



IMPORTING FIREARM REPLICAS

The importation of firearm replicas is controlled under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (the Regulations). Importers must obtain permission to bring these goods into Australia.

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A firearm replica is defined as a copy or reproduction or has the appearance of a firearm that could reasonably be taken to be a firearm. This can include goods such as ornaments and arcade or video game controllers.

A replica does **not** include items that are or were capable of discharging projectiles by means compressed gas or explosive charge; however may include goods that discharge a projectile by other means for example, spring powered devices.

Firearm replicas do not include deactivated firearms. These goods are treated as firearms under the Regulations.

Information and fact sheets on importing firearms are available on the Customs and Border Protection website at www.customs.gov.au

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To import firearm replicas into Australia, importers must first obtain written authorisation from the police firearms or weapons registry in their State or Territory. This authorisation will be in the form of a *B709A Importation of Firearms – Police Confirmation and Certification Form* (B709A Form).

The original permission must be presented to Customs and Border Protection at or before importation.

Firearm replicas do not have to undergo safety testing and do not require a unique serial number.

INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

Where imported firearm parts are classified to two or more items in Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956, the importation requirements of all relevant items must be met in respect of those parts.

If any firearm part, accessory or magazine can be removed from the replica firearm and used on a real firearm, then in order to import that part, accessory or magazine will require separate police authorisation or Commonwealth Attorney-General's permission.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Penalty: The maximum penalty for importing these goods without import approval is a penalty not exceeding \$275,000, imprisonment for 10 years, or both.

To **export** firearm replicas see the *Exporting Firearms and Related Goods* fact sheet.

CONTACTS

Contact details of the police firearms and weapon registries and the Attorney-General's Department can be found on the *Firearms and Weapons Information Contacts* fact sheet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on any Customs and Border Protection matter, contact the Customs Information and Support Centre on 1300 363 263 or email information@customs.gov.au or browse the website www.customs.gov.au