

# Application and Permit for Importation of Firearms, Ammunition and Defense Articles

For use by Members of the United States Armed Forces *(Submit in triplicate)*

**For ATF use only**

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Valid for 12 months after the date of approval (item 20 below)

**Section I - Application**

1. Return Approved Permit to <i>(Enter name, address and ZIP Code if different than applicant's)</i>	2. Applicant's Name and Address <i>(Including ZIP Code)</i>  Telephone Number _____  E-mail Address _____
3. Name and Address of Seller	4. Name and Address of Shipper
5. Present or Last Foreign Duty Station	6. Country of Exportation

7. Description of Firearms, Ammunition and Implements of War *(For firearms, enter (SG)-Shotgun; (RI)-Rifle; (PI)-Pistol; (RE)-Revolver)*

	Name and Address of Manufacturer  a	Type <i>(Frame, Receiver, SG, RI, PI, RE)</i>  b	Caliber Gauge or Size  c	Quantity <i>(Each type)</i>  d	Unit Cost <i>(U.S. Currency)</i>  e	U.S. Munitions Import List Category  f	Model  g	Length of Barrel <i>(Inches)</i>  h	Overall Length <i>(Inches)</i>  i	Serial No.  j	New (N) or Used (U)  k
Firearms											
Defense Articles							Description  8. Specific Purpose of Importation <i>(Use additional sheets, if necessary)</i>				
Ammunition		<i>(Ball Wad-cutter, Shot)</i>									

9. Are you now or have you been on active duty outside the United States within the 60-day period immediately preceding this importation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Place of Residence in the United States
11. Date of Assignment to Duty Station within United States	12. Branch of Service
	13. Date of Birth

Under penalties of law, I declare that I have examined this application, including the documents submitted in support of it, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, that the transportation to and the receipt and possession by me at my place of residence of the firearms and/or ammunition and/or defense articles described above, would not constitute any violation of Title I of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (U.S.C., Title 18 Chapter 44), or Title VII of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (U.S.C. Title 18, Appendix, Sections 1201-1203) or any State law or local ordinance, that the firearms and/or ammunition and/or defense articles are intended for my personal use and that no firearm is a surplus military firearm or a firearm as described in 26 U.S.C. 5845(a).

14. Name of Applicant <i>(Printed)</i>	15. Signature of Applicant	16. Rank	17. Date
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**Section II - For ATF Use Only** *(Please make no entries in this section)*

18. The application has been examined and the importation of the firearms and ammunition and defense articles described herein is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn by Applicant Without Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Partially Approved for the Reason Indicated Here or on Attached Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Returned for Additional Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved for the Reason Indicated on the Attached Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> No Permit Required

19. Signature of Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	20. Date
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**Instruction Sheet for ATF Form 6 Part II** (Submit in triplicate)

**General Information**

1. The Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives may issue a permit authorizing the importation of a firearm, ammunition or defense articles into the United States to the place of residence of any military member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is on active duty outside the United States within the 60-day period immediately preceding the intended importation, provided:
  - (a) that such firearm or ammunition is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes; excluding surplus military firearms;
  - (b) that such firearm, ammunition or defense articles intended for the personal use of such member; and
  - (c) that such importation would not constitute a violation of any provision of the Gun Control Act of 1968, Title VII of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (82 Stat. 236; 18 U.S.C. Appendix), or of any State law or local ordinance at the place of the member's residence.
2. A person not meeting the above criteria may engage the services of a Federal firearms licensee to effect the importation, provided that the firearm is importable.
3. A permit is not required for a firearm or ammunition brought into the United States or any possession thereof by any person who can establish to the satisfaction of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that such firearm or ammunition was previously taken out of the United States or any possession thereof by such person.
4. No permit will be issued to import a surplus military firearm or, a firearm or ammunition which is not generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes, or a firearm as defined in 26 U.S.C. 5845(a) (e.g., *machinegun, silencer, destructive device, short-barreled rifle or short-barreled shotgun, etc.*).
5. Application for permission to import firearms, ammunition and defense articles by military members of the United States Armed Forces must be filed on ATF Form 6 -Part II (5330.3B). Commercial firms (i.e., *firearms importers, dealers, DOD civilians, military dependents, etc.*) must use ATF Form 6 -Part I (5330.3A) to apply for permission to import firearms, ammunition, and defense articles.
6. The use or sale of firearms (*including antique firearms*) or ammunition is taxable in certain situations. This tax will probably apply to the sale or use of firearms or ammunition in any business that you conduct. This Federal tax is in addition to any CBP duties. This tax does NOT apply to:
  - (a) The personal use of firearms or ammunition which you had in the U.S. before.
  - (b) Firearms or ammunition (*domestic or foreign*) that were sold and used in the U.S. anytime after 1918.
  - (c) Firearms or ammunition which an individual acquired for use (*for example, shooting or protection*) during a stay outside the U.S. AND used during the stay.
  - (d) Parts for firearms or ammunition. However, tax does apply to a complete firearm or to ammunition in knockdown condition (*for example, kits*).
  - (e) Firearms or ammunition of a nonresident that are temporarily imported for use in a specific event or action (*for example, any lawful sporting purpose, official law enforcement, or repair*).
7. If firearms or ammunition are brought into the U.S. that do not meet these conditions, this tax may apply to their use or sale. Contact the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), National Revenue Center, 550 Main Street, #8002, Cincinnati, OH 45202, Telephone 1-877-882-3277 for help and forms.

**Preparation of ATF Form 6 - Part II**

8. **Item 1.** Name and address of person designated, in writing, by a member to effect the release of the articles from CBP custody or to handle the shipment from the duty station outside the United States.
9. **Item 7.** The application must show a detailed description of each firearm, ammunition or defense articles to be imported. The description must establish that the firearm or ammunition is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes and meets the other criteria for importation. More than one firearm, ammunition or defense articles may be included on a single application. Failure to supply complete information will delay processing and may cause denial of the application.
10. **Item 14.** Sign all copies of the application in ink. All other entries must be printed in ink or be typewritten.

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11. The form must be submitted, in triplicate, to:  
 Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
 (Attention: Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch)  
 244 Needy Road  
 Martinsburg, WV 25405
12. Any questions concerning the application should be referred to the Imports Branch at the above address or telephone (304) 616-4550.
13. The application should be submitted approximately 60 days prior to the intended importation.

**Approval**

14. The Director will approve the application or advise the applicant of the reason for the disapproval. In some cases it may be necessary to request additional information to determine the import status of the firearm, ammunition or defense articles.
15. The permit is valid for 12 months from the date of approval. The approved application will serve as the permit to import the article(s) described on the form.
16. After approval, the Director will retain two copies and forward the original to the member or his designated agent, along with copies of ATF Form 6A, Release and Receipt of Imported Firearms, Ammunition and Defense Articles.
17. No photographic or other copy may be used, unless certified by the Director, to effect release of the firearms, ammunition or defense articles from CBP. No amendments or alterations may be made to an approved permit, except by the Director.

**Release from CBP**

18. The ATF Form 6A, with Section I completed, the approved permit, and any other necessary documents, must be presented to the CBP officials handling the importation to effect release of the firearms, ammunition or defense articles.

### Privacy Act Information

The following information is provided pursuant to Section 3(a)(3) of the Privacy of 1974:

1. **Authority.** With respect to the importation of firearms, ammunition, and defense articles, the information requested on ATF Form 6 - Part II (5330.3B) is mandatory pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 925.
2. **Purpose.** To determine if the article(s) qualifies for importation by the applicant.
3. **Routine Uses.** The information will be used by ATF to make determinations set forth in paragraph 2. In addition, information may be disclosed to other Federal, State, foreign and local law enforcement and regulatory agency personnel to verify information on the application and to aid in the performance of their duties with respect to the enforcement and regulation of firearms and/or ammunition where such disclosure is not prohibited by law. The information may further be disclosed to the Justice Department if it appears that the furnishing of false information may constitute a violation of Federal law. Finally, the information may be disclosed to members of the public in order to verify the information on the application when such disclosure is not prohibited by law.
4. **Effects of not Supplying Information Requested.** Failure to supply complete information will delay processing and may cause denial of the application.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This request in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This information collection is mandatory pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 925, 26 U.S.C. 5844, and 22 U.S.C. 2778. The purpose of this information collection is to allow ATF to determine that the article(s) described on the application qualifies for importation by the importer, and to serve as the authorization for the importer.

The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 30 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be addressed to Reports Management Officer, Document Services, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives, Washington, DC 20226.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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