

## Proposed activity

Field	Content
<b>Name of Division/Office</b>	Criminal Justice Division – National Law Enforcement Policy Branch – Firearms Policy Unit
<b>Title</b>	Emerging firearms technologies and the classification of firearms with those technologies under the <i>Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956</i> .
<b>Description of issue</b>	<p>Some firearms entering the market are classified as manually operated firearms under the existing regulatory settings and are therefore subject to lower levels of import control. Consideration is being given to whether these types of firearms should be subject to higher levels of import control because of certain characteristics. The types of firearms under consideration are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manual firearms adapted from fully automatic firearms by the removal of components that may be readily convertible back to automatic capacity, and</li> <li>- Manual firearms that look like automatic firearms commonly used by modern military or paramilitary forces in combat or warfare settings, such as sub-machine guns.</li> </ul> <p>The changes would result in some businesses or individuals not being able to import these types of firearms. Consultation with the firearms industry and with shooters will determine the likely effect of the proposed changes.</p>
<b>Date of effect</b>	The proposed changes may come into effect on an unknown future date during 2008.
<b>Consultation Opportunities</b>	<p>On 20 June 2008, the Department provided a consultation paper on the proposed changes to the firearms industry and shooters with comments due by 14 July 2008.</p> <p>A copy of the consultation paper may be obtained by contacting the Firearms Policy Unit at <a href="mailto:firearms@ag.gov.au">firearms@ag.gov.au</a>.</p>
<b>Expected timetable</b>	The proposed changes may come into effect on an unknown future date during 2008.
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