

You may complete and submit application electronically or in paper form.

Section I - Application - *For Applicants*

9. Firearm(s). See attachment ☐

10. Ammunition. See attachment

11. Defense Article(s). See attachment 7

12. Certifying origin: Does your application contain defense articles that were manufactured in the United States and exported from the United States, at any time, pursuant to a United States foreign military sale or any other United States foreign assistance or sales program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Specific purpose for importing, including final recipient, if known *(use additional sheets, if necessary)*

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.

Section II - For ATF Use Only (please make no entries in this section)

20. The application has been examined and importing the firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense article(s) described herein is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved for the reason(s) indicated on attached letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Returned without action for additional information	<input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved
<input type="checkbox"/> Partially approved for the reason(s) indicated on attached letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn by applicant without action	<input type="checkbox"/> No permit required	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn by ATF

Previous editions obsolete

For firearm type, enter (SG)- Shotgun; (RI)- Rifle; (PI)- Pistol; (RE)- Revolver; (DD)- Destructive Device; (MG) Machine gun; (C)- Combination

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Instruction Sheet for ATF Form 5330.3A ("Form 6, part I")

(You may detach or delete this instruction sheet before submitting your application)

General Information

1. To permanently import firearms, ammunition, and defense articles into the United States or its possessions, you must obtain an approved ATF Form 5330.3A ("Form 6, part I"), except for certain exempt imports prescribed in 27 CFR parts 447, 478, and 479. A military member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is on active duty outside the U.S., or who has been on active duty outside the U.S. during the 60-day period immediately preceding their intended import, should complete ATF Form 5330.3B ("Form 6, part II") to import sporting-type firearms, ammunition, or defense articles for their personal use.
2. Any person engaged in the business of importing firearms or ammunition for resale must be licensed as an importer under the Gun Control Act of 1968 and, if they are importing firearms, ammunition, firearms parts, or defense articles (other than sporting shotguns, shotgun shells, or shotgun parts), must also be registered as an importer under the Arms Export Control Act of 1976. No permit to import such articles for resale will be issued until the importer is properly licensed and registered.
3. A federal firearms licensee, other than an importer, may occasionally import sporting firearms or ammunition (excluding surplus military) for themselves or an unlicensed person, provided that the person for whom the firearms and ammunition are imported intends them for their own personal use and not for resale. Licensees use ATF Form 6, part I to obtain approval to import these items.
4. A permit is not required for a firearm or ammunition brought into the United States or its possessions by any person who can establish to the satisfaction of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that such firearm or ammunition was previously taken out of the United States or its possessions by such person.
5. If you are a non-immigrant alien, do not complete this form. A non-immigrant alien entering the U.S. temporarily needs to submit an ATF Form 5330.3D ("Form 6NIA"), Application/Permit for Non-immigrant Alien to Temporarily Import Firearms/Ammunition.
6. An unlicensed and unregistered person may obtain a permit to import sporting ammunition and/or defense articles, including firearm parts (other than frames, receivers, or actions), provided that the importation is for their personal use and not for resale.
7. A non-resident U.S. citizen returning to the United States or a nonresident alien immigrating to the United States, from a permanent residence outside the United States, may complete and submit Form 6, part I without having to utilize the services of a federally licensed firearms licensee. The nonresident should include a statement, either on the application form or on an attached sheet, that the firearm(s), ammunition, and defense article(s) are being imported for their personal use and not for resale, the return date, and that the person is a nonresident U.S. citizen returning to the United States, or a nonresident alien immigrating to the United States.
11. Block 6. If there is a foreign seller, enter the information in this block. If there is no foreign seller, please leave the block blank or enter "n/a."
12. Block 7. If you know the foreign shipper at the time you submit the form, enter this information in this block. If you don't know the foreign shipper, please leave the block blank or enter "n/a." You may provide an attachment to the application that identifies all potential foreign shippers.
13. Block 8. List the country from which the firearm(s), ammunition, and defense articles are coming.
14. Block 9.e. The United States Munitions Import List is enumerated at 27 CFR 447.21.
15. Block 9.f. Identify the complete model name, as engraved (if designated). If there is no engraved model, please utilize the action type as the model identifier (i.e. bolt action, side-by-side (SxS), over/under (O/U), etc.). When requesting to import a newly manufactured firearm or a rare/unique firearm, please provide close-up photos showing all markings, as well as the overall left and right sides of the firearm.
16. Block 9.i. You must enter the serial number, if known. If you do not know the number, leave blank. If the firearm does not contain a serial number, enter "n/a."
17. Block 10.b. List only the core material of the projectile(s). Do not list the material of the casing, jacket, or any other component.
18. Block 10.f. The United States Munitions Import List is published in 27 CFR 447.21.
19. Block 12. Certifying origin: The purpose of this section is to determine whether items you seek to import require the Department of State to authorize re-transfer. You should check "no" if the articles you seek to import were produced for the civilian market and were not associated with the U.S. military. You should check block "yes" if the articles you seek to import contain parts or components produced by or for the U.S. military or manufactured with U.S. military technical data or assistance, and the articles were provided by the U.S. government to a foreign government through a grant or foreign military sales program. NOTE: If you check "yes," you must attach a written re-transfer authorization from the Department of State to the application or it will be returned without action.
20. Block 13. If you are a licensee applying to import firearm(s), ammunition, and defense article(s) for subsequent transfer to a known final recipient (e.g., an individual, commercial entity, or government agency), you must complete blocks 1 through 18 (as applicable) and identify the final recipient by name and address in item 13. If you are requesting to import firearm(s), ammunition, and defense article(s) to store them in a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ), you must identify the complete address of the FTZ.
21. If you have questions about the application, contact the Imports Branch at (304) 616-4550 or Imports@atf.gov.

Preparing the Application

8. You may complete the application electronically via ATF's eForms system or as a fillable form. Or you may print and complete the form on paper. You may sign the signature block in ink or electronically. If completing the application by hand or submitting in paper form, you must print or type all entries except the signature.
9. Block 4. Must contain the applicant's full name and complete address. Applicants that possess a federal firearms license or federal explosives license/permit must list either their license/permit name or authorized business name, and the licensed/permitted premises address. Licensees submitting an application on behalf of a customer must list their information as the applicant and provide their customer's information in Block 13.
10. Block 5. Applicants utilizing the services of a customs broker must provide the broker's information. Enter "n/a" if you will not use a customs broker.

Submitting the Form

22. You should submit the application approximately 60 days prior to the intended import date. If you complete the form via the eForms system, you will submit it there. Otherwise, submit the application and any required attachments by email to Imports@atf.gov or by mail to:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
244 Needy Road
Martinsburg, WV 25405
Attention: Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch

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Approval

23. The authorized ATF official will approve the application or advise the applicant of the reason for any other final action. In some cases, it may be necessary to request additional information or to have the firearm(s), ammunition, or defense article(s) sent to ATF to examine and determine its importing status.
24. After the application/permit has been processed, ATF will retain a copy and will send a copy to the applicant via email, if provided. If you do not provide an email address, ATF will mail it to you. If you submit via the eForms system, you will need to obtain the processed copy from within the eForms system.
25. The approved application will serve as the permit to import the firearm(s), ammunition, and defense article(s) described on the form and is valid for 24 months from the date it's approved, or until you have imported the approved quantity, whichever occurs first.
26. No amendments or alterations may be made to a processed permit, except by an authorized ATF official.

Release from Customs

27. You must present ATF Form 5330.3C ("Form 6A") (in duplicate, if required by CBP), with section I completed, the approved permit, and any other necessary documents, to CBP officials handling the imported items to release the articles from their custody. If you complete this application via ATF's eForms system, the CBP copy of Form 6A will be transmitted to CBP electronically through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). For more information on how to use ACE, visit the Trade Resource Center at www.itsd.gov or contact a CBP client representative at 1-571-468-5500.
28. Licensed importers and AECA registrants are still required to file their copy of Form 6A with ATF within 15 days after the articles are released from CBP custody. This copy must have sections I and III completed. Section II is not required.

Forms and Records Retention Periods

29. Federal firearms licensees must retain this form as part of their ATF required records for the length of time proscribed in 27 CFR 478.129. Importers registered under the Arms Export Control Act who do not also hold a federal firearms license must retain this form as part of their ATF required records for at least the six-year period proscribed by 27 CFR 447.34(b).

Additional forms are available on the ATF website at www.atf.gov.

Prohibited Persons under U.S. Law

30. Persons importing a firearm should be familiar with the provisions of law governing who may lawfully possess a firearm in the United States.

Generally, 18 U.S.C. 922 prohibits a person from shipping, transporting, receiving, or possessing a firearm in or affecting interstate commerce who: (1) has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year; (2) is a fugitive from justice; (3) is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana, or any depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance; (4) has been adjudicated mentally defective or has been committed to a mental institution; (5) has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions; (6) has renounced his or her U.S. citizenship; (7) is an alien illegally in the United States or is a non-immigrant alien admitted to the United States under a visa; (8) is subject to certain restraining orders; or (9) has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

Furthermore, section 922 prohibits a person from shipping, transporting, or receiving a firearm in or affecting interstate commerce who is under indictment or information for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

Privacy Act Information

This information is provided pursuant to sections 3 and 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3)):

Authority: ATF is authorized to solicit this information under 18 U.S.C. § 925(d) and (e), 22 U.S.C. § 2778, and 26 U.S.C. § 5844 in support of its responsibilities related to lawful importing of firearms, ammunition, and defense articles into the United States. Implementing regulations are in 27 CFR parts 447, 478, and 479.

Purpose: ATF uses the information collected on ATF Form 5330.3A ("Form 6, part I"), Application/Permit to Import Firearms, Ammunition, and Defense Articles, to determine whether the articles described qualify for importing into the United States and whether the applicant is legally permitted to import them under applicable federal laws and regulations. If approved, the form serves as the permit authorizing the person to import the described items.

Routine uses: ATF may disclose the information as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a) and in accordance with System of Records Notice JUSTICE/ATF-008 – Regulatory Enforcement Record System. ATF may share information with federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement or regulatory agencies to verify information provided, assist in lawful enforcement and compliance activities, or support legal proceedings where authorized. ATF may also disclose the information to the Department of Justice when relevant to potential violations of federal law.

Disclosure: Providing this information is mandatory under 18 U.S.C. § 925 and the implementing regulations. Failing to provide complete and accurate information may delay processing of the application or result in ATF denying the import request.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This request in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this information collection is to allow ATF to determine if the firearm(s), ammunition, and/or defense article(s) described on the application qualify to be imported by the applicant, and to then permit the applicant to import the items, if approved. This information is mandatory pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 925, 26 U.S.C. § 5844, and 22 U.S.C. § 2778.

The estimated average burden associated with this information collection is 15 minutes electronically or 30 minutes on paper per respondent or record-keeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be addressed to Reports Management Officer, Document Services, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.