

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS**  
**APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS,**  
**AMMUNITION AND IMPLEMENTS OF WAR**  
**NOT FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**  
*(Submit in triplicate)*

**INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR ATF FORM 6 PART I (5330.3A)**  
*(Detach this instruction sheet before submitting your application)*

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE**

This request is in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this information collection is to allow ATF to determine if the article(s) described on the application qualifies for importation by the importer, and to serve as the authorization for the importer. This information is mandatory (18 U.S.C. 925(d), 26 U.S.C. 5844, 22 U.S.C. 2778).

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. An approved ATF Form 6 - Part I (5330.3A) is required to import firearms, ammunition, and implements of war into the United States or any possession thereof, except for certain exempt importations prescribed in 27 CFR parts 47, 178 and 179. A military member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is on active duty outside the U.S., or who has been on active duty outside the U.S. during the 60-day period immediately preceded the intended importation, should complete ATF Form 6 - Part II (5330.3B) to import sporting type firearms or ammunition for his personal use.
2. Any person engaged in the business of importing firearms or ammunition for resale must be licensed as an importer under the Gun Control Act of 1968 and, if he is importing firearms, ammunition, firearms parts or implements of war (*other than sporting shotguns, shotgun shells, or shotgun parts*) he must also be registered as an importer under the Arms Export Control Act of 1976. No permit to import such articles for resale will be issued until the importer is properly licensed and registered.
3. A Federal firearms licensee, other than an importer, may make an occasional importation of sporting firearms or ammunition (*excluding surplus military*) for himself or an unlicensed person in the licensee's State, provided that the firearms and ammunition are intended for personal use of the person for whom imported and not for resale. ATF Form 6 - Part I (5330.3A) is used to obtain approval for such importation.
4. A permit is not required for a firearm or ammunition brought into the United States or any possession thereof by any person who can establish to the satisfaction of Customs that such firearm or ammunition was previously taken out of the United States or any possession thereof by such person.
5. An alien entering the U.S. temporarily may submit this application to import his personally owned firearms and ammunition. If the application is otherwise in order, the application (*permit*) will be approved on the conditions that it is not unlawful for the individual to possess the firearms and ammunition in the States in which he travels and that the firearms and ammunition will not be disposed of in the United States but taken out of the United States when the individual departs. No permit is required for a nonresident of the United States to bring firearms and ammunition into the United States for legitimate hunting or lawful sporting purposes, provided that the firearms and such ammunition as remains following such shooting activity are to be taken out of the United States by such person upon conclusion of sporting activity.
6. A nonlicensed person may submit this application to import his personally owned ammunition (*not firearms*) into the U.S. for his personal use and not for resale.
7. A nonresident U.S. citizen returning to the United States or a nonresident alien immigrating to the United States, from a permanent residence outside of the United States may complete and forward the enclosed Form 6 Part I permit application without having to utilize the services of a federally licensed firearms dealer. The nonresident should include a statement, either on the application form or on an attached sheet, that the firearms are being imported for his personal use and not for resale and that he is a nonresident U.S. citizen returning to the United States, or is a nonresident alien immigrating to the United States. The firearms must accompany the nonresident on entry into the United States, since once he is in the United States, and has acquired residence in a State, he may not directly import a firearm. If the firearms do not accompany him, either handcarried or in his baggage (*accompanied or unaccompanied*), he must engage the services of a federally licensed firearms dealer in his State of residence to import the sporting firearms (*excluding surplus military*) for him.

**PREPARATION**

8. The applicant shall prepare this form in triplicate. Required signatures must be in ink on all copies. Other entries must be in ink or be typewritten.
9. The application should be submitted approximately 60 days prior to the intended importation. All copies shall be submitted to:
 

Director  
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
 Washington, D.C. 20226  
 Attention: Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch
10. Any questions concerning the application should be referred to the Imports Branch at the above address or telephone (202) 927-8320.
11. If a licensee is acting as an agent for an individual who wishes to import an article, the licensee must complete items 1 thru 14. The name, address, and telephone number of the individual for whom the firearm(s) is intended should appear in item 9.

**APPROVAL**

12. The Director will approve the application or advise the applicant of the reason for the disapproval. In some cases it may be necessary to request additional information or to have the firearm or ammunition sent to ATF for examination to determine the import status.
13. The permit is valid for 12 months from the date of approval. The approved application will serve as the permit to import the article(s) described on the form.
14. After approval, the Director will retain two copies and forward the original to the applicant or his designated agent, along with copies of ATF Form 6A, Release and Receipt of Imported Firearms, Ammunition and Implements of War.

*(INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED ON REVERSE)*