

September 1, 2020

**MEMORANDUM TO:**

CLUB AND RANGE EXECUTIVES  
RANGE AND BUSINESS INSPECTORS  
FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION SERVICES OF ONTARIO

**Re: Fuel Filter Silencers (Solvent Traps)**

I bring the following to your attention as CFO members have been engaged recently with the Canadian Boarder Service Agency (CBSA) and a number of Ontario Police Agencies regarding "fuel filter silencers".

There has been a wave of firearm silencers (AKA suppressors) being imported into Canada over the past several months advertised or masked as solvent traps.

These items are listed under a host of names, including but not limited to the following: solvent trap, fuel filter silencer, 4003 solvent kit, mock suppressor. They are imported in one of two ways - as complete devices or kits requiring assembling.

A legitimate solvent trap attaches to the barrel of a firearm and is used to collect and trap gun cleaning solvent during the cleaning process.

The RCMP has determined that several devices being imported as solvent traps / fuel filters are firearm suppressors/silencers based on a number of specific physiognomies:

- *"metal tubes threaded on the inside of each end with the mechanical strength to withstand the forces of the discharge and passage of a bullet;*
- *Threaded caps to be attached to the metal tube (with or without a pre-drilled bore) with the means of mounting firmly to a firearm*
- *Baffles or an internal component such as a spring or rubber ring capable muffling or silencing the sound of discharge."*

These items are **prohibited devices**. Section 84(1) of the *Criminal Code* defines a prohibited device as any device or contrivance designed or intended to muffle or stop the sound of a firearm.

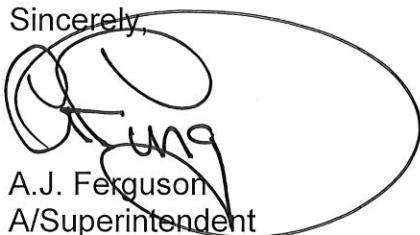
The possession, transfer, importation or exportation of a prohibited device by anyone who is not authorized is engaged in a criminal offence under the *Criminal Code*.

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This information is for your awareness and the awareness of your respective club and range members and instructors.

Please ensure that your members are familiar with this memo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'A.J. Ferguson'.

A.J. Ferguson  
A/Superintendent  
Interim Bureau Commander

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