

# Application/Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens

*(Please print or type all responses, except signature.) An approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) is valid for one year from the date of approval. (See Instruction 34.)*

**For ATF Use Only**

Permit No.

## Section I - To Be Completed By Applicant

1. Applicant's Full Name <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>		2. Residential Address <i>(Number, Street, City, Country, any other applicable information; cannot be a Post Office box)</i>	
3. Telephone Number <i>(including country code)</i>	4. E-mail Address	5. Sex Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Date of Birth Month_____ Day_____ Year_____
7. Place of Birth <i>(City, Country)</i>		8. Country of Exportation	
9. Country of Citizenship <i>(list more than one, if applicable.)</i>		10. Current and/or Past U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Admission Number(s) or Alien Number(s) <i>(if any)</i> <i>(See Instruction 26.)</i>	
11. Only complete this block if you are applying to temporarily import firearm(s) from Canada, provide your Firearms Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) Number <i>(See Instruction 27.)</i>			
12. Are you being admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa? <i>(See Instruction 1.)</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If you answered Yes, skip to block 13. If you answered No, skip to block 15.			
13. If you are being admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, do you possess a valid hunting license or permit lawfully issued by a state of the United States? <i>(See Instructions 17-19.)</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If you answered Yes, please attach a copy of the license or permit to the application and skip to block 15. If you answered No, go to block 14.			
14. Do you possess an invitation and/or registration to attend an upcoming competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show in the United States sponsored by a national, state, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms? <i>(See Instruction 20.)</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If you answered Yes, attach a copy of any such invitation and/or registration to the application. *Note: Invitation/registration must contain the applicants full name as well as the dates of the lawful sporting activity. If you answered No, you likely are not in compliance with 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(B) and therefore likely are prohibited from obtaining an approved ATF Form 6NIA(5330.3D) temporary import permit. <i>(Call 304-616-4550 for additional information.)</i>			

15. Description of Firearms (*See Instructions 9 and 28*). All items in columns a through g must be completed by the applicant. If necessary, use enclosed attachment sheet. (*SG-Shotgun, Ri-Rifle, PI-Pistol, RE-Revolver, C-Combination*)

Name and Address (City and Country) of Manufacturer  a.	Type (SG, RI, PI, RE, C)  b.	Caliber, Gauge, or Size  c.	Model  d.	Barrel Length (inches)  e.	Overall Length (inches)  f.	Serial Number  g.
<div><input type="checkbox"/> See Attachment</div>						

16. Description of Ammunition (*See Instructions 10 and 29*). All items in columns a through e must be completed by the applicant. If necessary, use enclosed attachment sheet.

Name and Address (City and Country) of Manufacturer  a.	Core Material (Lead, Steel, etc.)  b.	Description (Ball, Wadcutter, Shot, AP, Tracer)  c.	Caliber, Gauge, or Size  d.	Quantity (Each type)  e.
<div><input type="checkbox"/> See Attachment</div>				

**Certification:** Under the penalties provided by 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.

17. Signature of Applicant ( <i>must be in ink</i> )	18. Date
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**Section II - For ATF Use Only (*Please do not make any entries in this section.*)**

The application has been examined and the temporary importation of the firearms and/or ammunition described herein is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied for the reason(s) indicated here or on attached letter	<input type="checkbox"/> No permit required
<input type="checkbox"/> Partially approved for the reason(s) indicated here or on attached letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Returned without action for reasons indicated here or on attached letter	

19. Signature of the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	20. Date
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**The following restrictions apply to your approved import permit:**

The firearms and/or ammunition authorized for importation by this permit are not authorized for permanent importation. The firearms and/or ammunition may not be transferred to another person within the United States. The holder of this permit **MUST** take the firearms and any unused ammunition back out of the territorial limits of the United States upon the conclusion of their hunting or sporting activity.

Rifles must have a barrel length of at least 16 inches and an overall length of not less than 26 inches. Shotguns must have a barrel length of at least 18 inches and an overall length of not less than 26 inches.

Not to include fully automatic firearms.

This permit does not authorize the importation of ammunition or ammunition components if they contain a tracer or incendiary elements.

This permit does not authorize the importation of the ammunition described thereon if: (1) it has a projectile or projectile core which may be used in a handgun and which is constructed entirely (*excluding the presence of traces of other substances*) from one or a combination of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper, or depleted uranium; or (2) a full jacketed projectile larger than .22 caliber designed and intended for use in a handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than 25 percent of the total weight of the projectile.

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### General Information

1. An alien admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa includes, persons admitted to travel in the U.S. for business or pleasure, persons studying in the U.S. who maintain a residence abroad, and certain foreign workers. The definition does not include permanent resident aliens or nonimmigrant aliens admitted without a visa, pursuant to a Visa Waiver Program or other exemptions from visa requirements.
2. Generally, any nonimmigrant alien temporarily bringing firearm(s) and/or ammunition into the United States for legitimate hunting or lawful sporting purposes must first obtain an approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D), Application/Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens, from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).
3. A nonimmigrant alien who is temporarily bringing firearm(s) and/or ammunition into the United States for reasons other than legitimate hunting or lawful sporting purposes should not submit an ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) application. However, the nonimmigrant alien may need to obtain a temporary import permit from the Department of Commerce or Department of State. Please contact the Department of Commerce at (202) 482-2000 or <https://www.commerce.gov> or Department of State at (202) 647-4000 or <https://www.state.gov>.
4. An approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit is not required for temporary imports of firearm(s) and/or ammunition by certain diplomats or distinguished foreign visitors entering the United States on official duty. See 27 CFR § 478.115(d)(3)-(4).
5. An approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit is not required for temporary imports of official duty firearm(s) and/or ammunition by certain law enforcement officers or military personnel of friendly foreign governments entering the United States on official business or duty. See 27 CFR § 478.115(d)(2),(5).
6. An approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit also is not required for firearms(s) and/or ammunition brought into the United States or any possession thereof by a nonimmigrant alien who can establish to the satisfaction of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that such firearm(s) and/or ammunition was previously taken out of the United States or any possession thereof by such person. See 27 CFR § 478.115(a). **Note:** Even if you do not need an import permit because of this exception, you must fall within an exception to the general prohibition on nonimmigrant aliens possessing firearm(s) and/or ammunition. See paragraph 17 below.
7. You may not temporarily import unregistered National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons, such as machineguns, short-barreled rifles or short-barreled shotguns, and silencers. If you are not sure if the items you plan to import fall within this category, please contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch.
8. Firearms that are of U.S. Government origin or that contain U.S. Government origin manufactured parts or components generally may not be imported into the United States. Moreover, firearm(s) and/or ammunition may not be imported from certain prescribed or embargoed countries. For a list of those countries, see <https://www.pmdtc.state.gov>.
9. The term "firearm" means (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm (i.e. muzzleloaders). Generally, air guns and BB guns are not classified as firearms.
10. The term "ammunition" means ammunition or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm.
11. You must ensure there are no state or local laws in any state you will be traveling in or through prohibiting your possession of the firearm(s) and/or ammunition you are seeking to import.
12. You will not need an export permit from the Department of Commerce or the Department of State when leaving the United States with the firearm(s) and/or remaining ammunition listed on your ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) permit.
13. It takes approximately 4-6 weeks to process an ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) import application.
14. If you have any questions or concerns about temporarily importing firearm(s) and/or ammunition into the United States, please call ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch at (304) 616-4550 or email ATF at [imports@atf.gov](mailto:imports@atf.gov).
15. The ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) is available from the ATF Distribution Center, 240-828-5316. The form also can be downloaded at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).
16. Generally, a nonimmigrant alien transiting the United States with a firearm does not require an ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) or a temporary import permit issued by the Department of Commerce or Department of State. If you are being admitted under a nonimmigrant visa and will be in physical possession of your firearm, you will need to meet one of the exceptions outlined at 18 U.S.C. § 922(y). For example, if you are a nonimmigrant alien and you will be driving through the United States as a short cut to get from one part of Canada to another and will have firearms with you, you do not need to file an ATF Form 6NIA because you are not temporarily bringing your firearm(s) in for hunting or other lawful sporting purposes. You also do not need a temporary import permit from the Department of Commerce or Department of State because there is an exception to their license requirement that applies in this situation. However, if you were admitted under a nonimmigrant visa, you will need to have a valid hunting license from a state within the United States to lawfully possess your firearm while transiting through the United States.
17. In general, aliens admitted under a nonimmigrant visa are prohibited from possessing or receiving firearm(s) and/or ammunition in the United States. There are exceptions to this prohibition, including: (1) a nonimmigrant alien in possession of a valid hunting license or permit issued by a state within the United States, or (2) a nonimmigrant alien in possession of an invitation or registration to attend a competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show sponsored by a national, state, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms.
18. Accordingly, aliens admitted under a nonimmigrant visa must attach documentation to your ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) application that establishes you fall within exception 1 or 2 of paragraph 17 in order to demonstrate your possession of the firearm(s) and/or ammunition in the United States will be lawful. In order for your application to be approved, you must provide ATF with a copy of either: (1) a valid, unexpired hunting license or permit issued by a state within the United States (the hunting license/permit does NOT have to be from the state where you will be importing and/or using the firearm(s) and/or ammunition), or (2) an invitation and/or registration confirmation to attend a competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show, sponsored by a national, state, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms. If you email this documentation to ATF, please make sure the document ATF receives is legible.
19. Most states issue hunting licenses or permits to nonimmigrant aliens, often over the telephone or through a website. If you need information about obtaining a state hunting license or permit, we suggest you contact a state government.
20. If you are attending a shooting event or trade show and are not sure if it qualifies for the exception, please contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch prior to submitting your application. ATF can tell you whether the event qualifies. If it does not qualify, you may instead support your application with a hunting license or permit from a state within the United States.

*(Instructions continued on reverse)*

## Preparation

21. Nonimmigrant aliens may complete and submit the ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) themselves. You do not need to have a dealer or importer licensed by ATF complete and submit the form.
22. If a nonimmigrant alien has another person (*such as a lawyer or hunting guide*) complete the ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) for them, the person who completes the form must complete the form with information about the nonimmigrant alien (*e.g., under "Residential Address," the person should put the address of the nonimmigrant alien, not their own address*). In addition, the nonimmigrant alien must sign the certification statement in block 17.
23. All fields must be printed in ink or be typewritten. All required items on the form must be completed or your application will not be approved. The application should be submitted to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25405. It also may be emailed to [imports@atf.gov](mailto:imports@atf.gov).
24. Block 8 requires the applicant to provide the country of exportation, which is the country where the firearm(s) and/or ammunition is/are coming from. The United States cannot be listed as the country of exportation.
25. Block 9 requires the applicant to identify all countries the applicant maintains citizenship.
26. Block 10 requires the applicant to provide any known admission number or alien number they have received from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Not every nonimmigrant alien will have an admission number or alien number. In particular, Canadians often will not have one of these numbers. If you do not have one of these numbers or cannot recall a past number, answer block 10 with "N/A." For your information, an admission number is the number on an USCIS Form I-94 or USCIS Form I-94W, the arrival/departure form U.S. Customs and Border Protection completes at a port of entry. An alien number is an U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services file number certain nonimmigrant aliens are given, such as nonimmigrant aliens with employment authorization documents.
27. Block 11 applies only to nonimmigrant aliens seeking to temporarily import firearm(s) from Canada. This block requires all nonimmigrant aliens seeking to import firearms from Canada to provide their Firearms Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) Number.
28. Block 15 requires the applicant to identify only the firearm(s) they are seeking to temporarily import. Any firearm(s) the applicant is seeking to temporarily import may be identified on one application and must be listed separately (*if applicable*). Please use the firearms attachment sheet as necessary.
29. Block 16 requires the applicant to identify only the ammunition they are seeking to temporarily import. Any ammunition the applicant is seeking to temporarily import may be identified on one application and must be listed separately (*if applicable*). Please use the ammunition attachment sheet as necessary.
30. Block 17 requires the original ink signature of the applicant.
31. Block 18 requires the date in which the application was signed by the applicant.

## Approval

32. If your application is approved, ATF will send you an approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit. Please note, the approved permit will state that the firearm(s) and/or any ammunition authorized for importation must be taken back out of the United States when you leave the country, excluding any ammunition that is used while in the United States. ATF also will notify you if your application is denied or partially approved and the reason(s) for denial or partial approval. In some cases, ATF will inform you that it needs additional information to process your application.
33. The processed ATF Form 6NIA permit will be emailed to the address provided in block 4. If an email address is not provided, the permit will be mailed to the address in block 2.
34. An approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit is valid for one year from the date of approval (the date listed in block 20). During that year, the approved permit may be used repeatedly to import the firearm(s) and/or ammunition listed on the permit.
35. When you are ready to enter the United States with your firearm(s) and/or ammunition, you must present your approved ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. If applicable, you also must present U.S. Customs and Border Protection with documentation demonstrating that you fall within an exception to the nonimmigrant alien prohibition (*i.e., state hunting license/permit; invitation and/or registration*).
36. No amendments or alterations may be made to a processed permit, except by the Director.

## Privacy Act Information

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

1. **Authority.** Disclosure of the information requested on ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D) is mandatory pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5)(B) and 925 for a nonimmigrant alien to obtain a permit to temporarily import firearm(s) and ammunition.
2. **Purpose.** To determine if a nonimmigrant alien can lawfully obtain a permit to temporarily import firearm(s) and/or ammunition, and if the firearm(s) and/or ammunition qualify for temporary importation.
3. **Routine Uses.** The information will be used by ATF to make determinations set forth in "Purpose" section above. In addition, information may be disclosed to other federal, state, foreign and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies personnel to verify information on the application, to conduct a background check on the applicant, and to aid other law enforcement and regulatory agencies 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 U.S. Department of Justice 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.** 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. The purposes of this information collection are: (1) to allow ATF to determine if the firearm(s) and/or ammunition described on the application qualify for temporary importation; (2) to certify that a nonimmigrant alien is in compliance with 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(B); and (3) to serve as the authorization for importation.

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 directed to Reports Management Officer, Resource Management Staff, Contracts and Forms Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 99 New York Ave, N.E. 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.