



# IMPORTING WEAPONS—SPECIFIED PERSON 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 specified person test. Specified persons include:

- individuals who require body armour in their occupation
- licensed security guards who require extendable batons
- individuals who require laser pointers for legitimate purposes.

## WHICH GOODS DOES THE SPECIFIED PERSON TEST APPLY TO?

- body armour and parts
- extendable batons and parts
- hand-held laser pointers.

## 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 specified person 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

### When goods are body armour for use in certain occupations:

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 required for occupational use and will only be used for this purpose, and the goods will be secured appropriately while in Australia.
3. Evidence of occupation, such as a letter of appointment and relevant licences.

### When goods are extendable batons for use by security guards:

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 required for occupational use and will only be used for this purpose, and the goods will be secured appropriately while in Australia.
3. Evidence of occupation, such as a letter of appointment and relevant licences.

### When the goods are laser pointers for use by the importer:

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 required for a legitimate purpose (such as astronomy, research, etc) and will only be used for this purpose, and the goods will be secured appropriately while in Australia.
3. Evidence of occupation, such as a letter of appointment and relevant licences.

**When the goods are laser pointers for sale:**

1. A certified copy of a licence or authorisation that demonstrates the importer is authorised to possess and sell the goods 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 will only be on sold for a legitimate purpose (such as astronomy, research, etc) and 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)