



Applying for Import Permission SPECIFIED PURPOSES – FILM ARMOURER

Specified Purposes Test – Film Armourers

Under this test, importers may import firearm articles for use in producing a film (eg cinematographic film, film or documentary made specifically for TV, or a TV program/series).

Who can apply?

Licensed Film Armourers.

Purpose of Import

This test allows for the importation of firearms, and firearms articles that are not available in Australia, for use in a film (cinematographic film or a documentary, program or series made specifically for television).

Import Conditions

The articles **must not** be used in an advertisement, a music video or another type of film promoting music or a product.

The articles must be either exported or destroyed at the end of the period specified in the import permit (usually this is after the completion of filming).

Other information

The applicant must hold a license or authorisation to possess the articles for the purpose of film/theatrical production.

Where there is some doubt as to the legitimacy of the production for the purposes of the Regulations, further information may be required. Evidence of the following will assist in establishing the existence of a production for the purposes of the Regulations:

- a budget
- is intended and will be available for public consumption
- a cast and script
- a paid director/producer
- other documents establishing the legitimacy of the production, such as insurance for the production.

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. Evidence of license:
 - ⇒ Certified copy of firearms license; and/or
 - ⇒ Certified copy of permits.
- 3. Evidence of use and that the articles are not available in Australia:
 - ⇒ Statement outlining the project the articles will be used for, including name of project, projected start and finish dates;
 - and**
 - ⇒ Statutory declaration from film armourer stating that the articles will not be used in an advertisement, a music video or another type of film promoting music or a product;
 - and**
 - ⇒ Statutory declaration by the film armourer stating the articles are of a type not available in Australia.
- 4. Evidence of request from the production company for the articles:
 - ⇒ Copy of purchase order; or
 - ⇒ Copy of contract/agreement, or
 - ⇒ Letter from the production company requesting supply of the articles.