	Dealers issued permit by Interior Ministry upon recommendation by local Circle Commander.	Not available	Not available

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Malta: 319,000 (UN. est. 1965)	Yes	All persons possessing firearms need license. Licensee for shotguns must be over 21 years old and in possession of sporting license; hand gun license pertains only to its possession. Use of hand gun for target practice is limited to areas enclosed by high walls or uninhabited localities. Age for regular license: over 18.	Apparently none.	Not known	Need import and and police licenses	Dealers	1966, 2 homicides; 1967, none; 1966, 2 suicides; 1967, one	Not available.

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Mexico: 42,808,600 (est. 1966)	Yes, new Article 10, of Mexican Constitution recently ratified provides that "the inhabitants of the United States of Mexico are entitled to have arms of any kind in their homes for their protection and legitimate defense, except such as are expressly forbidden by Federal law or which may be reserved for the exclusive use of the Army, Navy or National Guard the Federal law will determine the cases, conditions, requisites and places in and under which the inhabitants can be authorized (to carry) arms." Mexican Congress expected to approve new Federal laws in Sept., 1968.	New law expected to require permit for all arms nationwide. Carrying of arms in populated areas will depend on local police regulations. Presently wide variety of permits and controls by local authority (e.g., 22 caliber arms are generally exempt from permit requirement).	Under present law armed forces and police are exempt; under new laws expected that even police will be required to obtain special permits.	Probably under new laws.	Under present law importation limited by regulation requiring import permits and payment of customs dues; mail order purchase prohibited.	Only licensed persons and businesses.	Not available.	Not available.

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Morocco: 13,323,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (very strict; violators tried by military court).	Private possession of firearms forbidden except for 22 caliber or under rifles and shotguns of any gauge for use in target shooting and hunting and which are subject to licensing. Locally made muzzle-loading guns used for ceremonial purposes not controlled but police may forbid sale when circumstances warrant. There are two types of ownership permits: (1) for possession in domicile; (2) arms carrying permit, whether or not concealed. Age limit: 17. Licenses given to persons 17 to 21 on guardian's request.	Persons whose duties require possession of service weapons but can only carry for service purposes.	Not known.	Importation needs prior authorization by municipal police director on advice of regional supervisor, however, customs authorities in Oujda and Casablanca can issue one month's import permits to tourists for arms in permissible categories; mail order purchase non-existent.	Licensed retailers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Nepal: 9,388,000 (Census, 1961)	Yes	Yes registration and licensing of all firearms and ammunition. Application for licenses are considered on vague law testing economic, social, and political position of application. Cannons and machine guns cannot be held privately.	Not known.	None	Importation privately by mail or freight is allowed (usually from India).	Not known	Not available	Not available

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Netherlands: 12,292,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (Firearms Act of 1919).	Registration and licensing of firearms and ammunition of all types. Only those who demonstrate need can own and register firearms (e.g., rod and gun clubs for use in target practice by members and hunters--either shotguns or rifles (no limitation on caliber)). Antiques manufactured prior to 1830 using barrel loading system can be owned without registration. Weapons for which no cartridges are manufactured or other methods of loading are possible may be held without registration. Starting guns are forbidden unless they meet certain criteria.	Not known.	Hunters can obtain license for either shotgun or rifle with no limitation on caliber; rod and gun clubs can own and register firearms for use in target practice by members.	Importation and mail order purchase requires specific permission and license.	Police licensed dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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New Zealand (Government Estimate - 2,647,282)	Yes (1958 Arms Act and subsequent regulations issued thereunder)	Police permit to procure possession is required. Owner registration within month of acquisition is necessary. Possession of unlawful weapons and ammunition for such weapons is prohibited unless one has written police license for special case or reason. License to carry a pistol outside of dwelling house or its curtilage is necessary. Governor General may proclaim that in a particular area possession of firearms ammunition and explosives is prohibited unless one has special permit for that area. Possession of antique firearms does not require a license. Required age for possession is 16.	Armed forces and police. Permit is not required for possession of the following: shotguns used for sporting purposes, ammunition except for pistol ammunition and ammunition prescribed in that behalf by Order in Council, "humane killer" firearms and boat guns or stud guns.	Importation permit not required by tourists bringing shotguns and sporting rifles for own personal purposes. Requirement for a license to possess a firearm does not apply to the delivery of a firearm to a member of a rifle club affiliated with the National Rifle Association or the New Zealand Small Bore Rifle Association, if said rifle is registered by such club and used only for purposes of the club.	Importation of firearms requires police permit.	Licensed dealers (for firearms and/or ammunition).	Not available.	Not available.

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New Zealand (con't)	14	Special permit is required for ages 16 -21. Persons under 16 can use firearms under supervision on a properly constructed firing range. Unlawful weapons includes automatic pistols.						

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Nicaragua: 1,655,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (1937 law for carrying of arms).	Carrying permit necessary for possession.	Senior government officials, national guard and other government authorities required to carry firearms in normal course of duties; no special exception for type of firearm.	None.	Importation and mail order require prior permit.	National Guard (for both arms and ammunition).	Not available.	Not available.

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Niger 3,328,000 (Gov. est. 1965)	Yes	Yes permit for each firearm from Interior Ministry (i.e. registration). Age limit: 18.	Armed forces, police force, reserve officers; wife and wards (between 18 and 21 years of age) of person holding firearms permit may use firearm if holds a hunting license; industrial firms and diplomatic missions may obtain blanket permits for their firearms; travelers in transit do not need permit if firearm remains locked and hidden; tourists or persons remaining in the country for less than 3 months must register with the Interior Ministry. Sporting gun permits granted relatively easily (whereas permits for pistols and revolvers are only exceptionally granted upon	Easier to obtain permits for sporting guns.	Importation only after authorization from Interior Ministry. Authorization to import may be used only once and good only for 6 months.	Licensed Commercial Firms: Arms and ammunition can only be sold to persons holding a permit to buy arms or ammunition or a firearms permit or a hunting license (in the case of a sports gun). For private transaction between individuals seller and buyer must obtain authorization from Interior Ministry.	Not available.	Not available.

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Niger (con't)			meeting special conditions). Possession, im- portation, transport and sale or exchange of war-type of firearms are prohibited.					

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Nigeria: 56,400,000 (census 1964).	Yes, Firearms Ordinance.	Possession subject to registration and license issued by police. License age limit: 17.	Starter's pistol used in athletic events, theatrical props, flare shooters at airports or aboard ships not require licensing.	None.	Law does not provide for mail order sale within country; importation by mail is expressly forbidden.	Only registered firearms dealers (can buy, sell or transfer firearms or ammunition). Such dealers must construct approved armory for safeguarding weapons in their possession.	Not available.	Not available.

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Norway 3,738,000 (Gov. est. 1965)	Yes (1961 law)	License required for all firearms, parts thereof or ammunition except smooth bore shotguns, air rifles, spring pistols prior to actual acquisition. License issued by police at place of residence. Minimum age: 16.	Smooth bore shotguns, air rifles and spring pistols. License for rifles must be ready for inspection by authorities within short time and for hand guns immediately. License for ammunition valid only 3 months. Private export and import are licenses by Ministry of Justice and business export and import licensed by Ministry of Commerce.	None	Private export and import licensed by Ministry of Justice and business import and export licensed by Ministry of Commerce.	Only dealers with government permit.	Not available.	Not available.

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Pakistan: 102,876,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (1878 law)	License required for possession.	Not specified.	None, must be licensed.	Yes, importation and exportation (of arms and ammunition) requires license.	Only licensed dealers; one lawfully possessed of arms or ammunition may sell or transfer to another lawfully entitled to possess with notice to district magistrate or police.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Panama: 1,246,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (1948 decree).	Registration and licensing with national guard.	Congressmen, cabinet members, ambassadors, bank messengers, and persons requiring firearms for self protection.	Yes, sporting weapons must be registered and owner must also have hunting license.	Importation and mail order purchase of firearms are prohibited.	Government and Justice Ministry approved firearms companies.	Not available.	Not available.

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Paraguay: 2,030,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	No law (mainly police regulations). No licensing mentioned. Possession apparently controlled by police (in practice anyone can own any type firearm if he has the money to buy it. All types of firearms freely sold by stores.	None.	None.	None.	Not known.	Exchange of firearms between private parties and sale of guns at auctions are apparently without restriction.	Not available.	Not available.

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Peru: 11,650,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (regulations for control of arms and ammunition and explosives for civilian use approved in 1964)	Yes, individual must register all rifles, pistols, and shot guns. Owner needs annual personal gun permit obtained from "arms, ammunition and explosives from Civil Use Section of Civil Guard" (one requirement for getting gun permit is psychiatric examination). Individuals limited to owning one firearm.	Armed forces, government officials, diplomatic corps, persons of "recognized good repute, and rural inhabitants. Exceptions as to number of firearms is made for sporting and hunting weapons.	None known	Importation of firearms and ammunition requires a civil guard permission.	Firearms retailers or owner's permit and gun registration card; retailers, importers and gunsmiths must maintain records.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Philippines 32,345,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes, licensing and registration.	Not known.	Not known.	Not known.	Not known.	1967: 1,065 of 2,112 murders involved the use of firearms; 755 of 2,213 homicide cases involved firearms; 105 out of 918 physical injury cases involved firearms.	1967: 382 out of 1,035 robberies involved firearms (none were licensed); 1, out of 3,285 crimes such as rape, assaults, grave threats and malicious mischief involved firearms.

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Poland: 31,496,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (1946, Law provides: "On crimes especially dangerous during state reconstruction...whoever without permission makes, assembles or keeps firearm, ammunition...is subject to penalty of imprisonment not less than 5 years, or life imprisonment, or death." Although this law remains valid the courts now apply 1961 law which is currently in force	Possession requires permission by people's military police; re-registration with police in new area of residence when move. Firearms made before 1850 held without permission; interior ministry may regulate categories of persons and weapons for which permission is not required.	Military personnel to extent firearm authorized by military regulations (in which case proper military organs grant permission police, security personnel and others whose occupation and regulations entitle to certain firearms.	Persons using sporting firearms for sporting purposes and firing exercises on firing ranges permitted by Administrative organs with permission to possess arms only on firing range itself.	Mail order purchase of firearms and ammunition is forbidden.	State owned and state operated outlets.	Not Available.	1963: 65 of 2609 robberies were "with arms". 1965: 21 of 2569; 1966: 23 of 4286; 1967: 24 of 3996.

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Rhodesia 4,260,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (Firearms Act) Law regulates and controls the possession, sale, repair, and manufacture of firearms and ammunition by Asiatics, coloured persons, and Africans; it restricts the delivery of firearms and ammunition to such persons. Law and Order (maintenance) Act of 1960.	Yes, registration. Possession requires government granted firearms certificate.	Air guns, air rifles, and air pistols unless specific types named in government "Gazette". Strict registration applies to automatics and to weapons discharging noxious liquid gas or similar thing. Those exempted from holding firearms certificate includes firearms dealers, certain persons with professional need to carry firearms, qualified cattle slaughterers, holders of firearms for sporting purposes only or for gun club purposes, users of miniature rifles not exceeding 22 caliber, theatrical performers, athletic meet starting gun handlers. These must obtain permit for up to three months, without actual firearms certificate.	Sporting gun holders and gun club members not need firearms certificate. A person may carry firearms and ammunition belonging to another person holding a firearms certificate without himself holding such a certificate if he does so under instructions from and for use of other person for sporting purposes only.	1960 Law and Order (maintenance) Act prohibits importation of "dangerous weapons" without permit by a district commissioner or other prescribed person. Such person must be satisfied that applicant has good reason for such importation and can be allowed to import it without danger to public safety or to the peace. District commissioner may impose any terms or conditions desirable in interest of public safety. Mail order sales not covered.	Registered firearms dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Romania: (Confidential) 19,150,056 (Census 1966)	Yes. (1959 Grand National Assembly Decree).	Yes, permits. Possession of military weapons and ammunition is forbidden. Old and other arms for display purposes must be licensed and rendered inoperative.	State institution watchmen and enterprises and cooperative economic organizations authorized by Council of Ministers; target weapons and ammunition may be held without permit by the Volunteer Association for Support of the Fatherland (i.e. National Guard type organization controlled by government and Communist Party).	Arms held by sporting collectives in clubs require permit. Individual hunters and sportsmen need gun permits and valid hunting licenses for specific areas. If hunting in other than home area, permits and licenses must be so amended.	Importation of hunting type firearm allowed if owner has permit and valid hunting license from home area and weapons are declared upon entry. Other importation prohibited. No mail order purchase of firearms.	Seller with permit to buyer with permit.	Not available.	Not available.

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Saudi Arabia: 8,000,000 (Gov. est. 1963)	Yes, (1949 regulations).	Annual license to carry firearms (applicant must be Saudi subject) although in practice exceptions are made for diplomats and employees of foreign firms. Age: 20 or older.	1949 gun control regulations specifically aimed at hunting weapons but in practice applied to all firearms.	Originally specifically aimed at hunting weapons.	Importation only by licensed merchants registered with Chamber of Commerce and of Saudi nationality. Importer may sell only at wholesale to retailers who must also be licensed.	Retailers, government licensed, may sell only to holders of permits to carry firearms. All sales reported by dealer to Internal Security authority. Arms in hands of dealers may be moved from city to city within country only by government permit. While mail order purchase is not specifically prohibited, reporting duties on dealer make impractical.	Not available.	Not available.

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Senegal: 3,490,000 (U.N. est. 1965).	Yes, (1966 law and 1966 Executive Decree).	Prior written authorization of Interior Ministry necessary for possession of certain firearms; possession of all firearms and ammunition defined as war material is strictly forbidden. Authorized hand guns carried only by active duty or reserve officers, carriers of valuables or funds from public or private establishments, and certain persons exposed by their profession to "risk of aggression."	See column 2.	None; sporting guns need same permits as other weapons.	Importation limited to certain number of authorized local businesses; each importation must be authorized.	Apparently authorized local dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Sierra Leone: 2,200,000 (1966 est.).	Yes, comprehensive gun control (comprehensive law designed to maintain strict control over possession and circulation of firearms).	Anyone over 21 years of age may be licensed to possess small arms defined as any air guns with rifled barrel, or any firearm whether whole or in detached pieces which is not an arm of war and includes cap gun and flint-lock gun.	Only legal exception to individual licensing is in case of small arms belonging to rifle club approved in writing by governor with provision that district registrar and deputy may inspect such club at any time.	See column 3.	Importation of guns with rifled barrel and flint-lock guns with rifled barrels is prohibited. Importation of other small arms needs import license.	Only holders of license to keep private warehouse; sales can only be made to holders of permits issued by registrar; transfers of guns must be reported to registrar. Mail order sales not mentioned.	Not available.	Not available.

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Somalia: 2,500,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes licenses. License required to purchase ammunition.	None.	None.	Import licenses required. No mail order businesses in Somalia.	Licensed dealers	Not available.	Not available.

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South Africa: 17,867,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (1937 arms and ammunition act as amended).	Licenses issued only to whites over 14 years of age.	Military and naval services, police, government employees, collectors (with written permission for operative arms), dealers' stocks.	Not known.	Import permits and licensing issued by district magistrates (state president may stop the flow of firearms into a particular area and transporting them from place to place).	Dealers (white only) must be licensed and must sell only to licensed individuals.	Not available.	Not available.

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Southern Yemen (Aden) 1968 Estimated population 1,300,000	Yes. (Similar to law enforced when British Colony) (elsewhere in the Southern Yemen no prohibition on possession or carrying of weapons).	Private persons may not carry firearms unless registered and licensed by government. To get license one must show need for personal protection or for hunting purposes. Hunting license applies only to shotguns.	None.	Yes. Hunting license applies only to shotguns.	Yes. Private individuals may buy firearms only through government licensed importer who is only authorized source of firearms within country. Individuals owning licensed weapons, however, may arrange private sales with other individuals with advance permission of authorities.	Government licensed importers & private individuals owning licensed weapons with advance permission of Government.	Not Available	Not Available

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Spain: 31,604,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	License and ownership require- ment controls. Stricter require- ments for shot- guns, rifles, side arms.	Not known.	None for sporting weapons except for tem- porary importation for competition.	Commercial importation is licensed; mail order purchase not possible.	Licensed seller outlets.	Not available.	Not available.

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Sudan: 13,540,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes, (1932 arms, ammunition, and explosives ordinance as amended).	Interior Ministry licensing for possession.	None as to type.	None for sporting guns.	Importation of heavy arms (i.e., machine guns, automatic rifles, artillery) is forbidden. Importation of .38, .45, and .445 caliber pistols is prohibited. Special permit required for importation of automatic pistol. Importation through mails permitted but must present postmaster with permit for specific weapon imported.	Licensed dealers.	Not available.	Not available.

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Sweden: 7,773,000 (Gov. est. 1966)	Yes, (1949 gun control law).	General licensing required for civilians and civil organizations; license for possessing a machine gun, pistol or other similar pocket weapon granted only if there is an exceptional cause. Otherwise license to possess firearm granted to private individual if there is good reason that he will not improperly use it. License applicant must be 21 to possess machine gun, sporting rifle, pistols and revolvers. 18 is the age limit for other weapons. Ability to handle weapon and clearance by the temperance board is necessary. Satisfying requirements of general security,	Apparently none.	None except for that mentioned in column 2.	Importation is licensed; mail order purchase is possible if formalities are met.	Only licensed firms complying with security regulations. Private individual may sell to a buyer who obtained license to possess that weapon.	Not available.	Not available.

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Sweden (con't).		<p>hunting regulations, hunting association, and rifle and pistol clubs is necessary to possess sporting guns. Hunting grounds must be available to applicant. Rigorous requirements for obtaining pistol or similar weapons; usually granted only to night watchmen, people handling large sums of money or valuable documents in their work, ships' captains on international routes, or persons needing weapons for self-protection, recognized pistol club members having high marksmanship.</p>						

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Switzerland: 5,945,000 (Gov. est. 1965)	Yes, (no Federal gun control laws but all cantons have identical regulations).	No regulations concerning sale or use of rifles or shotguns; they can be purchased easily even by foreigners. Police permit required by cantonal laws to obtain hand guns (i.e., pistols). Permission to actually carry a pistol on person or an automobile or in car varies from canton to canton. Military law requires almost all male citizens ages 21 through 50 to have in their home military rifle or automatic weapon and 26 rounds of ammunition. Weapon can be kept after leaving military service. Swiss police est. 90-95% of Swiss homes have or possess some type of firearms. These weapons can	Rifles and shotguns; possession of guns required by military law.	None apparently.	Mail order purchase of firearms of all types prohibited within Switzerland. Customs authorities can permit mail purchase from foreign outlet. Weapons of certain caliber cannot be imported or transported through Switzerland without special military permission.	Only legitimate gun makers who have served 3 years apprenticeship in weapons craftsmanship and are able to repair all types of weapons (dealers under strict control by cantonal authorities). Sale and purchase of all types of sub-machine guns is strictly prohibited.	1966; 16 of 26 homicides were caused by firearms. No other available statistics.	Not available.

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Switzerland (con't.)		be used for any sporting purpose except hunting. Pistol permit is not given to minors under 18.						

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Tanzania: 10,578,100 (Gov. est. 1965)	Yes, (Arms and Ammunition Ordinance).	Possession by licensing. Licenses generally limited to hand guns, sporting and competition guns and muzzle-loaders (sometimes home-made) used by African rural population (pistol and revolver licenses for hunting rifles and shotguns are fairly easily obtained.) Registration is also required.	In applying special rules dealing with muzzle-loaders, the term "native" means any member of an African race including a Swahili, Arab, or Somali.	None except travelers under certain conditions usually game hunting safari clients coming from Kenya or elsewhere may bring guns into country, but these guns must be declared to nearest government authority.	Law does not deal with mail order sales. Importation is licensed and all imported firearms deposited in public warehouse immediately so registration can be effected (mail order is not possible).	Licensed dealers. Sales controlled by permit.	Not available.	Not available.

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Thailand: 30,561,000 (U.N. est.).	Yes.	Yes, registration of all firearms. Age limit: 21 years or older.	Government officials who may obtain registration without stating specific reasons for need.	None except that reason for owning hunting or sporting rifle for hunting makes easier to obtain registration than in the case of a hand gun.	Prior police approval needed for importation or purchase.	Dealers and individuals (may sell only to persons having prior police approval and must report sales to police).	Not available.	Not available.

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Togo: 1,617,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (1962 decree)	Ministry of Interior licensing and registration needed for possession (limit one firearm per person). Additional permit needed to carry concealed weapon. Serial number engraved on all registered guns. A person can purchase only three hundred cartridges annually and three kilos of gun powder per person.	None	Licensing procedure for locally manufactured hunting rifles are less cumbersome since regional officials can issue licenses. Exception, however, is not significant since only very small number of guns are made locally. No special provisions relating to sporting guns.	Importation is limited to license holders. Mail order sales not provided for; red tape would preclude its possibility.	Licensed merchants (arms and ammunition).		

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Trinidad & Tobago: 975,000 (Gov. est. 1965)	Yes	Registration and licensing (firearms and ammunition)	None	Exceptions for rifle clubs and hunting clubs which are rigidly supervised.	Importation or mail order purchase is prohibited.	Police licensed dealers.	Not available	Not available.

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Tunisia: 4,675,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (1945 law decree)	Registration of all types of weapons. Registration and separate permission to carry and use arms is subject to varying degrees of control. Provincial governors regulate use of sporting guns. Central Government regulates use of hand guns and other concealed weapons.	Military officers and troops and law enforcement officials.	Sporting guns may be used by duly licensed minors over 16 years of age who have written consent of parent or legal guardian; minors under 21 years of age are prohibited from using any other type of firearm.	Importation subject to special authorization. Mail order purchase prohibited.	Duly licensed dealers who may sell only to authorized buyers.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Turkey: 31,391,000	Yes. (1953 law)	Yes, licensing law enforcement personnel, bank couriers, isolated farmers, veterinary doctors who travel to distant farms, and villages, and village chiefs are commonly cleared for licenses prior to issuing licenses.	Only law enforcement officers.	Shotguns permitted when barrel has been cleared by provincial authorities and has hunting license. No provision for sporting guns.	Importation and sale of firearms is prohibited except for the sale of shotguns to holders of hunting licenses.	Government operated manufacturer of weapons to persons cleared to carry firearms.	Homicides due to use of firearms: 1963-95; 1964-109; 1965-188; 1966-254; 1967-279. No other statistics available.	Not available.

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Uganda: 7,551,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes (basic Firearms Control Act and May, 1966 emergency regulations)	Registration of all civilian weapons with police. May, 1966 emergency regulation required all firearms to be deposited with police unless written exemption obtained from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (exemption generally granted only to diplomatic personnel, a few businessmen, professional hunters and their clients.	See Column 2	Exemption from emergency regulations by professional hunters and their clients.	Not known	Licensed dealers who sell only to those individuals presenting themselves in person.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 230,000,000 (Gov. est. 1969) L.O.U.	Yes.	Yes, registration and licensing. Soviet citizen must show knowledge of basic safety in operating procedures to hunting or sport shooting club officials. Individuals forbidden to possess firearms used by Soviet Armed Forces or police agencies. Licensed citizen may keep shotguns, rifles, and hand guns of certain sizes. Hand guns and large bore rifles may be owned but must be under control of shooting clubs.	Exemption made in Siberia and Far East where professional hunters may own up to five guns and keep rifles larger than 22 caliber.	See columns two and three.	Importation and mail order purchase forbidden.	Militia licensed retail and second hand (commission) stores.	Not available.	Not available.

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Gov. est. 1965) 54,436,000	Yes, (Firearms Act of 1968) Act effective 8/1/68. It does not apply to Northern Ireland.	Purchase, acquisition or possession of continuous fire weapons (such as machine guns) and gas weapons requires special authority from Defense Ministry and a police firearms certificate. Permission is rarely granted. Purchase, acquisition or possession of rifles, pistols, revolvers and short barreled shotguns requires police firearms certificate. Certificate granted only after exhaustive personal inquiries by police. Most of present holders are active members of approved rifle clubs. Possession, purchase or acquisition of long barreled shotguns requires police shotgun certificate. Given on a	Exception in terms of persons and types of firearms: (a) crown servants, (b) shotgun certificate not required if person: (i) borrows shotgun from private premises occupier and uses it there in latter's presence; (ii) uses another's shotgun on artificial targets at officially approved place and time; (iii) visits country for 30 days or less in any 12 month period; (iv) possesses Northern Ireland shotgun firearm certificate; (v) possesses weapon for which someone else holds the certificate in a theatrical or film production (vi) possesses antique firearm as a curiosity or ornament; (vii) is under	Sporting guns like long barreled shotguns are subject to shotgun certificate procedure. Exceptions are set out in columns immediately preceding.	Importation of firearms subject to firearms certification requires firearm certificate or importation license from Board of Trade. Board of Trade is itself dependent on grant of firearms certificates. Importation of shotguns carries no restriction if they are in accompanied baggage. Same restrictions about purchasing and selling applied to mail order situations.	Registered firearms dealer. Firearms possessor cannot sell or transfer to person other than registered dealer any firearm or ammunition liable to certification unless recipient produces firearm certificate authorizing purchase or acquisition is exempted under Act. Importing dealers need import license from Board of Trade.	Statistics: number of murders due to firearms: murders known to police 1963--18 of 133 1964--16 of 1953 1965--26 of 151 1966--20 of 140 1967 35 of 172 Number of Suicides due to firearms or explosives: 1963--161 of 5,714 1964--159 of 5566 1965--194 of 5161 1966--173 of 4994 1967-193 of 4711 Accidental deaths due to firearms. The number of accidents with firearms subject to the firearm certificate (i.e., rifles, revolvers and pistols) is very low. In 1965/1966 not more than 30 in the whole country in 12 months. At the same time there were known to have been 118	Robberies and assaults: etc Wounding felonies: 108 of 2645; malicious misdemeanors 325 of 24036; and assaults: 2 of 442; Robbery: 265 of 4564. The number of offenses of manslaughter known to the police in 1967 was 192; of these, 9 were caused by the use of a firearm.

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		<p>personal basis this certificate is valid for unlimited number of shotguns. Possession of air weapons does not require certification. Age restrictions: generally person under 14 may not possess, purchase or acquire, be given or be lent any firearm or ammunition unless he is a member of an approved club or is shooting in a shooting gallery where only air weapons or miniature rifles are available. Person under 14 may possess and use any air weapon if he is not in a public place and he is using it under supervision of someone over 21 (he may not use it to fire a missile beyond the premises where</p>	<p>a certificate holder's instruction and carries a weapon for sporting purposes only; (viii) uses weapon for drill or target practice as a member of approved rifle club or cadet corps; (ix) is a registered firearms dealer; (x) possesses weapon in course of business as auctioneer, carrier, warehouseman or animal slaughterer; (xi) possesses weapon on board ship or as signalling apparatus on board an airplane or at an aerodrome; (xii) possesses weapon certified to someone else for starting races at an athletic meet. A firearm certificate is not required by persons in</p>				<p>with smooth bore shotguns and 730 with air guns (the majority being slight).</p>	

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		<p>he is being supervised). A person under 14 may carry a firearm or ammunition under instruction of a certificate holder and for his own use for sporting purposes only. Persons 14 or over may be given or lent air weapon or its ammunition and if he has a firearm certificate he may be given or lent a shotgun or ammunition. If under 15 and has a shotgun certificate one may possess an assembled shotgun if supervised by person over 21 or shotgun is in securely fastened cover. If 15 or over and has shotgun certificate, he may be given a shotgun as a gift. A person under 17 may not purchase or hire any firearm or its</p>	<p>categories (v) to (xii) or by manager of miniature rifle range or shooting gallery where air weapons not classed as "specially dangerous" or rifles exceeding .23 inch caliber (Home Secretary can declare air weapons "specially dangerous" and thus subject to firearm certification procedure but he has not yet exercised this power).</p>					

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		ammunition. A person under 17 may carry an air gun or air rifle in a public place but only if it is in a securely fastened gun cover.						

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Upper Volta: 4,858,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes.	Yes, Interior Ministry must authorize possession (authorization covers sporting rifles, shotguns, and handguns.) Possession of automatic and military weapons is prohibited. Pistol permits are rarely issued.	None	Not known	Importation by licensed dealers or by individual upon authorization (advanced authorization allows purchase direct from supplier through mails.)	Licensed dealers.	Not Available.	Not Available.

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Venezuela: 8,876,000 (Gov. est. 1966)	Yes	Permits for possessing and carrying.	Owners of arms collection considered to be historic or research collections are exempt from the law.	None but membership in authorized gun clubs facilitates the necessary permits.	Licensed importation of some types of automatic pistols and revolvers and shotguns and rifles is allowed. While mail order purchase is not mentioned in the law such would require compliance with import license and channeling transaction through Interior Ministry.	Manufacturers' agents sell hand guns but carry no stock; Interior Ministry authorized dealers sell shotguns.	Not available.	Not available (poor enforcement).

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Yugoslavia: 19,508,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes	<p>Ownership permit: permission required from municipal authorities.</p> <p>Users license: required for anyone wishing to own, use or carry weapons for which owner's permit was issued. No more than three persons may be licensed for any single weapon.</p> <p>Users license required for all firearms and any air gun of a particular caliber.</p> <p>Age limit for user's license is 18.</p> <p>Registration: All weapons must be registered locally within 8 days after acquisition.</p>	Police and armed forces are exempted from regular requirements but have their own regulations.	None except individuals may buy sporting ammunition by exhibiting only users license (other types of ammunition require additional permit).	Importation requires license. No mail order sales.	Only state approved sales outlets (arms and ammunition). They can only sell to persons possessing requisite permits.	Accidental deaths caused by firearms 1960: 150; 1965, 72. No other statistics available	Not available.

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Zambia: 3,710,000 (U.N. est. 1965)	Yes	Applicant for firearms certificate must first be found responsible and competent by police to possess and use firearms before the firearm is registered and license is issued. Transferring of ammunition requires production of firearms certificate. Firearms owner can possess only limited amounts of ammunition per firearm.	Dealers, auctioneers, carriers, gun bearers, members of gun clubs when shooting on club premises, persons shooting on a range at a target, persons engaged in theatrical performance, starters at athletic events, tourists if firearms are listed on import permits and managers of slaughterhouses. In addition, inoperable, antique and obsolete firearms.	None	Importation allowed if firearm is registered within 10 days of arrival.	Apparently, dealers. No private sale of firearms is allowed.	Not available.	Not available.