



Applying for Import Permission SPORTS SHOOTER

Sports Shooter Test

Under this test, Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) members may import restricted category C articles to take part in clay target events. Category C articles are self-loading shotguns, pump action repeating shotguns and associated parts.

Who can apply?

ACTA members that meet one of the following criteria:

- Requires the firearm because of a physical need due to lack of strength or dexterity; or
- On 15 November 1996, a person was a registered shooter with ACTA and possessed a self-loading shotgun or pump action repeating shotgun for use in clay target events.

There are two types of documentation that can be issued:

Import Permit

If the sports shooter is importing the firearm himself/herself, the sports shooter will require an import permit.

Sports Shooter Certificate

When purchasing a firearm through a dealer, a *Certified Sports Shooter Certificate* will be issued in the name of the sports shooter. The dealer will be issued an import permit if the article is not already in stock. Both the certificate and permit are required to be surrendered to Customs before the firearm can be released.

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 the articles to be imported, the reason for importation and the date of import.

2. Evidence of citizenship or residency:
- ⇒ Certified copy of passport; or
 - ⇒ Certified copy of birth certificate; or
 - ⇒ Certified copy of certificate of evidence of residence status.

If you have changed your name, you will also need to supply:

- ⇒ Certified copy of marriage certificate; or
- ⇒ Certified copy of change of name certificate.

3. Evidence of ACTA membership and firearms license:

- ⇒ Certified copy of ACTA membership card; **and**
- ⇒ Certified copy of firearms license.

4. Evidence of use:

- ⇒ Statutory declaration signed by the sports shooter stating that they intend to use the article solely to take part in clay target events.

5. Meeting criteria for the firearm due to a physical need **OR** 1996 ACTA membership and firearm ownership:

- ⇒ Doctor's certificate verifying the sports shooter's condition and the need for the firearm due to this condition; **and**
 - ⇒ Statement from an ACTA Rules Supervisor or Referee Examiner verifying the need for this firearm.
- OR**
- ⇒ Certified copy of the sports shooter's ACTA membership card, proving membership on 15 November 1996; **and**
 - ⇒ Evidence the sports shooter possessed a self-loading or pump action repeating shotgun, for use in clay target events on 15 November 1996 (must prove ownership on this date).

6. If importing or purchasing through a dealer

- ⇒ Business name, address, ABN, license number and contact phone numbers of any and all dealers/importers involved; **and**
- ⇒ Purchase order, receipt or statement from the dealer that the transaction will take place.

For more information about the importation of firearms into Australia, please visit our website at www.ag.gov.au or call the Firearms Unit on (02) 6141 2730