

NAPOLEONIC ASSOCIATION of the NETHERLANDS



To: Foreign re-enactors intending to participate in the Winter
Bivouac Heeswijk (NL) 13-15 March 2026
The Members of the NAN

Subject: Conditions for participation in events in the Netherlands.

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Due to reports from the Dutch government, two conditions have been added to the registration for the Winter Bivouac.

1. The Ministry of Justice and Security (responsible for the Weapons and Ammunition Act (WWM)) states that:

Every foreign participant carrying weapons is obliged to email a copy of their passport or identity card to the organizer prior to the event, on which all first names are written in full and the place of birth is also stated.

2. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (responsible for the (technical) enforcement of the Explosives for Civil Use Act (WECG) states that:

Powder distribution on site (Heeswijk) to foreign participants is not permitted. This applies to loose powder (bottle). The Dutch government does not recognize foreign recognitions such as the "Pulverschein". At the moment, loose powder may only be transferred to holders of a (Dutch) WECG recognition.

Participants from abroad are only allowed to come to the Netherlands with pre-rotated patterns. Under no circumstances is it allowed to cross the border with loose powder, for example in bottles.

As NAN and LPLG, we are discussing this and with the government and are currently testing whether the requirements are actually in accordance with the law. However, this process was not completed before the winter bivouac. That is why we are now issuing this advice to our foreign participants because we want to prevent them and our members from getting into trouble with this.

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We regret these tightenings, some of which have not been announced.

Nevertheless, we hope that you will continue to participate in our event and that you will not let this spoil your enjoyment of living history.

On behalf of the board of the Napoleonic Association of the Netherlands (NAN)

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