



# IMPORTING WEAPONS – COLLECTORS AND NON-GOVERNMENT MUSEUM TEST

To import certain weapons into Australia, written permission from the Minister is required. Applications will only be considered when the weapons being imported comply with a legislated test.

One of the tests applicable to certain items of warfare is the collectors and non-government museum test. In order for a warfare item to be considered under this test, it must be inert and rendered permanently inoperable.

## GOODS APPLICABLE TO THE TEST

The collectors and non-government museum test is applicable to items of warfare listed at Item 1 of Schedule 13 only.

## HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be made in writing using a *B710 Form – Application for Permission to Import Schedule 3 and 13 Weapons*.

The B710 Form is available in the forms section of the Customs and Border Protection website at [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

In addition to the B710 Form, supporting documents must be provided with an application to demonstrate the importation complies with the collectors and non-government museum test.

Applications, including supporting documents, must be sent to:

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service  
Firearms & Weapons Section  
5 Constitution Avenue  
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

## REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. A certified copy of a licence or authorisation that demonstrates the importer is authorised to possess the goods for the importer's intended use in accordance with the law of the State or Territory in which the goods are to be used.
2. A statutory declaration stating the goods are inert and permanently inoperable and the goods will not be modified.

3. Evidence that the goods meet Customs and Border Protection's standards for inert and permanently inoperable goods, such as photographs. Further information on deactivation standards is available on the Customs and Border Protection website.
4. A statutory declaration stating the goods will be secured appropriately while in Australia.

## IMPORT CONDITIONS

Any imported weapons must be stored and appropriately secured while in Australia, in line with State and Territory requirements.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO PROCESS MY APPLICATION?

Applications must be made prior to the importation of the goods. This process takes approximately three weeks, provided all required information is supplied initially.

If any information is missing from the application, or additional information not specified is requested, applications may exceed the standard three-week turnaround time.

Goods should not be forwarded to Australia until permission to import is granted.

Goods that are imported without a valid permit may be subject to seizure and disposal.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information about the importation of weapons is available on the Customs and Border Protection website or through the Customs Information and Support Centre.

Website: [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

Phone: 1300 363 263

Email: [information@customs.gov.au](mailto:information@customs.gov.au)