



Sportsman's Association News

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ON THE LIST

March 21st, 2016 – Security services have quietly acquired the details of every single person in the UK with access to firearms and put them on a database with known terrorists, it has emerged.

Hidden away in the middle of the government's draft Investigatory Powers Bill, a snooper's charter designed to legalise mass surveillance of innocent law-abiding British residents, was a startling admission dressed up as a case study:

BPD Case Study: Preventing Access to Firearms

The terrorist attacks in Mumbai in 2008 and the more recent shootings in Copenhagen and Paris in 2015, highlight the risk posed from terrorists gaining access to firearms. To help manage the risk of UK based subjects of interest accessing firearms, the intelligence agencies match data about individuals assessed to have access to firearms with records of known terrorists. To achieve this, the security and intelligence agencies acquired the details of all these individuals, even though the majority will not be involved in terrorism and therefore will not be of direct intelligence interest. This allowed the matching to be undertaken at scale and pace, and more comprehensively than individual



requests could ever achieve. Completing such activities enabled the intelligence agencies to manage the associated risks to the public.

This can be found on page 34 of the draft bill, which is available via the government website (PDF, 299 pages).

All new members of Home Office-approved rifle clubs have their personal details – name, address, telephone number, and so on – transmitted to the police by the club. This data transmission is a condition of clubs securing Home Office approval, which is a legal status that allows non-firearm certificate holders to handle firearms and shoot at club events.

The database will include Registered Firearms Dealers and their servants. Now that law-abiding are roped in with terrorists, it will attract Attention from Armed Response Teams, especially from clumsy INTEL.

Competition air pistol banned

The Steyr LP 50 .177 used in ISSF competition around the world has been deemed

by the Home Office as a Section 5 prohibited firearm.

The following paragraph, which is a generalisation and not thought through, makes this pistol illegal. The Crown Prosecution Service say that no more LP 50s may be imported or sold, however they are not interested in those already in circulation in the UK.

Under section 5(1)(ab) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended), all self-loading or pump action rifled guns are classified as prohibited other than those which are chambered for .22 rim-fire cartridges. You will note that there is no exemption in this provision for air rifles/weapons.

Harry Preston and his family at Steyr Sport UK have been advised by the Home Office not to import or sell any more of these pistols. The Preston Family are all shooting champions and shoot with the LP 50s they have represented Great Britain as GB pistol team, what a kick in the teeth, the Home Office continue to destroy shooting sports.

The British shooter continues to be persecuted by this government.

Steyr Sport

This Austrian company, have long been leaders in the field of air guns. The LP 10 is a single shot air pistol, the LP50 in question comes with three magazines, a blank magazine for dry firing, a single shot magazine and a five shot magazine, so would it be ok to sell one with a single shot magazine?

Georgina Geikie uses a Steyr LP10; at least that is what she was using when I met her in 2010 at Bisley. At the 2010 Commonwealth Shooting Championships Geikie won four medals; two individual bronzes and a silver and bronze in team events. She competed for England at the 2010 Commonwealth Games held in Delhi, India. Again partnered by Julia Lyndall, the pair repeated their result at the 2006 Games by winning a bronze medal in the women's 25-metre pistol pairs with a score of 1122

