on the following Friday. The licensee may deliver the handgun on the next day, Saturday.

(b) Form of notice. The notice required by paragraph (a)(3) of this section shall be actual notice and shall be given in a manner acceptable to such officer. For example, if the chief law enforcement officer will only accept notice in writing and not by telephone, notice shall be given by the licensee to the chief law enforcement officer in writing. In that case, the 5-day waiting period prescribed by paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section begins at the time such written notice is received by the chief law enforcement officer. If the licensee sends notice to such officer by mail, the licensee shall send the notice by certified mail (return receipt requested) or by any other method of mailing which will provide a written receipt: Provided, That where the chief law enforcement officer will only accept notice by hand delivery, notice may be sent in writing by the licensee to the chief law enforcement officer by certified mail (return receipt requested) or by any other method of mailing which will provide a written receipt.

(c) Chief law enforcement officer. The law requires that notice of the contents of the transferee's statement of intent to obtain a handgun and the statement be provided by the licensee to the chief law enforcement officer of the place of residence of the transferee. For purposes of this section, § 178.130, and § 178.131, the "chief law enforcement officer" means the chief of police, the sheriff, or an equivalent officer or the designee of any such individual. Where the State or local law enforcement officials have notified the licensee that a particular official has been designated to receive the notice and statement specified in paragraphs (a) (3) and (4) of this section, the licensee shall provide the information to that designated official.

(d) Alternatives to waiting period. The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply if—

(1) The transferee has presented to the licensee a written statement, issued by the chief law enforcement officer of the transferee's place of residence, stating that the transferee requires access to a handgun because of a threat to the life of the transferee or of any member of the household of the transferee. The written statement must have been issued by the chief law enforcement officer during the 10-day period ending on the date that the transferee has informed the licensee of the transferee's intention to obtain a handgun. The written statement shall be on a letter bearing the letterhead of the chief law enforcement officer and shall be signed by the officer and dated;

(2) The transferee has presented to the licensee a permit or license that—

(i) Allows the transferee to possess or acquire a handgun;

(ii) Was issued not more than 5 years earlier by the State in which the transfer is to take place; and

(iii) The law of the State provides that such a permit is to be issued only after an authorized government official has verified that the information available to such official does not indicate that possession of a handgun by the transferee would be in violation of Federal, State, or local law:

(3) The law of the State requires that, before any licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer completes the transfer of a handgun to an individual who is not licensed under this part, an authorized government official verify that the information available to such official does not indicate that possession of a handgun by the transferee would be in violation of law;

(4) The handgun is subject to the provisions of the National Firearms Act and has been approved for transfer under 27 CFR Part 179; or

(5) On application of the licensee, in accordance with the provisions of § 178.150, the Director has certified that compliance with paragraph (a) of this section is impracticable.

(6) The documents referred to in paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) of this section shall be retained in the records of the licensee in accordance with the provisions of § 178.131.

(e) Disclosure of information. (1) Any licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer who, after the transfer of a handgun to a nonlicensee, receives a report from a chief law enforcement officer containing information that receipt or possession of the handgun by the transferee violates Federal, State, or local law shall, within 1 business day (meaning a day on which State offices are open) after receipt of the report, communicate any information the licensee has concerning the transfer and the transferee, including a copy of Form 4473 required by § 178.124, to the chief law enforcement officer of the place of business of the licensee and to the chief law enforcement officer of the place of residence of the transferee. The licensee may also provide this information to the local ATF office.

(2) Any licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer who receives information from a chief law enforcement officer regarding the transfer of a handgun to a nonlicensee, not otherwise available to the public, shall not disclose such information

except to the transferee, to law enforcement authorities, or pursuant to the direction of a court of law.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1512–0520)

Par. 5. Section 178.126a is amended by adding a fifth sentence to the text preceding Example 1 to read as follows:

## § 178.126a Reporting multiple sales or other disposition of pistols and revolvers.

\* \* The licensee shall retain one copy of Form 3310.4 and attach it to the firearms transaction record, Form 4473, executed upon delivery of the pistols or revolvers.

Par. 6. Section 178.129(b) and the parenthetical text at the end of the section are revised to read as follows:

## §178.129 Record retention.

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(b) Firearms transaction record, statement of intent to obtain a handgun, and reports of multiple sales or other disposition of pistols and revolvers. Licensees shall retain each Form 4473 and Form 4473(LV) for a period of not less than 20 years after the date of sale or disposition. Licensees shall retain each Form 5300.35 for a period of not less than 5 years after notice of the intent to obtain the handgun was forwarded to the chief law enforcement officer. Licensees shall retain each copy of Form 3310.4 for a period of not less than 5 years after the date of sale or other disposition.

(Paragraph (b) approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 1512–0520 and 1512–0006; all other recordkeeping approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1512–0129.)

Par. 7. Section 178.130 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (e) to read as follows:

## § 178.130 Statement of intent to obtain a handgun after February 27, 1994, and before November 30, 1998.

(a)(1) Except as provided in §§ 178.102(d) and 178.131, a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer shall not sell, deliver, or transfer a handgun (other than the return of a handgun to the person from whom it was received) unless the licensee has received from the transferee a statement of intent to obtain a handgun on Form 5300.35 in duplicate. The statement shall contain the transferee's name, address, and date of birth. The transferee must date and execute the sworn statement contained on the form showing that the transferee