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**Section 925. Exceptions: Relief from disabilities**

(a)(1) The provisions of this chapter, except for sections 922(d)(9) and 922(g)(9) and provisions relating to firearms subject to the prohibitions of section 922(p), shall not apply with respect to the transportation, shipment, receipt, possession, or importation of any firearm or ammunition imported for, sold or shipped to, or issued for the use of, the United States or any department or agency thereof or any State or any department, agency, or political subdivision thereof.

(2) The provisions of this chapter, except for provisions relating to firearms subject to the prohibitions of section 922(p), shall not apply with respect to (A) the shipment or receipt of firearms or ammunition when sold or issued by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to section 4308 of title 10 before the repeal of such section by section 1624(a) of the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety Act, and (B) the transportation of any such firearm or ammunition carried out to enable a person, who lawfully received such firearm or ammunition from the Secretary of the Army, to engage in military training or

in competitions.

(3) Unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter, except for provisions relating to firearms subject to the prohibitions of section 922(p), or any other Federal law, a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer may ship to a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty outside the United States or to clubs, recognized by the Department of Defense, whose entire membership is composed of such members, and such members or clubs may receive a firearm or ammunition determined by the Attorney General to be generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes and intended for the personal use of such member or club.

(4) When established to the satisfaction of the Attorney General to be consistent with the provisions of this chapter, except for provisions relating to firearms subject to the prohibitions of section 922(p), and other applicable Federal and State laws and published ordinances, the Attorney General may authorize the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation into the United States to the place of residence of any member of the United States Armed Forces who is on active duty outside the United States (or who has been on active duty outside the United States within the sixty day period immediately preceding the

transportation,  
shipment, receipt, or importation), of any  
firearm or ammunition  
which is (A) determined by the Attorney  
General to be generally  
recognized as particularly suitable for  
sporting purposes, or  
determined by the Department of Defense to  
be a type of firearm  
normally classified as a war souvenir, and (B)  
intended for the  
personal use of such member.

(5) For the purpose of paragraph (3) of this  
subsection, the term  
"United States" means each of the several  
States and the District  
of Columbia.

(b) A licensed importer, licensed  
manufacturer, licensed dealer,  
or licensed collector who is indicted for a  
crime punishable by  
imprisonment for a term exceeding one year,  
may, notwithstanding  
any other provision of this chapter, continue  
operation pursuant to  
his existing license (if prior to the expiration  
of the term of the  
existing license timely application is made for  
a new license)  
during the term of such indictment and until  
any conviction  
pursuant to the indictment becomes final.

(c) A person who is prohibited from  
possessing, shipping,  
transporting, or receiving firearms or  
ammunition may make  
application to the Attorney General for relief  
from the  
disabilities imposed by Federal laws with  
respect to the  
acquisition, receipt, transfer, shipment,

transportation, or possession of firearms, and the Attorney General may grant such relief if it is established to his satisfaction that the circumstances regarding the disability, and the applicant's record and reputation, are such that the applicant will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety and that the granting of the relief would not be contrary to the public interest. Any person whose application for relief from disabilities is denied by the Attorney General may file a petition with the United States district court for the district in which he resides for a judicial review of such denial. The court may in its discretion admit additional evidence where failure to do so would result in a miscarriage of justice. A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer, or licensed collector conducting operations under this chapter, who makes application for relief from the disabilities incurred under this chapter, shall not be barred by such disability from further operations under his license pending final action on an application for relief filed pursuant to this section. Whenever the Attorney General grants relief to any person pursuant to this section he shall promptly publish in the Federal Register notice of such action, together with the reasons therefor.

(d) The Attorney General shall authorize a  
firearm or ammunition  
to be imported or brought into the United  
States or any possession  
thereof if the firearm or ammunition -  
(1) is being imported or brought in for  
scientific or research  
purposes, or is for use in connection with  
competition or  
training pursuant to chapter 401 of title 10;