
Mexico Seizes 34 Weapons Daily Smuggling from US

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Mexico seizes every day an average of 34 weapons recovered from a crime scene illegally coming from the United States, a technical office said Wednesday.

It is only the weapons seized from criminal groups and not the amount that enters Mexico through different channels used by traffickers.

The U.S.-administered Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), with offices in several Mexican states, recognizes that from 2011 to 2016, they tracked 74,515 recovered firearms in places where a crime was committed.

All, it reported, were produced or sold in the United States, and represent 70 percent of all recovered and traced in Mexico during that period, according to the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights.

The agency also pointed out that these objects recovered by Mexican authorities have decreased since 2012 when 20,670 pieces were seized. In 2017, the Army recovered 5,82 pieces, which represents a reduction of 75.41 percent.