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NAFTA: U.S. Firearms and Ammunition Trade with Canada and Mexico

(GREENVILLE, SC and HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA) – *Small Arms Analytics & Forecasting* conducted an analysis of U.S. firearms and ammunition trade data with NAFTA partners Canada and Mexico. The analysis covers the past 10 full years of trade (2008–2017) and is based on U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) files.

IMPORTS: After Turkey, Canada was the second-largest import source of long-guns into the U.S. in 2017, with 234,831 units. Russia, Italy, and Mexico were the top-3 munitions (i.e., cartridges and parts thereof) import sources for the U.S., with Canada in tenth place that year. Total 2008–2017 long-gun imports from Canada amounted to about 2.5 million units and munitions import to about 440 million units. For the same time-period, munitions imports from Mexico ran to over 2.7 billion units.

EXPORTS: Regarding exports, Canada was the U.S.'s largest long- and handgun export destination in 2017 (180,429 and 54,151 units, respectively), with Mexico not featuring among the top-10 that year. As for munitions exports, Canada was the third-largest recipient destination and Mexico the ninth-largest, with 59,675,049 and 35,405,275 units, respectively. For the 2008–2017 time span as a whole, the U.S. exported about 1.7 million long-guns, 315,000 handguns, and 642 million munition units to Canada, and 137,000 long-guns, 33,200 handguns, and 188 million munition units to Mexico.

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Charts attached:

Chart 1: Total U.S. long-gun, handgun, and munition imports from Canada and Mexico, 2009-2018.

Chart 2: Total U.S. long-gun, handgun, and munition exports from Canada and Mexico, 2009-2018.

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Chart 1: Total U.S. long-gun, handgun, and munition imports from Canada and Mexico, 2009-2018

Year	Canada			Mexico		
	Long-guns	Handguns	Munitions	Long-guns	Handguns	Munitions
2008	127,241	16,695	25,609,913	1,020		84,384,800
2009	182,852	10,544	15,717,397	1,770		182,250,000
2010	155,621	6	22,377,306			152,355,600
2011	195,008	2	21,986,754	4,284		73,677,350
2012	323,912	13	14,910,510	25		123,854,650
2013	369,517	36	24,007,149	200		276,773,600
2014	321,369	134	45,019,318	800		401,340,500
2015	334,489	15	92,465,130			404,445,750
2016	261,564	4	102,507,976		50	622,738,100
2017	234,831	106	73,989,222			411,758,325
2018*	105,084	1	10,139,681			186,559,520
Grand Total	2,611,488	27,556	448,730,356	8,099	50	2,920,138,195

* 2018 = January to June

Source: Extracted by Small Arms Analytics from U.S. International Trade Commission files.

Notes: Long-guns are essentially sporting firearms such as shotguns and rifles; handguns are revolvers and pistols; munitions are cartridges and parts thereof. The precise navigation and interpretation of USITC files is complex.

Chart 2: Total U.S. long-gun, handgun, and munition exports to Canada and Mexico, 2009-2018

Year	Canada			Mexico		
	Long-guns	Handguns	Munitions	Long-guns	Handguns	Munitions
2008	124,995	17,002	53,528,728	12,607	2,080	2,330,284
2009	106,865	15,657	45,362,825	18,623	3,014	8,921,099
2010	116,281	19,661	57,884,408	38,109	1,281	12,374,703
2011	153,388	18,586	74,802,331	8,147	3,398	23,336,216
2012	186,735	26,502	66,575,507	11,420	1,589	14,997,149
2013	241,412	38,930	62,402,729	6,954	3,700	43,232,474
2014	268,657	55,788	70,611,125	22,154	4,144	1,779,093
2015	184,712	40,559	90,769,204	9,764	8,834	25,971,778
2016	152,018	28,064	60,136,343	6,142	1,889	19,741,974
2017	180,429	54,151	59,675,049	2,583	3,254	35,405,275
2018*	82,132	28,796	39,943,019	1,398	271	21,250,404
Grand Total	1,797,624	343,696	681,691,268	137,901	33,454	209,340,449

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