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Dear Sir

**FIREARMS ACT 1968 (AS AMENDED):  
AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 5**

I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that, under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended), she hereby authorises you to have in your possession, to acquire and to transfer, in the course of your business as transporters of arms and ammunition, prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition to which section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) applies.

Prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition for which an authority of the Secretary of State is required must **not** be sold or transferred to any person who does not hold an authority of the Secretary of State under section 5 unless that person is exempt from the need to hold an authority by virtue of the Act.

This authority is valid until **28 May 2017** and is given on the following conditions:-

1. that the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are never owned by the company at any time;
2. that the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are never stored at the company premises;
3. that the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are transported under secure conditions as agreed with and satisfactory to the chief officer of Hampshire Constabulary or, alternatively, that the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are transported using only those carriers who hold the authority of the Secretary of State;
4. that when transporting prohibited weapons, component parts or ammunition, the consignment is not left unattended at any time, except where it is securely stored at any of the following locations:

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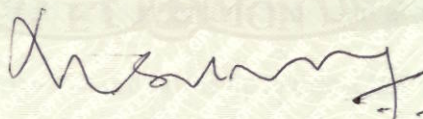
- (a) on premises where items of the type being transported are permitted to be kept pursuant to an authorisation of the Secretary of State under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 and where the quantity of the items being transported does not cause any condition in that authorisation to be breached;
  - (b) within an area under the control of the Ministry of Defence, but only if transporting firearms or ammunition for the MoD or where prior arrangement has been made with the MoD; or
  - (c) within a site licensed or holding a registration under explosives legislation.
5. that the chief officer of Hampshire Constabulary and the Home Office Drugs & Firearms Licensing Unit, Firearms Section are notified **in advance** of any change of company name, company address, named authority holder or change of procedure for the safekeeping of prohibited consignments. *Failure to comply with this procedure will invalidate this authority;*
  6. that Mr Alan Paul Ayton ensures that all reasonable precautions are taken to secure the safe custody of the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition and that proper records of all transfers involving the prohibited weapons and prohibited ammunition are kept; and
  7. that this authority shall no longer be valid if Mr Alan Paul Ayton ceases to hold office with Simtex International Limited.

This authority does not exempt you from the need to comply with the requirements of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended).

Under section 5(5) of the Firearms Act 1968, it is an offence for a person to whom an authority is given under this section to fail to comply with any condition of the authority.

Under section 5(6) of the Firearms Act 1968, the Secretary of State is empowered to revoke this authority at any time.

Yours faithfully



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Firearms Section