Future Forces EXHIBITION & FORUM

Manual for Exhibitors of Weapons and Security Material

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Safety Instructions for Exhibitors

If you are unsure whether these guidelines apply to you, please refer to the definitions starting on page 4.

All exhibitors at the Future Forces Exhibition & Forum 2026 (hereinafter referred to as FF26) are required to display only deactivated exhibits, i.e. those exhibits which are rendered inoperable. Specifically, this means that handguns must not be capable of firing; vehicles must be secured against being started and any subsequent movement; ammunition must not contain active components; launchers for decoys or smoke grenades must not contain a charge; and so on.

Any failure by an exhibit to comply with this requirement may result in the exhibit being withdrawn from FF26; in extreme cases, the exhibitor may be excluded, without compensation.

Security of Weapons, Ammunition and Other Exhibits

The exhibitor is responsible for securing the exhibits on display against theft. This applies in particular to firearms, silencers and small items of safety equipment. To secure these exhibits, we recommend either a lockable display case or a system of cable or chain securing the exhibit to the stand's fixtures (for example, a cable attached to a table or counter). For other items that can be removed without the use of additional tools, similar security measures are recommended.

Every stand exhibiting such items is required to appoint a responsible person who will be present at the stand throughout the duration of the fair and will be responsible for the security and safety of the exhibits during the fair.

These security measures will be inspected by a firearms officer prior to the start of FF26.

Inadequate security measures for exhibits may result in a ban on displaying such exhibits until the deficiencies have been rectified.

Registration of Exhibits

Exhibitors are required to declare the weapons, ammunition and security material on display to the FF26 armourer using the attached form "**FF26 - WEAPONS and SECURITY MATERIAL - List of Exhibits"**. The List of Exhibits must be submitted to the armourer by **13 October 2026**. The FF26 armourer will inspect these exhibits on Tuesday, 20 October 2026. This declaration must also include the name and contact details of the person responsible on behalf of the exhibitor.

Definitions can be found below in these guidelines.

Airsoft and paintball guns are classified as firearms under the Firearms Act and must be declared solely for the purpose of verifying their deactivation.

Inspection of Deactivation and Security of Exhibits Prior to the Start of FF26

On 20 October 2026, the FF26 armourer will carry out an inspection of the above-mentioned requirements, visiting in person all stands that have registered exhibits of this type. The armourer's visit will take place by arrangement with the exhibitor, but no later than 18:00.

Failure to declare exhibits may result in the exhibitor's participation being terminated at any time during FF26, without compensation.

End of the Fair – Final Day and Safe Removal of Exhibits

Exhibitors shall provide the FF26 armourer with a list of vehicles (including registration numbers) designated for the removal of weapon exhibits and small security equipment. These vehicles will be given priority access to the security perimeter before the end of FF26, so as to enable the quickest and safest possible packing up and removal of these exhibits from the exhibition area. Once the removal of all these exhibits from the exhibition area has been reported and verified, the security perimeter will be lifted and all stands may then be dismantled freely.

Without the organisers' consent, exhibits may not be removed from the exhibition grounds before the end of the fair.

Carrying of Personal Firearms During FF26

Due to the presence of protected persons and the movement of security teams from the security services, **the carrying of personal firearms** is **prohibited during FF26**. An exception is made for the set-up day, i.e. the day before the fair begins, and the final day of the fair.

Should an exhibitor request this at least one day in advance, they will be permitted to carry personal firearms concealed on the final day of the fair in order to ensure the security of exhibits whilst they are being packed during dismantling and subsequent removal.

No one carrying a firearm will be admitted to the security perimeter of the FF26 site without the armourer's permission.

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Classification of Exhibits – Definitions and Categorisation – Weapons

Weapons are defined in accordance with Annex 2 of the Weapons Act (90/2024 Coll.):

1. Categories of weapons:

1.1 Category R1 weapons:

1.1.1 particularly effective weapons:

1.1.1.1 Weapons designed to fire ammunition,

Note: Weapons designed to fire ammunition do not include weapons which allow the firing of ammunition only as a supplementary or alternative function, for example rifles capable of firing rifle grenades fitted to the muzzle, or signal weapons designed for 26.5 mm calibre signal cartridges,

1.1.1.2 devices having the characteristics of an incendiary weapon as defined in an international treaty forming part of the legal order[11)], unless they constitute ammunition, and

1.1.1.3 weapon systems based on the principle of a laser, particle or energy emission, or a similar principle, and designed to destroy or incapacitate a target, including blinding laser weapons[11)] ,

1.1.2 insidious weapons:

1.1.2.1 firearms disguised as other objects so as to conceal their true nature,

1.1.2.2 firearms manufactured from materials that prevent them from being identified during checks on persons and luggage using detection equipment, and

1.1.2.3 booby-traps based on the principle of a firearm capable of firing live rounds,

1.1.3 automatic firearms,

1.2 Category R2 firearms:

1.2.1 a semi-automatic firearm resulting from the irreversible conversion of an automatic firearm,

1.2.2 semi-automatic firearms for centre-fire ammunition fitted with an high-capacity magazine,

1.2.3 a long semi-automatic firearm designed to be fired using a shoulder rest, which can be shortened to a length of less than 600 mm by folding, retracting or similar manipulation of the shoulder rest,

1.2.4 an acoustic or blank-firing firearm resulting from the irreversible modification of a Category R1 firearm,

1.3 Category R3 firearms:

1.3.1 short self-loading or repeating firearms designed to use centre-fire or rimfire ammunition,

1.3.2 long self-loading firearms whose magazine or cartridge chamber and chamber can together hold more than 3 rounds,

1.3.3 long self-loading firearms whose magazine or cartridge chamber and chamber can together hold no more than 3 rounds and are detachable, or which are not guaranteed not to be convertible, using commonly available tools, into firearms whose magazine or cartridge chamber and chamber can together hold more than 3 rounds,

1.3.4 long self-loading or repeating firearms with a smooth-bore barrel, provided the barrel length does not exceed 600 mm,

1.3.5 semi-automatic firearms, provided they have the appearance of automatic firearms,

1.3.6 short firearms loaded individually for the use of ammunition

1.3.6.1 with centre-fire percussion, or

1.3.6.2 rimfire, with a total length of less than 280 mm, and

1.3.7 signal firearms for the use of signal cartridges with a calibre greater than 16 mm,

1.4 Category R4 firearms – self-loading, repeating and single-shot firearms not listed in other categories,

1.5 Category PO firearms:

1.5.1 single-shot or double-shot firearms loaded individually for use with split ammunition,

1.5.2 alarm and signalling firearms,

1.5.3 signal firearms for use with signal cartridges of a calibre not exceeding 16 mm,

1.5.4 firearms deactivated in accordance with the directly applicable European Union regulation laying down technical specifications for the deactivation of firearms[2)] ,

1.5.5 gas-powered firearms with a calibre exceeding 6.35 mm, unless they are paintball, airsoft or similar firearms,

1.5.6 non-lethal incapacitating devices based on the principle of a firearm or gas weapon,

1.5.7 laser pointers and similar portable hand-held laser devices capable of causing blindness,

Note: Laser pointers and similar portable hand-held devices capable of causing blindness are defined as those laser pointers and similar portable hand-held devices incorporating a laser classified as hazard class 3B or 4 in accordance with ČSN EN 60825-1, 3rd edition.

Classification of Exhibits – Definitions and Categorisation – Security Material

Security material is defined in Sections 2 and 3 of Act No. 229/2013 Coll. and is divided into significant security material and military security material.

(2) Significant security equipment includes

a) equipment for electronic countermeasures and protection against them, namely equipment used to transmit erroneous or deceptive signals to radars or radio communication receivers, or to otherwise disrupt the reception, operation or effectiveness of enemy electronic receivers, including jamming and anti-jamming devices,

(b) cameras and electro-optical imaging devices, and equipment for unmanned aerial vehicles; and

c) fire control and missile guidance systems and subsystems, and specialised components necessary for their operation.

(3) Military security equipment includes

a) combat and special vehicles and their main components, without weapon systems or with inoperative weapons as defined by the Act on Weapons and Ammunition, to which the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe applies, namely

1. battle tanks, armoured fighting vehicles—including infantry fighting vehicles, armoured personnel carriers and heavily armed combat vehicles—and artillery systems—including cannons and howitzers, mortars, rocket launchers and systems combining their characteristics; and

2. bridge-laying tanks and other armoured combat vehicles derived from infantry fighting vehicles and armoured personnel carriers, fitted with special superstructures or equipped with weapon mounts or equipment for laying mines or firing ammunition; and

(b) aeroplanes and helicopters and their major components covered by the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, and military unmanned aerial vehicles without weapon systems or with inoperative weapons as defined by the Weapons and Ammunition Act, including

1. combat aircraft and helicopters, including attack helicopters, combat support helicopters and unarmed transport helicopters, as well as training aircraft; and

2. military unmanned aircraft or helicopters.

(4) The following shall not be regarded as security material

(a) equipment and its components referred to in paragraph 2, provided they have become permanently and irreversibly unsuitable for defence or military purposes; or

(b) combat and special-purpose vehicles, aeroplanes and helicopters referred to in paragraph 3, to which modifications have been made in accordance with the Protocol on Procedures for the Reduction of Conventional Armaments and Equipment Limited by the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe; such modifications shall be assessed by the Ministry of Defence.