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Type of entry	Past change.
Title	<i>Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 3)</i>
Description of issue	<p>Schedule 6 of the <i>Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956</i> deals with requirements for the importation of firearms, firearm accessories, firearm parts, firearm magazines, ammunition, components of ammunition and replicas.</p> <p>The purpose of the Amendment Regulations is to simplify the import process for importers. The Amendment Regulations are the first step in a redrafting process to ensure that Schedule 6 is more user-friendly.</p> <p>The changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new definition for “deactivated firearms”, to allow those firearms to be exempt from safety testing requirements; • an expanded definition of “firearm accessory” to clarify that it includes collapsible and telescopic firearm stocks; • a new definition of “replica firearms” to provide greater clarification on what the definition covers; • provisions to allow the importation of ‘scrap factor’ articles to be consumed or destroyed in the course of testing for government purposes; • provisions to permit dealers to ‘on-sell’ category C firearms imported for demonstration or testing purposes; • a streamlined process of re-importation of firearms by allowing all firearms temporarily exported to be re-imported if they are re-imported unmodified; • a new branch of the specified purposes test to broaden the circumstances under which firearms can be imported for research and development purposes; • provisions to restrict the import of high capacity detachable magazines for pump-action and lever-action centrefire rifles, and clarifying the controls on magazines for fully automatic firearms; • a clarification of the requirements which apply to the importation of interchangeable firearm parts; and • changes to the firearms safety test to allow new firearm technologies to be tested, and allowing consignments to be passed or failed on the basis of a sample from that consignment. <p>The Amendment Regulations and explanatory material can be found at -</p>

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Date of effect	The <i>Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 3)</i> came into effect on 23 September 2006.
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