

Firearms Marking

EU Directives 2021/555 & 2019/68
EU Regulation 2025/41

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Issue



Difficulty to have a single marking satisfying all 27 Member States' individual requirements because so far, this topic was governed by an EU Directive which allowed greater flexibility but led to significant divergences within the EU

Objective



Prevent illicit manufacturing of firearms from unmarked parts and increase the **traceability** of all firearms and essential components by imposing **common minimum technical specifications** across EU Member States

Key Takeaways

1. Font

- minimum size : 1,6mm
- minimum depth : 0,0762 mm
- alphabet : Latin, Cyrillic or Greek
- numeral system : Arabic or Roman

2. Non-metallic frame/receiver

- metal plate permanently embedded
- other techniques may be allowed by Member States

3. Content

- Name of manufacturer/brand
- Country/place of manufacture
- Serial number
- Year of manufacture
- Model
- Transferring entity (if government stock → civilian use)
- Country of import & Year of import

4. (Non-exhaustive) Examples of additional national requirements

- Estonia : letters need to be in capital
- Lithuania : font size cannot be larger than 2,5 mm
- Denmark : content needs to be marked in a specific order
- Italy : needs to be on a visible part (without tools needed)

Target Audience

- Applies to ALL firearms and ALL essential components of firearms
- **EU manufacturers** of firearms and/or essential components
- **EU importers** of firearms and/or essential components

Non-Compliant ?



• Cannot be placed on the EU market !

• Sanction → Financial Fine

• Sanction → Imprisonment

E.g. Cyprus : <3y. prison and/or fine <5000€

E.g. Lux : <3y. prison and/or fine <25.000€



Key Dates

- 17.01.20: minimum technical standards compulsory
- 22.07.25: minimum depth compulsory

To Do



- **Collect** information on the current markings of the firearms and essential components you import and/or manufacture in the EU
- **Perform a gap analysis** of what you do vs. what is required in each EU Member State
- **Raise awareness** amongst your staff
- **Inform** asap your non-EU suppliers to discuss and **implement the required changes**

Support



Non-exhaustive examples

- **D-Wise Strategy:** Cross-analysis & recommendation
- **D-Wise Consult:** what about transit within EU ? blocked by German customs & need help ?
- **D-Wise Implementation:** checklist of all relevant requirements for your suppliers ; summary table with all scenarios (public/private recipient ; EU/non-EU etc.)
- **D-Wise Academy:** on-site training or development of a dedicated e-Learning module
- **D-Wise News:** regulatory monitoring