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Report on Examination of Riverman rifle

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1. CUSTODY OF ITEMS

On Monday 30th October 2017, the exhibit items labelled in part '6173881' and 'Item 0001' was received from the Forensic Exhibit Registry. A description of the exhibit item is as follows:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
0001	One sealed paper bag containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">One (1) Riverman brand, O.A.F. model, repeating (bolt action) rifle, serial number OAF-s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The exhibit item was returned to the Forensic Exhibit Registry on Monday 27th November 2017.

2. EXAMINATION & RESULTS

An examination of the exhibit item was undertaken and the results are recorded as follows:

Item 0001

One sealed paper bag containing:

One (1) Riverman brand, O.A.F. model repeating bolt action rifle, serial number OAF-s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I made an examination of this rifle and found that it is a straight pull bolt action rifle chambered for .300 Blackout calibre ammunition. I test fired the rifle using appropriate ammunition and found that it functioned as designed, requiring the bolt to be cocked after each shot is fired to eject the discharged case and to load the next round of ammunition from the magazine. A repeating action centre fire rifle would fall under the control of Schedule 6, Part 2, Item 2 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 unless it has a fully automatic firing capability, or that is substantially the same in appearance as a fully automatic firearm, or to which a firearm accessory is attached or integral. Items such as the barrel shroud and stock are readily interchangeable and available in many configurations. Barrel lengths also vary in this type of rifle and as such it is the design and appearance of the receiver section of the firearm which is most important in this examination. I compared the exhibit O.A.F. brand rifle (Item 0001) to a Stoner brand, CQB Mod 2 rifle which is a fully automatic firearm. I found that the exhibit O.A.F. rifle is substantially the same in appearance as a fully automatic firearm and as a

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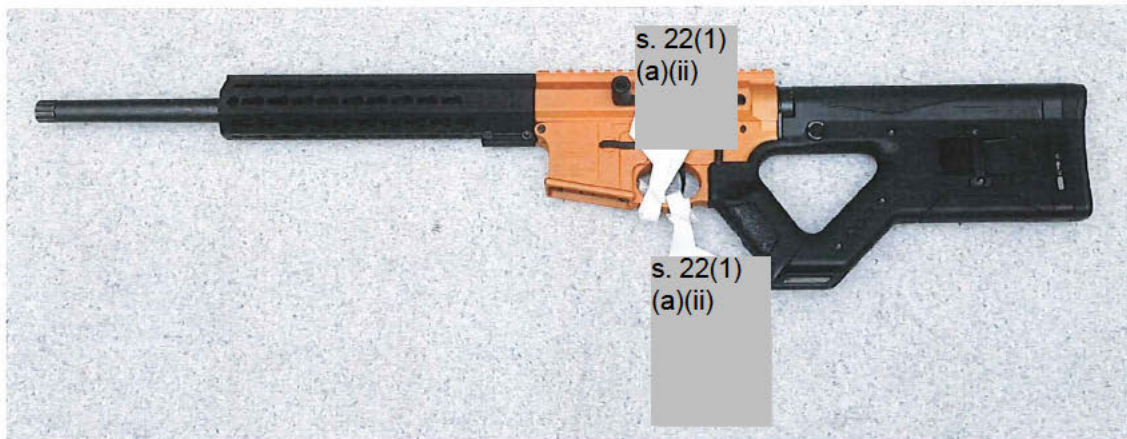
result it falls under the control of Schedule 6, Part 2, Item 12 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.

3. CONCLUSIONS

I formed the opinion that:

The exhibit Riverman brand, O.A.F. model rifle is substantially the same in appearance as a fully automatic firearm and as a result it falls under the control of Schedule 6, Part 2, Item 12 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.

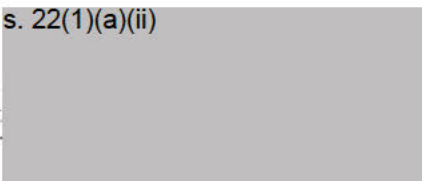
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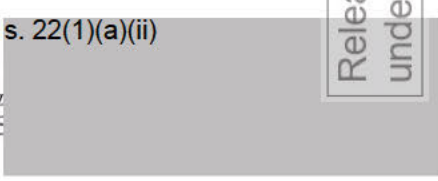


4.1 Photograph of left hand side of Riverman brand, O.A.F. model rifle, Item 0001.



4.2 Photograph of right hand side of Riverman brand, O.A.F. model rifle, Item 0001.

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4.3 Photograph of left hand side of Riverman brand, O.A.F. model rifle (below) and Stoner CQB Mod 2 rifle (above).



4.4 Photograph of right hand side of Riverman brand, O.A.F. model rifle (below) and Stoner CQB Mod 2 rifle (above) with ejection port cover open.

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4.5 Photograph of right hand side of Riverman brand, O.A.F. model rifle (below) and Stoner CQB Mod 2 rifle (above) with ejection port cover closed.

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Statement in the matter of: **Riverman rifle re 6173881**

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Date 27th November, 2017 Page 1 of 3

STATES:

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared if necessary, to give in Court as a Witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I am an employee of the Australian Federal Police attached to Firearms Identification and Armoury Team, Forensics, Specialist Operations, based at Majura in the Australian Capital Territory. I have been a member of the team since May 2010.

Prior to this, I was employed with the Queensland Police Service from November 1986 to November 2007. There I held the position of a sworn member of the Police Service performing the role of Scientific Officer from June 1987 and as a Forensic Firearm Investigator from June 1988 to November 2007. During this time, I successfully completed an 'in-house' training program and was awarded expertise in the field of Forensic Firearms Investigation in 1997. On numerous occasions, I delivered training within this section, as well as lecturing in the area of forensic ballistics at Griffith University. I also relieved in the position of Officer in Charge of the Queensland Ballistics

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Section. I have also lectured in the area of forensic ballistics at Canberra Institute of Technology.

I am currently engaged full time in the technical investigation of firearms related crime, the collection and preservation of exhibits and the identification of firearms and related ammunition components. A part of these duties include the provision of firearm identification advice to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and The Commonwealth Attorney General's Department.

I have a Bachelor of Science from the University of Queensland and a Masters of Science in Forensic Science from Griffith University.

I have attended and studied the manufacturing processes and the techniques adopted by the Government Small Arms Factory in Lithgow, New South Wales, the Olin Winchester Australian Factory in Geelong, Victoria, Tobler Barrels at Robertson, New South Wales and M.A.B. Engineering, Brisbane, Queensland.

I have successfully completed factory certified armourer's courses conducted by firearm manufacturers for handguns, rifles and shotguns.

I have studied the techniques in the field of firearm and ammunition examination and identification adopted by state and territory police agencies throughout Australia.

My duties also include the examination and comparison of tools and toolmarks. This type of examination involves comparing questioned toolmarks to either impressed or striated toolmarks made by a questioned tool.

I am recognised as an 'expert' Forensic Firearms Investigator by the Australasian Police Professional Standards Council.

I have conducted examinations on the exhibits, the Forensic Operations case reference number is 6173881.

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This statement consists of three (3) pages. Attached to the statement is a report dated 27th November, 2017 that consists of five (5) pages, each signed by me.

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Team Member 20287
Majura, Canberra

27th November 2017

JUSTICES ACT 1886

I acknowledge by virtue of s.110A (5) (c) (ii) of the Justices Act 1997 that:-

- (i) This written statement by me dated 27th November 2017 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief;

and

- (ii) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

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... Signature

Signed at Majura, Canberra this 27th day of November 2017.

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