

Proposed activity

Field	Content
Name of Division/Office	Criminal Justice Division – National Law Enforcement Policy Branch – Firearms Policy Unit
Title	Appropriate controls on the importation of magazines for fully automatic firearms.
Description of issue	<p>Due to a drafting error, the <i>Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956</i>, currently apply a lower level of import control to detachable firearm magazines with a capacity of more than five rounds for fully automatic firearms than for the same type of magazines for semi-automatic firearms. These items are high risk and their importation must be limited to those with a genuine reason to import.</p> <p>The effect of the proposed change will be to restrict the importation of detachable firearm magazines with a capacity of more than five rounds for fully automatic firearms to situations where the import is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the purposes of government - for certain specified purposes as set out in the Regulations - for goods returning to Australia after previously being exported, or - for a person whose principal or only occupation is the business of controlling vertebrate pest animals on rural land. <p>Importers who have previously imported these magazines for other reasons, such as collectors, will no longer be permitted to import in those circumstances.</p>
Date of effect	The proposed change may come into effect on an unknown future date during 2008.
Consultation Opportunities	Importers who have recently imported detachable firearm magazines with a capacity of more than five rounds for fully automatic firearms which would not meet the new requirements will be advised during July and August 2008.
Expected timetable	The proposed change may come into effect on an unknown future date during 2008.
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