

USPS Proposes New Rules that Would End Century Old Ban on Mailing Handguns

Currently, federal law prohibits mailing handguns through the USPS. Instead, you must use a common carrier, such as FedEx or UPS, which only accept firearms from federally licensed gun manufacturers, importers, and dealers (FFLs) with shipping agreements. FFLs are required to run a background check on whoever picks up the firearm to ensure that they can legally possess it. USPS has now proposed a new rule that would allow people to mail handguns for the first time since 1927. The proposed rule also goes a step further and rolls back restrictions on mailing rifles and shotguns. If it goes into effect as proposed, the USPS rule would open up a new gun trafficking channel for illicit markets and make it significantly easier for guns to fall into the wrong hands.

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