



FIREARMS REGISTRY

Application for a B709B Police Confirmation & Certification for Importation of Prohibited Weapons

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This FACT sheet provides information on obtaining a B709B Police Confirmation & Certification for importation of certain prohibited weapons into NSW.

The importation of weapons into Australia is controlled and restricted by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service. The importation of these articles requires written permission from the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department or written confirmation and certification from the relevant State or Territory Police Firearms Registry prior to importation.

How do I know if I need permission from the Attorney General or the NSW Police Firearms Registry?

Prohibited weapons and articles listed in Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulation 1956* will be seized by Australian Customs unless the importer has a B709B police confirmation, or Ministerial permission, allowing them to possess the weapon or article..

The B709B Police Confirmation and Certification is used for certain prohibited weapons and articles considered to be 'low risk' by Customs. These include daggers and similar devices (excluding swords and bayonets), blow-guns and blow-pipes, darts for use with blow-guns and blow-pipes, nunchakus, crossbows, hunting slings and catapults with a brace, star knives and similar devices, throwing blades, knives and axes.

NOTE: The onus is on the importer to properly and accurately identify the item they wish to import. If you are unsure whether a B709B or Ministerial Permission is required for the item you wish to import, you can obtain classification details from the Australian Customs & Border Protection Service by forwarding details and photographs to weaponspolicy@customs.gov.au.

If you need further information or clarification on the requirements for importation of a prohibited weapon, please go to the [Restricted and Prohibited Imports](#) page on the Customs website: www.customs.gov.au.

An email enquiry option is available: weaponspolicy@customs.gov.au.

What is a B709B Police Confirmation & Certification?

The Police Confirmation and Certification informs Customs that you are authorised to lawfully possess the weapon in NSW, or that no such authorisation is required in NSW to lawfully possess the item.

The B709B, when issued, is only a notification to Customs that the importer has police permission to possess those goods in their state and is not permission to import the article. Customs may still prevent import if the item does not meet other import requirements (eg safety testing).

What if I am importing the weapons via NSW, but I live in another State or Territory?

Regardless of the port of entry of the articles, the B709B form must be issued by the State or Territory where the articles are destined to be used. For example, if a company in Queensland is importing goods which are arriving via passenger baggage through Sydney, the B709B must be issued by the QLD Police Firearms Registry, as that is the destination State for the articles.

If goods are being imported by a company outside NSW, and the goods are being sent to a destination within NSW, then the B709B must be issued by NSW. For example, where a company based in Victoria is importing goods destined for a facility in NSW, the B709B is issued by the NSW Police Firearms Registry.

How much will the B709 Police Confirmation cost?

The B709 is issued with a unique identifying number and there is no charge for the certificate.

What is the term of the B709 Police Confirmation?

The B709 will generally be issued for a period of 6 months.

Customs B709B Application Form

When is a B709B Police Confirmation not required?

A B709 is not required for goods that only the Attorney General's Department can give permission for such as silencers, folding stocks and certain high risk weapons.

See the Customs website for further information: www.customs.gov.au.

Where do I get a B709B application form?

You can complete a B709 application form interactively on the Internet or contact the Firearms Registry for a blank form:
Email: imports@police.nsw.gov.au - PHONE: 1300362562 FAX: 02 66709811

How do I complete the application forms?

Complete all the sections on the form including name, address and licence number. Complete Section D with the nominated NSW weapons dealer details where the weapons are being collected by the dealer from Customs on your behalf.

Complete the relevant ancillary form for the importation of weapons. Complete the method of importation and attach a copy of the Seizure or Detention Notice issued by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Services, if your articles have already been seized.

You must include the quantity you are importing and mark the appropriate box. Describe the items in as much detail as possible. A picture or digital image is mandatory for all prohibited weapons and articles.

If you are importing a weapon or article which is not listed on the form, contact the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service for further information: www.customs.gov.au.

An email enquiry option is available: weaponspolicy@customs.gov.au.

Where do I send the completed form?

When you have completed the form, print the form, sign and date it and forward to the Coordinator Imports, Compliance and Intelligence Unit, Firearms Registry, Locked Bag 1, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 by email, fax or post.

Firearms Registry

Address

Locked Bag 1
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Telephone

1300362562

Interstate

02 66708590

Fax

02 66709811

Email

imports@police.nsw.gov.au
OR
firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au

Website

www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996*, the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and the associated regulations which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.



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