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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
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FROM: Richard Stubbings
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SUBJECT: **Government of Canada Ban on Assault-style Firearms**

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I am writing to advise that on May 1, 2020, the Government of Canada announced the ban of over 1,500 models and variants of assault-style firearms under the Criminal Code of Canada. These models represent nine categories of firearms and two types identified by characteristic. Some of their components are also prohibited (e.g., Nordic Components NC-PCC). The amendments to the Criminal Code can be found here: <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2020/2020-05-01-x3/pdf/q2-154x3.pdf>

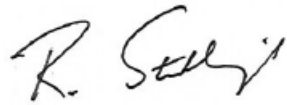
The newly prohibited firearms and components cannot be legally used, sold, or imported. Owners must also continue to safely store them and may only transfer and transport them under limited circumstances (e.g., transporting a firearm to deactivate it by an approved business or to surrender it to police or to return it to a lawful owner's residence).

Further, the Government of Canada will allow a transition period of two years to protect owners of newly prohibited firearms from criminal liability while they take steps to comply with these new rules. This two-year amnesty order under the Criminal Code is in effect until April 30, 2022. There are exceptions under the amnesty for Indigenous peoples exercising Aboriginal or treaty rights to hunt, and for those who hunt or trap to sustain themselves or their families. These exceptions will allow for the continued use of newly prohibited firearms in limited circumstances until a suitable replacement can be found. By the end of the amnesty period, all firearms owners must comply with the ban.

The Government of Canada intends to implement a buy-back program as soon as possible to safely remove these firearms and to introduce legislation as early as possible, working with Parliament and through public consultation.

We will share further information on this as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R." and the last name "Stubbings" clearly distinguishable.

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