



Applying for Import Permission SPECIFIED PURPOSES –RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Specified Purposes Test - Research and Development

Under this test, legitimate research and development companies can temporarily import articles for specific research and development projects.

Who can apply?

Any researcher or company whose principal or sole occupation is researching or developing:

- Firearms technology; or
- Other defence and law enforcement related products.

The applicant must have a proven history of developing technology for the government of the Commonwealth, State Territory; and

The applicant must be licensed or authorised to possess the article/s.

Purpose of Import

The article/s can only be imported for the completion of a specific project or tender of a commercial nature.

Import Conditions

The article/s can only remain in the country for a specified period of time, commensurate with the project or tender and must be exported or destroyed at its conclusion.

The article/s must be appropriately secured while in Australia in accordance with the storage guidelines as detailed by State and Territory Firearm Registries.

Other information

The applicant must have in-principle approval from the Department of Defence to export the article/s to a proposed destination at the completion of the project.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be made in writing to the Attorney-General's Department.

Required Supporting Documentation

1. Completed application form including details of articles to be imported, the reason for importation and the date of import:
2. Information about the project:
 - ⇒ Summary of project or tender the articles are required for; and
 - ⇒ Anticipated start and finish date of project or tender.
3. Evidence of occupation:
 - ⇒ Business records (including ABN); and/or
 - ⇒ Tax records.
4. Proven history of research and development:
 - ⇒ Copy of past contracts; and/or
 - ⇒ Copy of past letters of engagement; and/or
 - ⇒ Copy of past purchase orders.
5. Authorised to possess:
 - ⇒ Certified copy of license; and/or
 - ⇒ Certified copy of exemption to possess articles.
6. Specific tender or project:
 - ⇒ Copy of tender documents; and/or
 - ⇒ Letter from company running the tender; and/or
 - ⇒ Copy of a formal business case or proposal.
7. Export permission:
 - ⇒ Copy of export permit; or
 - ⇒ Letter from Defence giving in-principle export approval.
8. Safe Storage:
 - ⇒ Evidence of security arrangements (ie statement from Police).