

## Permit, storing and transporting Firearms

### 1. Documents needed to bring arms to Hungary:

- ❖ For competitors who have European Firearms Pass:
  - invitation to the event
  - European Firearms Pass
- ❖ For other competitors or for someone who doesn't have all of his/her weapons listed in his/her European Firearms Pass:
  - invitation to the event
  - firearms pass of their own country and a temporary firearms pass, which could be requested at the customs office of the point of entry for a 3.000 HUF stamp duty paid in only cash.

### 2. Rule 2025:

"The import of firearms, their parts and ammunition from countries outside the European Union requires an import permit from the competent authority of the Member State of final destination. Furthermore, the transit of goods destined for other Member States through Hungary is also subject to a permit. During entry into Hungary, a person not residing in the European Union may only bring his firearm or ammunition into Hungary for hunting or shooting competitions on the basis of a fee-based certificate from the customs office at the border crossing point, or may only transport it through Hungary if the person's planned stay in Hungary does not exceed 90 days. The fee for issuing the certificate (4,050 forints) can primarily be paid in cash, in forints. The administrative service fee can also be paid by bank transfer to the NAV Finance appropriation account No. I. No. 10032000-00289933-00000000.

When making a transfer, the text "firearm import service fee" should be included in the "notice" column.

Data required for international transfers:

Beneficiary:

Nemzeti Adó- és Vámhivatal / National Tax and Customs Office

SWIFT/BIC code: HUSTHUHB

IBAN number: HU48-10032000-00289933-00000000

Notice: firearm import service fee

The client must submit the certificate to the customs service operating at the external border of the European Union (border crossing point) when leaving the territory of Hungary.

If the certificate cannot be submitted for other reasons, it must be sent to the customs authority that issued the certificate immediately after leaving the country. Within the European Union, firearms and ammunition for hunting, sports or self-defense purposes may be transported by an EU citizen or a person established in the European Union with a European firearms permit. During the trip, it is always necessary to prove the right to possess a firearm (with a permit issued in the country of residence) and the purpose of the trip (sports competition, hunting). Participation in a hunt must be proven with an invitation letter from the hunt organizer and a hunting permit.

Participation in sports shooting is certified by an invitation letter from the sports association, and the right to export sports firearms and ammunition is certified by a license from the sports association.

The certificates are only valid together with the firearms possession or European firearms possession license.

In the case of purchasing firearms and ammunition from abroad or repairing them abroad, or selling them abroad,

- a possession license issued by the competent authority of the passenger's state, and
- an import or export license issued by the Hungarian police.

In addition to the above, the licenses required for the import and export of firearms and ammunition permitted for hunting and sports purposes are issued by the county police headquarters competent for the applicant's place of residence, and for transportation within the country, by the Budapest Police Headquarters.

Import for self-defense purposes is permitted by the county (capital) police headquarters competent for the intended place of entry or transit. The customs authority checks the existence of the issued permits, therefore, the transport of firearms and ammunition must be declared to the customs authority when crossing the customs border."

You must always declare your weapon and ammunition when leaving Hungary.

Storage and transportation to/from the shooting range: in a box, the weapon and ammunition must be separated, there must be no ammunition in the magazine

3. **Safekeeping:** When not in use, unloaded firearm should be securely stored in a dedicated gun safe. When not in use and if no safe is available, unloaded firearm should be with the permit holder (gun owner) at all times.

**The best way to store the firearm is to keep it with you as much as is reasonable.** When leaving a firearm in a hotel room when you are gone for breakfast, dinner, or on a trip, it is best to lock it in the firearm case if possible and to place it out of sight in a closet or under the bed. If possible, lock parts of the firearm (bolt, bolt carrier) to the safe or carry the parts with you so that it won't be easy to get access to a complete firearm.

Ammunition cannot be stored in the same case as the firearm. Ammunition may be kept in the same safe.

4. **Transporting:** Weapons may be carried in a case and all permits must be on the owner's person. It is still true that the best way is to keep the weapon under supervision at all times!!!

