



Exporting and Importing Laser Pistols

Guidelines

Modern Pentathlon requires the use of laser pistols for participation in the sport. With this, please see the following guidelines in order to assist with importing and exporting items within Australia.

1. No permits are required from the Australian Border Force (as per letter dated 01FEB 2018) however it is recommended that a completed B263 form (found [here](#)) is presented to the Australian Border Force office at port of departure, to ensure that the temporarily exported laser devices are not assessed for duty, taxes and charges or included as part of the \$900 duty-free concession on re-importation.
2. A B709A import permit should be obtained from State or Territory Registry Police. The application forms can be found on each state and territory website, and may take up to 28 days to obtain.
3. Submission to the Department of Defence – Application to Export Controlled Goods and Technology. Further information can be found [here](#)
4. When travelling internationally for competitions please contact (all) carriers that you are travelling with for recommended details for travel with Laser Pistol. Airlines will need to be advised before departure from Australia. To assist when travelling athletes should travel with the following:
 - Details of competition (Invitation letter)
 - Supporting letter from MP State President
 - Import & Export Details (as per items 1 to 3 inclusive above)
 - Supporting letter from MPA (if required) for athlete to travel with pistol for international competition

Below is further information from Defence Export Controls and the Australian Border Force.

Defence Export Controls (defence.gov.au/ExportControls Phone: 1800 661 006)

As of 22 December 2017, the Defence Export Controls (DEC) has updated the Application to Export Controlled Goods and Technology form. The update will make it mandatory for applicants to include the value (or estimated value) of the goods or technology being exported as part of the description.

DEC may contact applicants for further details on the value of goods and technology to be exported, if this information is not included in the application.

The updated forms will always be available on the DEC website found [here](#) DEC recommends applicants always check the website before completing their permit applications to ensure they are using the most recent version of the form as DEC do not accept older versions of the form.

Australian Border Force (homeaffairs.gov.au phone:131 881)

In regard to the exportation and re-importation of laser devices for Modern Pentathlon, the laser firearms are considered to be imitation firearms.



To import imitation firearms into Australia, importers must first obtain a B709A – Importation to Firearms, Police Confirmation and Certification form under the Police Certification Test, issued by your State or Territory Police.

The original B709A form must be presented to the Australian Border Force at the time of importation.

The laser component is not an issue as the items are not considered to be traditional handheld laser pointers.

Imitation firearms are not controlled on export, therefore do not require permission to be exported out of Australia.

Further information found [here](#)

The laser devices are to be exported as accompanied baggage and do not require an export permit, the goods are exempt from requiring an export declaration under section 113(2)(a) of the *Customs Act 1901*).