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## **AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE NO. 2010/50**

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### **Changes to Regulation 4F and Schedule 6 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956***

Regulation 4F and Schedule 6 (firearms and related goods) of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (the Regulations) were amended on 16 November 2010 to:

- replace all instances of the word 'replica' with 'imitation' (for consistency with State and Territory legislation);
- clarify the discretionary nature of the power to grant import permission. The Attorney-General *may*, but is not obliged to, give permission to import even where specified conditions are met;
- streamline existing arrangements so that exporters who take their firearms overseas for legitimate reasons can obtain permission to re-import them upon their return to Australia, providing they meet established criteria;
- prescribe the form for applying for permission to import firearms and related goods (known as Attorney-General's permits); and
- retitle the 'Police Authorisation test' to the 'Police Certification test'. The amendment is intended to clarify that the police do not 'authorise' an importation, but rather certify that a person is permitted to possess and or use a firearm in that State or Territory.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Supervisor Firearms and Weapons on telephone number (02) 6245 5478 or fax number (02) 6275 6699.

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