RECORD MANAGEMENT OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITIONS IN KENYA

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Introduction

- Legal Firearms in Kenya
- Categorized as state owned firearms, authorized dealers and civilian owned all under the custody of the Kenya Police Service, the Central Firearms Bureau and the Armed Forces
- Inventory 1-state owned firearms LEA except defense with separate records
- Inventory 2-Civilian in possession
- Inventory 3- Authorized dealers

The two arms maintain registers and procedures for effective record keeping, tracing, control, and management.
Control of state owned firearms

- Control by Police Headquarters Arms Registry
- Control through Quarterly and annual Arms and Ammunition returns by Division/Formations
- Control through the arms registers (GP87) by the respective Police stations
- Control through the Arms movement books at station levels
- Control through Daily physical inspections of Arms held in Armouries by station commanders through Form P139
Other processes include:

- The Demand and issue vouchers
- Voucher filling procedure
- Arms issues, receipts and exchanges
- Arms record and census
- Procedural and institutional checks
- (All these practices cut across all law enforcement agencies under the chief armourer)
Currently the state owned firearms are being marked as per the best practice guidelines and Nairobi Protocol this entails,

- Star, Country code, organization holding the firearm and the firearm serial number.
  * KE KP 1234 - For a firearm held by Kenya Police
  * KE AP 1234 - For a firearm held by Administration Police
  * KE KWS 1234 - For a firearm held by K.W.S.

The information is automated and stored in the compute, for ease of reference and entry of further particulars of personnel in possession.
On civilian and authorized dealers

- The CFB through the chief licensing officer has registered all licensed authorized dealers and other civilians in legal possession.
- The record and licensing process method is controlled from the point of import (manufacturer, mode of entry which is restricted to air, inspection at arrival, location of operation and other specifications in given laws.)
Other records are on frequency of inspection, ammunitions specification and usage.
Transition

- The transitional processes applies to all registered firearms and ammunitions.
- **From Manual to electronic**- all previous data stored in books, manuals and cards has been transferred into computer systems. The process has not been concluded, owing to limitation of equipments, redeployment of personnel.

- Upon the introduction of the brokerage software and its launch with UNREC in February 2010, the software has not been in use as this should be aligned to legislations.
Authority for record management

- Arms and ammunition Cap 31 Force Standing (FSO) Orders
- Civilian Firearms Control Cap 34 (FSO)
- Records Management on Firearms Cap 41
- Firearms Act Cap 114 Laws of Kenya
- Draft Policy on SALW (domestication of Nairobi Protocol, UNPOA, and other international instruments and Best practices)
THANK YOU.

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