Good morning!

Just another quick update on a couple of changes we’ve made to SAFE this week.

1. Firearm Manufacturer searching – We have changed how the type-search functionality works. Instead of only returning manufacturer names that are at the beginning of the description, SAFE will now return anything that has the name typed:

   Example: Tikka (previously returned ‘no results’), now it will show up:

   ![Select a manufacturer](image1)

   Or

   High Standard (which will return multiple different manufacturers):

   ![Select a manufacturer](image2)

   We’re hoping that this change will make it easier on all of you to find the firearm you are looking for when you are submitting a background check.

2. Proceeds and Overturns (the two ‘green’ responses) will now disappear off your dashboard 35 days after the background check was submitted, OR 24 hours after the transfer date is entered. As stated on the ATF 4473, a NICS check is only valid for 30 days. We are providing an extra 5 days to allow you to add the actual transfer date that occurred within the 30 day window. If no transfer date is entered, on day 35 the background check will purge all personally identifiable information (PII), as we are required to do by federal law. This means the 4473
and FTA .pdfs will disappear. And, because no transfer date has been entered, if an FTA was involved, the transfer data WILL NOT be sent to DOL. The background check fee will still apply, if applicable.

3. The business email address listed under “Manage FFL Business” – for FFL Owners (the rest of you won’t see this option), we have stopped SAFE from using the billing information email address, because it was not the appropriate email address for all FFLs to have populated on the FTA. We will be adding a new non-mandatory “Business Email” field (within “Manage FFL Business”) in the next few days. If an email address is entered there, then SAFE will populate that address automatically on the FTA.

Finally...PLEASE remember and remind any employees you have: ENTER THE TRANSFER DATE WHEN THE FIREARM IS PHYSICALLY GIVEN TO THE TRANSFEREE!!! And remember, Proceeds and Overturns WILL disappear 24 hours after the entry of the transfer date, so make sure you get the NTN from the background check BEFORE that happens!!!

Thank you,

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