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Minister for Justice and Customs
Senator for Western Australia

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Robert Green
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Dear Mr Green 

I am pleased to advise the Sporting Shooters and Firearms Advisory Council (the Council) that on 9 February 2007, Australia Post lifted its ban on the import and export of firearms articles through international mail services.

The lifting of the ban follows my extensive discussions with the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator the Hon Helen Coonan and numerous representations to Senator Coonan from Council members, the broader sports shooting community and the firearms industry.

I am particularly pleased that our collaborative efforts have worked to achieve a sensible and balanced outcome for sporting shooters and the firearms industry.

I am also encouraged that this good result will build upon the strong relationship between the Australian Government and the shooting and firearms community as we continue working together to deliver the best outcomes for legitimate firearms users and the Australian community.

I note that the issue of State and Territory regulation of the postal carriage of firearms will be discussed at the forthcoming Firearms Policy Working Group meeting with a view to examining the effectiveness of existing arrangements. I will keep Council members appraised of progress in this matter.

Yours sincerely



CHRIS ELLISON
Senator for Western Australia