



IMPORTING WEAPONS—RETURNED GOODS 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 weapons is the returned goods test. This test applies to goods that have been previously exported out of Australia.

WHICH GOODS DOES THE RETURNED GOODS TEST APPLY TO?

The returned goods test is applicable to all weapons listed in Schedule 13 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

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

In addition to the B710 Form, supporting documents must be provided with an application to demonstrate that the importation complies with the returned goods 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. Evidence that the goods have been exported out of Australia. If the goods were subject to export permit requirements, a copy of the export permit is also required.

3. A statutory declaration stating that no modifications have been made to the goods or, if the goods have been deactivated prior to export, that the goods have not been reactivated.

IMPORT CONDITIONS

No modifications have been made to the goods since export out of Australia.

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 if 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

Phone: 1300 363 263

Email: information@customs.gov.au