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What's New

Information re Importing Silencers

A silencer is listed as a “firearm accessory” in the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 and importation must comply with at least one of the following tests as per Schedule 6 Part 2 Item 14 of the above Regulations –

- a) The official purposes test
- b) The specified purposes test
- c) The returned goods test

Importers must obtain written permission to import from Commonwealth Attorney Generals Department prior to importation and permission will only be granted where the importation is for one of the following purposes -

- for Commonwealth, State or Territory government (*official purposes*)
- for repairs, modification, testing and training (*specified purposes*)
- government contract, certain project or tender (*specified purposes*)
- for use in the production of a film (*specified purposes*)
- for the purposes of a sanctioned activity (*specified purposes*)
- for research or development by a known research or development importer for firearms or related defence and law enforcement products and the article is being imported for the completion of a project or tender (*specified purposes*)
- for goods to be exported, or that have already been exported, and are returning to Australia (*returned goods*)

For further information go to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website –

<https://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Impo/Proh/Firearms-and-weapons/firearm-parts-and-accessories>