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Firearm Destruction – RPG7

To meet the requirement for removal from GCA and NFA provisions, ATF has previously explained that acceptable methods of destruction include completely melting, shredding, or crushing the firearm. *See e.g. 27 CFR § 478.12(e)*

Alternate Firearm Destruction:

Should you not be able to shred, melt, or crush the firearm, the following alternate destruction method is sufficient to ensure that the weapon is not considered a “**firearm**” and is therefore not prohibited from importation by 18 U.S.C. § 922(l).



1. The barrel must have a hole, equal or greater to the diameter of the bore, cut through the high-pressure chamber area (red shaded circle) of the barrel. The location of this hole must be in the area above the trigger assembly.
2. Remove the firing pin and firing pin bushing
3. Drill a 1/2” hole through the firing pin channel into the tube and continue drilling through the top of the tube
4. Insert a 1/2” diameter steel rod through the holes drilled in step 3 and weld the rod in place