

# Release and Receipt of Imported Firearms, Ammunition and Defense Articles

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**Section I - Importation Information** *(Use a separate ATF Form 6A (5330.3C) to describe articles imported under each approved ATF Form 6 (5330.3A) permit. Also, use a separate form for each shipment under the same permit.)*

1. Name and Address of Importer		2. Name and Address of Foreign Seller	
		3. Name and Address of Foreign Shipper	
4. Federal Firearms License No. and/or AECA No. <i>(if any)</i>	Expiration Date(s)	5. Country Where Manufactured <b>(Required)</b>	
6. Import Permit No. <i>(When importation authorized by permit) (Required)</i>		7. Telephone No.	8. Gross Value of Shipment <i>(in U.S. dollars)</i>

9. Shipment of Firearms, Ammunition, and/or Defense Articles *(For firearms, enter (SG)-Shotgun; (RI)-Rifle; (RE)-Revolver; (DD)-Destructive Device; (MG)-Machinegun; (SI)-Silencer; Frame or Receiver. For ammunition, circle the appropriate type: Ball, Incendiary, Wadcutter, Shot, (AP)-Armor Piercing, or Tracer)*

	Name of Manufacturer a	Number and Kind of Packages b	Type c	Caliber Gauge or Size d	Quantity <i>(Each type)</i> e	Barrel Length f	Overall Length g	U.S. Munitions Import List Category h	Model i	Serial No. j
Firearms										
Defense Articles										
Ammunition			Ball Incendiary Wadcutter Shot AP Tracer							

**Section II - Certification of Release From U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

10. Port of Entry	11. Customs Entry or ID No.	12. Type of Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Consumption <input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Informal	13. Date Released
14. I certify that the above articles were authorized for importation by the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and were released from the custody of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection or were authorized to be removed from a Customs bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone. Import Permit Number: _____			
15. Signature of Customs and Border Protection Official		16. Title	17. Date

**Section III - Verification of Importation (completed by licensed and/or registered importers only)**

18. I have examined the above shipment and found it to:

Contain the firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles in the exact quantity and as described in Item 9 above, or

Contain the following discrepancies: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare, under the penalties provided by law, that this verification of importation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that each firearm is marked and can be identified as required by 27 CFR Part 478.

19. Signature of Importer	20. Title or Status <i>(Individual, member of firm; if officer of corporation, give title)</i>	21. Date
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## Instructions

### Instructions for Federally Licensed and/or Registered Importers.

1. ATF Form 6A (5330.3C) is required for every importation of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles, with certain exceptions listed in 27 CFR Parts 447 and 478.
2. **Section I.** Importation Information. To obtain release of firearm(s), ammunition, and defense articles from the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the importer may (1) complete Section I of the form, in duplicate, and present one copy to CBP along with his import permit, ATF Form 6 Part I (5330.3A) or (2) submit Form 6 and 6A data electronically to ATF via the Partner Government Agency (PGA) message set. For additional information on how to submit PGA data to CBP electronically, please see: <https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/atf-supplemental-guidance-ace>. For assistance in setting up an Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) account, please contact the CBP Ace Helpdesk at 1-866-530-4172. Questions for ATF may be directed to: [Imports-Helpdesk@atf.gov](mailto:Imports-Helpdesk@atf.gov). Importers are still required to send in their copy of the Form 6A to ATF within 15 days of release from CBP custody. Only Sections I and III are required. If the import includes a firearm(s) for which the serial number(s) is not known at the time the ATF Form 6 Part I, (5330.3A) is submitted the serial number(s) must be reported in Section III of the Form 6A (see below) within 15 days from release from CBP custody.

If the import is for firearms, their parts or components, or ammunition, the importer also must present to CBP a copy of the export license authorizing the export of the article or articles from the exporting country. If the exporting country does not require issuance of an export license, the importer instead must present to CBP a certification, under penalty of perjury, to that effect.

3. **Section II.** CBP will release the shipment if it is satisfied that the shipment of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles was authorized by the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. CBP will no longer complete Section II of the Form 6A.
4. **Section III.** Verification of Importation. Within 15 days after the article(s) has been released from CBP, the licensed and/or registered importer must complete Section III of the duplicate copy of ATF Form 6A and mail it to the address specified below.

Title 27 CFR Part 478 requires that within 15 days after release from CBP, each firearm imported shall be identified by engraving or casting on it the following: (1) serial number, (2) model, (3) caliber or gauge, (4) name of manufacturer and country where manufactured, and (5) the name, city, and State of the importer. If firearms serial numbers were not known or reported at the time of import, the importer must report those serial numbers in an attachment to Block 18. He also must post in his permanent records all required information regarding the importation (27 CFR 478.112).

### Instructions for Federal Firearms Licensees other than Importers

1. ATF Form 6A is required for every importation of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles, with certain exceptions listed in 27 CFR Parts 447 and 478.
2. **Section I.** Importation Information. To obtain the release of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles from the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the importer may (1) complete Section I of the form, in duplicate, and present one copy to CBP along with his import permit, ATF Form 6 Part I (5330.3A) or (2) submit Form 6 and 6A data electronically to ATF via the PGA message set. For additional information on how to submit PGA data to CBP electronically, please see: <https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/atf-supplemental-guidance-ace>. For assistance in setting up an ACE account, please contact the CBP Ace Helpdesk at 1-866-530-4172. Questions for ATF may be directed to: [Imports-Helpdesk@atf.gov](mailto:Imports-Helpdesk@atf.gov).
3. **Section II.** CBP will release the shipment if they are satisfied that the shipment of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles was authorized by the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. CBP will no longer complete Section II of the Form 6A.

### Instructions for Members of the U.S. Armed Forces

1. ATF Form 6A is required for the importation of firearm(s) or ammunition, and/or defense articles authorized for importation on ATF Form 6 -Part II (5330.3B).
2. **Section I.** Importation Information. To obtain release of firearm(s) or ammunition or defense articles from the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the member of the United States Armed Forces must complete Section I of the Form 6A and present it to CBP along with his import permit, ATF Form 6-Part II (5330.3B).
3. **Section II.** CBP will release the shipment if they are satisfied that the shipment of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles was authorized by the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. CBP will no longer complete Section II of the Form 6A.

### Instructions for Persons Not Licensed by or Registered with ATF

1. ATF Form 6A is required for the importation of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles, with certain exceptions listed in 27 CFR Parts 447 and 478.
2. **Section I.** Importation Information. To obtain release of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles from the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the individual must complete Section I of the form and present it to CBP along with his import permit, ATF Form 6 -Part I (5330.3A).

### Record Retention Requirement

Federal firearms licensees must retain this form as part of their ATF required records permanently as prescribed by 27 CFR 478.129(d). Importers registered under the Arms Export Control Act who do not also hold a Federal firearms license must retain this form as part of their ATF required records for at least the 6-year period prescribed by 27 CFR 447.34(b).

### Privacy Act Information

The following information is provided pursuant to Section 3 of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3)).

1. **Authority.** Solicitation of this information is made pursuant to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. Chapter 44), and Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act of 1976 (22 U.S.C. § 2778). Disclosure of this information by the applicant is mandatory for the release and receipt of imported firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles.
2. **Purpose.** To determine that the importation of firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense articles has taken place; to verify that the term(s) was (were) released to and received by the importer or his agent; and to verify that the item(s) released was (were) the items listed on the application for importation.
3. **Routine Uses.** The information will be used by ATF to make the determinations set forth in the "Purpose" section above. In addition, the 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 regulation of firearms, ammunition, and defense articles. The information may further be disclosed to the Department of Justice if it appears that the furnishing of false information may constitute a violation of Federal law.
4. **Effects of Not Supplying the Information Requested.** Failure to supply complete information will delay processing and may cause denial of the application.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE**

This request is 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 form have been released by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to the importer and to verify that the article(s) authorized to be imported were received by the importer.

The estimated average burden associated with this collection information is 35 minutes per respondent or record-keeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Contracts and Forms Office, Office of Science and Technology, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 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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**MAILING INFORMATION**

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