

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR
OMB 1140-0084
Application/Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by
Nonimmigrant Aliens - ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D)**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.

Importation of firearms and ammunition by nonimmigrant aliens into the United States is subject to the provisions of Public Law No.105-277 (1998); 8 U.S.C. 1101(a) (15); 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(5); 27 C.F.R. Part 478. Pursuant to Public Law Number 105-277 (1999), Congress created, with certain exceptions, a new category of persons prohibited from shipping, transporting, receiving, and possessing firearms and ammunition. ATF interprets this category to be aliens in a nonimmigrant classification under section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)).

ATF regulations prohibit nonimmigrant aliens from importing firearms or ammunition unless the nonimmigrant alien qualifies for one of the six exceptions or receives a waiver. The vast majority of users are Canadians applying to import firearms and/or ammunition into the United States temporarily. The Application/Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) requires additional information i.e. firearms possession and acquisition license number, for any firearms imported from Canada. Canadian law also requires all firearms to be registered and that persons possessing firearms are licensed to do so.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

The data provided on ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) will be used by ATF personnel to determine the following:

- (1) If the firearm(s) and ammunition described on the application qualify for importation,
- (2) If the nonimmigrant alien falls within an exception to the general prohibition of nonimmigrant aliens from possessing firearms and ammunition, and
- (3) If the nonimmigrant alien is otherwise prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under the Gun Control Act. ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) also serve as authorization for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to allow the listed articles entry into the United States.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also, describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

The fillable ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) is accessible on the ATF's website for download and completion by users. The completed form can be signed with either a wet signature, and submitted to the ATF by email or mail for processing. Individuals with disabilities can access and complete this form, which is 508 compliant.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item A.2 above.

ATF uses a uniform subject classification system to identify duplication and to ensure that any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purpose of this information collection.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

This collection does not affect small businesses.

6. Describe the consequence to federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

Without this information collection, individuals will be unable to import their firearms or ammunition into the United States.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

- **requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
- **requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**
- **requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
- **requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;**

- **in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
- **requiring the use of statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
- **that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
- **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

There are no special circumstances regarding this collection. This information collection requirement is conducted in a manner consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the *Federal Register* of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years -- even if the collection-of-information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

Both a 60-day and 30-day notice will be published in the Federal Register to solicit public comments.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No government funds will be used as payment or for gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

This information will be maintained in a secure room in ATF headquarters. Confidentiality is not assured.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

The applicant's race, date of birth, and place of birth will be used to determine if the applicant is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under the Gun Control Act.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:

- **Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the variance. General, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.**
- **If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form.**
- **Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here. Instead, this cost should be included in Item 14.**

Estimated Annualized Respondent Cost and Hour Burden

Activity	Number of Respondents	Frequency	Total Annual Responses	Time Per Response	Total Annual Burden (Hours)	Hourly Rate*	Monetized Value of Respondent Time
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Hourly rate source citation or you may enter a footnote:

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14).

- **The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life); and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of service component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities.**
- **If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.**
- **Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.**

There is no public cost associated with this information collection since the completed form can be emailed to ATF for processing.

14. Provide estimates of the annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), any

other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies also may aggregate cost estimates from Items 12, 13, and 14 into a single table.

Estimates of annual cost to the Federal Government for 6,000 copies are:

Printing	\$ 700.00
Labor	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 2,700.00

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

There are no program changes or adjustments associated with this collection.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulations, and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.

The results of this collection will not be published.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

We are requesting no exemption.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

This collection of information does not include any exceptions to the certificate statement.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS.

This collection does not contain statistical data.