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FIREARMS DIVISION
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Subject: Implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 106 - Firearms Safety Device Standards and Testing, and Standards for Gun Safes - Supplement

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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS, FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS, FIREARMS SAFETY DEVICE (FSD) MANUFACTURERS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

This Information Bulletin supplements Information Bulletin 2001-04-FD, dated December 13, 2001, that was sent to firearms dealers and firearms manufacturers to alert them of the pending FSD law. This supplemental Information Bulletin provides information on pending emergency legislation and provides clarification on select portions of the law.

PENDING EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is aware that some long guns will not have suitable DOJ-certified FSD available by January 1, 2002. The Department is sponsoring emergency legislation that, if signed, will delay implementation of the FSD law for those **long guns** for which no FSD is currently available. We are hopeful that by early February 2002 the emergency legislation will provide relief for those models for which there is no certified FSD available. Although the Department is optimistic that the emergency legislation will be successful, neither the Department nor the Attorney General has the authority to do anything contrary to the law. Therefore, until the emergency legislation becomes law, full compliance with the FSD law will be expected. As a result, some firearm deliveries may need to be postponed (up to 30 days from the date of purchase), or cancelled until compliance can be demonstrated or an exemption exists.

WHAT CAN BE DONE IF THERE ARE NO DOJ-CERTIFIED FSD AVAILABLE FOR THE FIREARM BEING PURCHASED/TRANSFERRED?

Firearms dealers may encounter a firearm model they believe should be listed as compatible with a DOJ-certified FSD. In such situations, firearms dealers may consider contacting a certified FSD manufacturer to request the certification of their device with a particular firearm. An FSD will be considered certified for use with a firearm model when a firearms dealer receives confirmation from the FSD manufacturer, or when the firearm is listed on the roster as a model compatible with a certified FSD.

Requests for the DOJ to add firearms to the roster can only be accepted from representatives of the FSD's manufacturer. FSD manufacturers have the responsibility of contacting the DOJ if they want to add additional firearms to the Roster of Firearms Safety Devices Certified for Sale. FSD manufacturers have been instructed to update their roster listings by providing the firearms information to the Department by e-mail or fax. Requests to add firearms to the roster made by other parties, including firearm manufacturers and dealers, cannot be accepted. The DOJ does not have the authority to dictate to the FSD manufacturers which firearms they certify for use with their devices.

It is foreseeable that FSD manufacturers will need to test-fit and self-certify their devices for use with a firearm model before the firearm model can be added to the roster. Therefore, firearms dealers may want to delay the initiation of the Dealer's Record of Sale (DROS) process until a suitable FSD has been identified. Delaying the DROS process until a suitable FSD has been identified will help to prevent the DROS process from having to be cancelled/repeated if compliance with the FSD law could not be demonstrated within 30 days. The Department encourages dealers and/or consumers to begin the search for a suitable FSD early in the purchasing process, thereby allowing the device manufacturers the most time to consider certification for that firearm model, or for the consumer to determine if they own an acceptable safe.

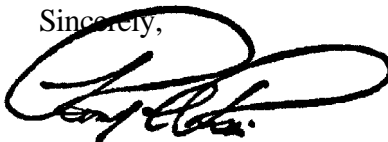
**INSTRUCTIONS ON USING THE ROSTER OF FIREARMS SAFETY DEVICES
CERTIFIED FOR SALE**

The Roster of Firearms Safety Devices Certified for Sale can be located on the Internet at <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/firearms/fsdcertlist.htm>. The roster should be used in determining which FSDs are certified, and those firearm models for which they are suitable. The roster can be searched by FSD model or by firearm make and model. It is important to note that the roster is updated regularly and contains a vast number of firearms. Because of the dynamic nature of the roster, we recommend accessing the database through the Internet rather than printing the information. Printed copies will require regular upkeep as additions to the roster will be made weekly.

As you know, the DOJ discussed implementation of the FSD law with firearms dealers, firearms manufacturers and FSD manufacturers before January 2001. We hope those meetings and subsequent training prepared you for this requirement, and prompted you to make contact with FSD manufacturers by early December to minimize any disruption to your dealer activities. For dealers who waited until late December to prepare for the implementation of the FSD law, we will help you to the best of our abilities.

If you would like to view the text of the FSD regulations or view prior Information Bulletins, please go to our web site at <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/firearms/>. If you have any questions regarding this Information Bulletin, the roster, or the FSD Testing Program, please call the Firearms Division Information Services Section at (916) 227-3703.

Sincerely,



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