

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION TO IMPORT WAR MATERIEL, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION (AIMG)

Notice

A. Introduction

A. 1. Legal bases

Article L. 2335-1 of the Defence Code prohibits the importation, without autorisation, of war materiel, weapons and ammunnition of categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Decree no. 95-589 of May 6th 1995 (*Official Gazette* of May 7th), defines the criteria for classification of war materiel, weapons and ammunnition in the above categories. Details are given in the interministerial order of September 11th 1995 (*Official Gazette* of October 8th) and the orders of the Minister of defence of September 16th , 1997 (*Official Gazette* of September 26th), March 11th 1999 (*Official Gazette* of March 25th), January 25th 2000 (*Official Gazette* of February 3rd) and April 30th 2001 (*Official Gazette* of May 16th).

Article 72 of the decree of May 6th 1995also stipulates the conditions of delivery of the importation autorisation (AIMG).

The authorisation stipulated by Article L. 2335-1 of the Defence Code is requested under the conditions defined by Article 1 of the order of 2 October 1992 (as amended)¹, which states that "*importers must submit their importation authorisation application to the Minister for customs under the conditions defined by order of that Minister*".

The conditions are defined in the order of the Minister for customs of December 13th 2001 (*Official Gazette* Decembre 20th).

A. 2. Forms

The AIMG application is made on form CERFA 11192*024. This document is listed under number 171 in the general customs nomenclature (NGD). The form can be obtained by photocopy, printing or word processing, the importer pre-printing any constant information. The form can be completed by hand by private individuals, but all the information must be fully legible; it is completed by machine in the other cases.

A. 3. Submission of the AIMG application

After completion according to the instructions in section **B** below, the importation authorisation application is submitted in quadruplicate to bureau E/2 of the *Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects*, 11, rue des deux communes, 94558 Montreuil CEDEX, tel. +33 (0)1 57 53 46 80, fax +33 (0)1 57 53 45 85.

A. 4. Delivery of the AIMG

The authorisation is delivered by the *Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects* (bureau E/2) under the conditions stipulated in Article 72 of the decree of May 6th 1995, in duplicate. One copy is sent to the applicant entered in box 3 and the other to the customs office specified in box 9 of the AIMG.

¹Order of 2 October 1992 on the procedure for importation, exportation and transfer of war materiel, weapons and ammunnition and equivalent materiel, amended by the orders of 20 December 1999, 25 August 2000, 28 March 2002, 29 July 2004 and 28 September 2005 (*Official Gazette* of 6 October 1992, 26 December 1999, 27 August 2000, 30 March 2002, 3 August 2004 and 30 September 2005)

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B. Completion of the application

Box 1: Check the “définitive” box if the goods will stay in France permanently. Check the “temporaire” box if the goods will be returned to the country of origin.

Box 2: Give the name, profession and address of the shipper or the vendor from which the goods are purchased in the foreign country.

Box 3: Give the name of the applicant, his or her telephone and fax numbers and the address to which the AIMG will be sent.

Box 4: Country of shipment. Give the country from which the goods have been shipped directly to the customs territory of importation.

Box 5: Country of origin. Give the country where the goods were manufactured, referring if necessary to the special rules on “Origin”.

Box 6: - Traders: Give the SIREN or SIRET number, the number and date of the manufacturing or trading authorisation (or the date of the declaration receipt) and the authorised (or declared) categories;

- **Others*:** Give the number of the national identity card or passport of the private individual, or of the natural person representing a legal entity (association).

Attention is drawn in this regard to applications for AIMGs concerning firearms, ammunition and their components submitted **by private individuals:**

* applications concerning **category 1 or category 4** firearms, ammunition and their components can be considered only if accompanied by a **photocopy of the acquisition and possession authorisation** delivered by the prefecture of the applicant’s place of residence;

* applications concerning **category 5** firearms, ammunition and their components can be considered only if accompanied (Art. 72 and 46-2 of the decree of 6 May 1995) *“depending on the case, by a hunting permit bearing the visa and validation of the current year or of the previous year, a currently-valid hunting licence, or a licence from a sporting federation that has received, under Article 17 of the Act of 16 July 1984, an authorisation from the Minister for sport for the practice of target shooting.”*

Box 7: Enter the **total invoice value** in Euro. The foreign currency value may be added in parentheses if the invoice is issued in that currency. This box is not filled in by private individuals or for weapons and ammunition of categories 4, 5 and 6.

Box 8: Give the **reason for the importation**.

Box 9: Give the **customs office** where the declaration will be submitted and where the second copy of the AIMG will be sent by the authorities.

Box 10: To be filled in only if a **customs broker** handles customs clearance.

Box 11: Materiel, firearms and ammunition and their components

a. “Firearms resembling weapons of war with automatic mechanisms: yes/no” – Check the appropriate box.

b. Columns

* **“Catégorie”** (category) column: **Specify the category, the section and the paragraph of Article 2 of decree no. 95-589 of 6 May 1995 (refer to A 1. above).**

* **“Type”** column: Give the following details for a complete firearm: side-by-side, over-and-under, pump-action shotgun, lever-action, express, drilling, combination gun; for a firearm component: chamber-closing mechanism,

chamber, barrel, frame, cylinder; for ammunition: cartridges, bullets, cases, primers, primed cases, primed and filled cases, etc.

* **"*Marque/modèle*"** (make/model) column: Give the make of the firearm and, if appropriate, the model year.