FW: Berika DST12 Desert Storm [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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classification of the Berika SP12G as per our discussion.

Regards,

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I made an examination of the Berika brand Model DST 12 Desert Storm serial number 221. It is a straight shotgun with an external box magazine. As it is a repeating bolt action shotgun it falls to Schedule 6, Part 2, Item 2 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.

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DESERt STORM
Import: EOS Pty Ltd, AU By: Berika Arms, TR
Made in Turkey 2019
12 GA 3” 76 mm FOR 2 3/4” OR 3” SHELLS
Read Owner’s Manual Before Using The Gun
It appears from below we agree if it looks the same as the diagrams it should fall to an Item 2. We will just have to wait for a physical examination of the first one to determine definitively.

I must admit when I looked at the images AR immediately sprung to mind however without the selector etc. etc. we can’t really argue that it duplicates a specific automatic firearm. The slanting stock, fore-end are not necessarily AR features.

From an import point of view I’d say Item 2 however it’ll be interesting to see what the states are going to do....

Also, I’ve asked [REDACTED] opinion and he agrees.
From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Subject: FW: New Design as per requirements [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

This is what they are changing the Berika Black ops gun to. I think it is changed enough now that we couldn’t assess to an Item 12 on appearance based controls. Your thoughts before I let know. It will still have to be physically assessed when it comes in to ensure it is what they say it’s going to look like.

Hi

Please verify the images & let us know your thoughts.

We will advise the importer to obtain one (1) physical sample for final determination. But in the interim, he needs an in-principle OK for him to request his supplier to make one and send it.

Thanks & Regards,

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Regional Command NSW | Port Operations Command
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Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

In addition (and referred to) in the previous email, please find attached schematics designed in accordance with ABF recommendations.
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Report on Examination of BERIKA brand shotgun
BY

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Team member – Firearms Identification & Armoury Team
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Signed: [Redacted]
Signature witnessed by: [Redacted]
1. **CUSTODY OF ITEMS**

On Friday 14th June 2019, I received from Australian Border Force Officer s. 22(1)(a)(ii) at the Detained Goods Management area, Australian Border Force, Port Botany, Sydney a 12 gauge shotgun. A description of the item is as follows:

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The item was examined at the Detained Goods Management area, Australian Border Force, Port Botany, Sydney and then returned to Australian Border Force Officer s. 22(1)(a)(ii) later on Friday 14th June 2019.

2. **EXAMINATION & RESULTS**

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

**Items 1 and 2**

The shotgun was examined and found to be straight pull bolt action shotgun. It had serial number s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and had a solid butt stock and was supplied with two (2), five (5) round external box magazines. This shotgun is substantially the same in appearance as a fully automatic firearm. Examples of this are the Knights Armament Corporation SR-16 and an Armalite M15-A2 (See pictures in annexure).

As a result I found that the 12 Gauge Berika, brand SP12BTC model, repeating bolt action shotgun, serial number s. 22(1)(a)(ii) is substantially the same in appearance as a fully automatic firearm and therefore falls under the control of Schedule 6, Part 2, Item 12 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.

3. **CONCLUSIONS**

3.1 The 12 Gauge Berika, brand SP12BTC model, repeating bolt action shotgun, serial number s. 22(1)(a)(ii) is substantially the same in appearance as a fully automatic firearm and therefore falls under the control of Schedule 6, Part 2, Item 12 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.
4. ANNEXURE

4.1 Photograph of left hand side of the 12 Gauge Berika brand SP12BTC model, repeating bolt action shotgun.

4.2 Photograph of the right hand side of the 12 Gauge Berika brand SP12BTC model, repeating bolt action shotgun.

4.3 Photograph of right hand side of comparison .223 calibre Knights Armament Corporation SR-16 rifle.
4.4 Photograph of left hand side of comparison .223 calibre Knights Armament Corporation SR-16 rifle.

4.5 Photograph of right hand side of 12 Gauge Berika brand SP12BTC model, repeat-capable bolt action shotgun.
4.6 Photograph of right hand side of comparison .223 calibre Armalite M15-A2 rifle.