CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TITLE 11. LAW
DIVISION 5. FIREARMS REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 15. GUN SHOWS

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

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Article 1. General

§ 4500. Definitions.

(a) "Ammunition vendor" means a person with a valid ammunition vendor license issued pursuant to Penal Code section 30385 and section 30395.

(b) "Certificate of Eligibility" or "COE" has the meaning set forth in Penal Code section 26710.

(c) "Dealer" means a person listed on the Centralized List of Firearms Dealers pursuant to Penal Code section 26700.

(d) "Department" means the California Department of Justice.

(e) "Exempted Federal Firearms Licensee" means a person listed on the Centralized List of Exempted Federal Firearms Licensees (CLEFFL) pursuant to Penal Code section 26500.

(f) "Firearm Safety Device" has the meaning set forth in Penal Code section 16540 and subdivision (*l*) of section 4082 of Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations, and that is listed on the Department's Roster of Firearm Safety Devices Certified for Sale pursuant to Penal Code sections 23650 and 23655.

(g) "Gun show" means "gun show or event" as defined in Penal Code section 26805, subdivision (b).

(h) "Gun show producer" means a person who produces, promotes, sponsors, operates, or otherwise organizes a gun show.

(i) "Gun show trader" has the meaning set forth in Penal Code section 16620.

(j) "Gun show vendor" means all persons, entities, and organizations that have leased or rented, or, to the knowledge of the gun show producer, intend to lease or rent, any table, display space, or area at the gun show for the purpose of displaying, selling, leasing, or transferring firearms manufactured after December 31, 1898, or ammunition. "Gun show vendor" includes "ammunition vendor," "dealer," "manufacturer," "Exempted Federal Firearms Licensee," and "gun show trader."

(k) “Large-capacity magazine permit” means a permit issued pursuant to Penal Code section 32315.

(l) “Manufacturer” means a person listed on the Centralized List of Firearms Manufacturers pursuant to Penal Code section 29050, subdivision (b) and section 29060.

Note: Authority cited: Section 27310, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26525, 27200, 27205, 27210 and 27310, Penal Code.

Article 2. Gun Show Producers

§ 4510. Applications for Gun Show Producer License.

(a) No person shall produce, promote, sponsor, operate, or otherwise organize a gun show unless that person has a valid gun show producer license.

(b) The Department shall issue a gun show producer license to an applicant who:

(1) possess a valid Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Applications for a COE are governed by sections 4032 through 4041;

(2) pays the annual fee prescribed by Penal Code section 27200, subdivision (e);

(3) provides the certification prescribed by Penal Code section 27200, subdivision (b)(1);

(4) provides proof of liability insurance in an amount of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) for the duration of all gun shows during the year which the license is issued or renewed; and

(5) provides the Annual Calendar of Gun Shows or Events (Form BOF 106, rev. 07/2025), hereby incorporated by reference. If the information required by Penal Code section 27200, subdivision (b)(3), changes, updated information shall be provided to the Department no later than 30 days before the gun show on Form BOF 106.

(c) A gun show producer license expires one year from the date of issuance or renewal. A gun show producer license shall be renewed prior to expiration to remain valid. Completed applications for a renewal, containing all of the requirements in subdivision (b), shall be submitted no earlier than 60 days before expiration of the license.

Note: Authority cited: Section 27200, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 16800 and 27200, Penal Code.

§ 4511. Submission of Event and Security Plan.

(a) The gun show producer or the gun show facility's manager shall submit their Event and Security Plan (Form BOF 104, rev. 07/2025), hereby incorporated by reference, to the Department and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility no later than 30 days before each gun show.

(b) If significant changes have been made since the Event and Security Plan was submitted, the gun show producer must submit a Revised Event and Security Plan (Form BOF 104A, rev. 07/2025), hereby incorporated by reference, to the Department no later than fifteen (15) days before commencement of the gun show. An example of a significant change includes, but is not limited to a change in location, date, or time.

Note: Authority cited: Section 27310, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26525, 27210 and 27220, Penal Code.

§ 4512. Submission of List of Prospective Gun Show Vendors.

(a) The gun show producer shall submit their List of Prospective Gun Show Vendors Offering Firearms or Ammunition for Sale or Display (Form BOF 105, rev. 07/2025), hereby incorporated by reference, to the Department seven (7) calendar days before the commencement of a gun show, but not later than noon on Friday for a gun show held on a weekend. If the list of prospective gun show vendors for the gun show has changed, the gun show producer must submit a revised Form BOF 105 to the Department seven (7) calendar days before the commencement of a gun show, but not later than noon on Friday for a gun show held on a weekend.

(b) The gun show producer shall provide a floor plan showing the location of each gun show vendor's table and layout of the gun show when they submit Form BOF 105.

(c) After reviewing its records, the Department will send the gun show producer a letter confirming which prospective gun show vendors are eligible to participate at the gun show, and which prospective gun show vendors are ineligible.

Note: Authority cited: Section 27210, 27310 and 27220, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26525 and 27210, Penal Code.

Article 3. Inspections

§ 4520. Gun Show Producer Requirements.

(a) Gun show producers shall keep the written contracts required by Penal Code section 27235, the vendor certifications required by Penal Code section 27305, and the information required by Penal Code section 27320 at the gun show for the duration of the gun show. These records may be maintained in electronic format.

(b) The gun show producer shall make these records available for Department inspection.

Note: Authority cited: Section 27310, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 27235, 27305 and 27320, Penal Code.

§ 4521. Gun Show Vendor Requirements.

(a) Dealers and ammunition vendors shall have in their possession at any gun show a list of all inventory brought to the gun show. The list shall include the make, model, caliber, and serial number of each firearm, and the brand, type, and amount of all ammunition. The list shall be made available for Department inspection.

(b) All firearms sold at the gun show that are in the ten-day waiting period must remain at the gun show for the duration of the gun show.

(c) Dealers shall publicly display their local license issued pursuant to Penal Code section 26705, the Department notice confirming the dealer is recorded on the Centralized List specified in Penal Code section 26715, and their Federal Firearms License, or a facsimile thereof, at any gun show.

(d) Gun show vendors shall ensure that all firearms in their possession at the gun show are unloaded, and that the firearms are secured in a manner that prevents them from being operated except for brief periods when the mechanical condition of a firearm is being demonstrated to a prospective buyer. To meet this requirement, firearms shall be secured with a Firearm Safety Device approved for that firearm preventing the firearm's operation. Merely tying the hammer

back with a string or applying a hard plastic strap through the trigger guard would fail this requirement.

(e) All ammunition shall be displayed in a manner that prevents a prospective buyer from accessing that ammunition without the assistance of the gun show vendor.

(f) Dealers and manufacturers shall have in their possession at any gun show any large-capacity magazine permit. The permit shall be made available for Department inspection.

(g) All Firearms Safety Certificate testing at the gun show shall comply with all applicable laws, including Penal Code sections 31625, 31635, 31640, and 31645.

Note: Authority cited: Section 27310, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26805, 26815, 27305, 27310, 27315 and 30350, Penal Code.

§ 4522. Notification of Inspection Findings.

(a) Ammunition vendors and gun show producers shall be notified of inspection findings on the Notification of Inspection Findings, Form BOF 08-022. If violations are found, the Department shall include the following on Form BOF 08-022:

(1) The statute or regulation violated.

(2) A summary and description of the violation, stating the manner in which the ammunition vendor or gun show producer failed to comply with the law.

(3) If applicable, action to be taken to correct a violation and compliance date to complete the corrective action. The compliance date shall be no more than 30 calendar days following the date of the inspection, unless the Department determines that the violation cannot reasonably be corrected in that time. When determining the compliance date, the Department shall consider the seriousness of the violation, including risk of public harm, and the reasonable time necessary for corrections.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 26800 and 27310, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26800 and 27310, Penal Code.