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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES

ATF Form 4473, Firearms Transaction Record Part I – Over-the-Counter (Form 4473) has been revised. This letter highlights the changes to the form. You should review the entire revised form including all of the Important Notices, Instructions to Transferee/Buyer, Instructions to Transferor/Seller, and Definitions.

All Federal firearms licensees (FFLs) **must** begin using this form on July 9, 2012 (**not earlier**). After that date, you may no longer use the previous edition (August 2008) of the Form 4473 as it will be obsolete.

The changes to Form 4473 include the following:

Section A:

- **Question 10.** This item has been divided into two sections: Race and Ethnicity. You must select at least one race in item 10.b. regardless of ethnicity designation selected in item 10.a. Both items must be answered.
- **Question 11.i.** This item was amended to clarify that this category of prohibited persons is limited to aliens who are admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa.
- **Question 12.** This item was amended to clarify that this category of prohibited persons is limited to aliens who are admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa.

Section B:

- **Question 20c.** Proof of 90 days continuous residency is no longer required for any alien.
- **Question 20d. (Renumbered Question 20c.)** This item was amended to clarify that this category of prohibited persons is limited to aliens who are admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa.

NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

- The instructions to the corresponding questions from above were revised accordingly.

In addition, the most frequently asked questions and answers regarding the revised Form 4473 can be found at the ATF website (www.atf.gov).

Questions

If you have additional questions regarding the revised Form 4473, please contact your local ATF office. A listing may be found at: <http://www.atf.gov/field/>.

Forms

If you need additional forms, please contact the ATF Distribution Center at (202) 648-6420 or you may order online at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/dcof/>. You may also print the [Form 4473](#) from the ATF website and make copies as needed.

e-Form 4473 Application

ATF has updated the electronic Form 4473 (e-Form 4473) application. On July 9, 2012, the revised e-Form 4473 application will be posted and available for download at: <http://www.atf.gov/applications>. All FFLs **must** ensure that they are using the correct e-Form 4473 version on that date.