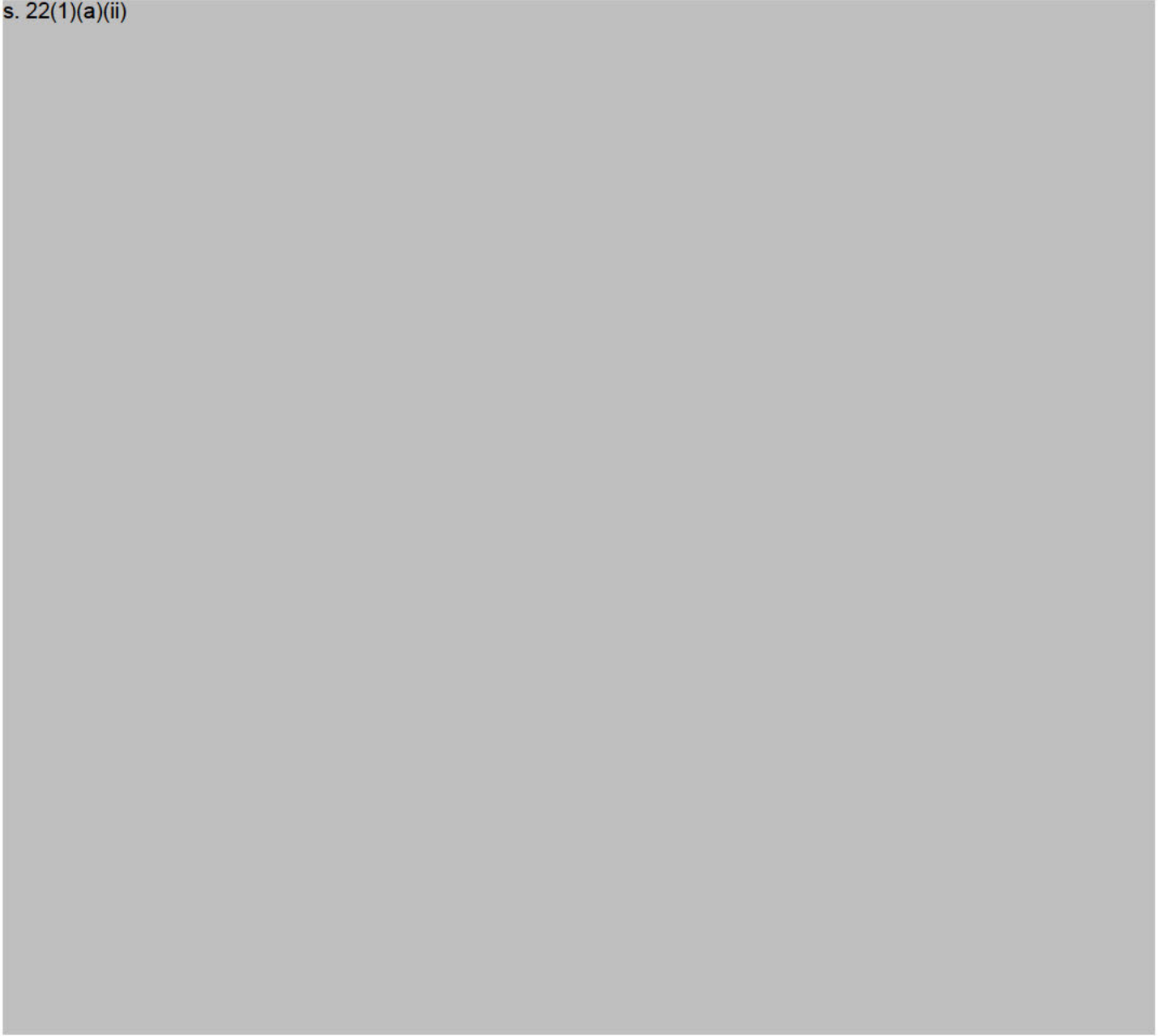


s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 9 November 2018 2:50 PM

To: s. 47F(1)

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Ongoing Police Certification to import gel-ball imitation firearms
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s.
s. 47B(b)



Regards

s. 22(1)(a)
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) **Director**
Permits and Strategic Goods Section
Customs and Border Revenue Branch | Trade and Customs Division
Infrastructure, Transport Security and Customs Group
Department of Home Affairs
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2018 1:27 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Ongoing Police Certification to import gel-ball imitation firearms
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Hi s. 22(1)

Thank you very much for the detailed response. I think there are some good options there to find a way forward with this.

s. 47B(b)

I am looking to meet with ABF at the Qld office in the next few weeks. Is there anyone else I should be speaking with to progress this.

Thanks again for your assistance

Regards,

s. 47F(1)

Inspector
Manager Weapons Licensing
Specialist Services Group
Operations Support Command (OSC)
Queensland Police Service

s. 47F(1)

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 6 November 2018 8:50 AM
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Ongoing Police Certification to import gel-ball imitation firearms [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s. 47F(1)
You will recall that we discussed the option of an ongoing police certification to import gel-ball imitation firearms at the Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group meeting last week. My team has done some research into this matter which is summarised below.

- In Queensland, the laws for imitation firearms are less strict than most other states and territories.
- Imitation firearms are controlled at the border under Item 1A of Part 2 of Schedule 6 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*. Regardless of whether imitation firearms are controlled within a state or territory, a B709A form is required to import these items.

- Other states and territories generally require individuals to hold a firearms licence to possess imitation firearms. The majority of importers of gel-ball imitation firearms do not possess a firearms licence, and therefore their importation in those states and territories is generally prohibited.
- The B709A form currently used by QPS to authorise import of gel-ball imitation firearms cannot be used for ongoing certification due to the form being single use.
- The B709X form may be used by police firearms and weapons registries to satisfy the police certification test for Schedule 13 weapons only.
- Form B709DA is restricted to use by firearms dealers who are licenced appropriately to possess the Schedule 6 firearms (or components, ammunition etc.). The form may also be used by firearms dealers for when the items listed on the form do not require a licence or authorisation to possess (including imitation firearms). Individuals who are not firearms dealers cannot use a B709DA form.

s. 47B(b)

Let me know what you think.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Director**

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NATIONAL REGISTRY MANAGERS WORKING GROUP

Tuesday 17 September 2019
Canberra, ACT

AGENDA PAPER

AGENDA ITEM 3

GEL BALL BLASTERS

ISSUE

Matters relating to Gel Ball Blasters has steadily increased in difficulty since the Commonwealth began treating them as imitation firearms (for importation purposes) in late 2017.

BACKGROUND

When they were first imported, Gel Ball Blasters were controlled as Soft Air (Air Soft) firearms, Item 1 under Schedule 6 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (the Regulations). On 14 December 2017, a Queensland Magistrate decision (*Customs v s. 47F(1)* [redacted] Attached) changed this. Gel Ball Blasters are now, at the highest level of control, considered to be Imitation Firearms – Item 1A under Schedule 6 of the Regulations – which can only be imported with Police certification.

s. 47E(d)

The Commonwealth is currently exploring interim options to resolve this issue in advance of any amendments to the Regulations.

ACTION REQUESTED BY MEMBERS

Please come prepared to discuss Gel Ball Blaster-related matters in your jurisdiction, for example police assistance required at an incident involving a firearm which was in fact a Gel Ball Blaster.

We would particularly be interested in hearing from jurisdictions which do not allow the importation of Gel Ball Blasters.

PREPARED BY: s. 22(1)(a) [redacted]

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Email: S [REDACTED]

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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MAGISTRATES COURT

s. 47F(1) [REDACTED]

MAG-00181736/17(8)

COMPTROLLER-GENERAL OF CUSTOMS

Plaintiff

and

s. 47F(1) [REDACTED]

Defendant

BRISBANE

8.48 AM, THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017

DECISION

Any Rulings that may be included in this transcript, may be extracted and subject to revision by the Presiding Judge.

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BENCH: Right. This is an action for a declaration and order under the Customs Act for the condemnation of goods, namely, what the complainant says are 492 soft air rifles and soft air handguns. The complaint was further amended on the day of the hearing to delete the claim for forfeiture of gel pellets also seized from the respondent. The factual matters as averred by the complainant are generally not in dispute, apart from the central averment, that being that the seized items are what is described as either "soft air firearms" or, again, "firearms" throughout the complaint.

The issue for determination is very narrow. The position of the parties is that should the goods be found to be firearms within the meaning of that term as defined in regulation 4F of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulation 1956, then the goods will also fall into one or other of further subcategories provided for in the regulations that have the effect of providing that the goods will be special forfeited goods within the meaning of the Customs Act and require to be forfeited to the Crown. Should the goods be found not to be firearms within the meaning of regulation 4F, the complaint will fail. I am told by the complainant that the standard of proof is the reasonable satisfaction of the Court. The issue for determination is, therefore, a narrow one, as I said and are the seized items firearms or not.

"Firearm" is defined in regulation 4F as, relevantly, "a device designed or adapted to discharge shot bullets or other projectiles by means of an explosive charge or a compressed gas, whether that device is fitted with a magazine or other fitting device designed to be used with it or not". It is conceded by the respondent that the seized items are devices designed to discharge projectiles by means of a compressed gas. The issue is further narrowed on the respondent's case to whether or not the gel pellets fired by these items are "other projectiles" within the meaning of regulation 4F, the seized items being incapable of firing shot or bullets.

The purpose of regulation 4F was discussed by s. 47F(1) in the CEO of Customs v s. 47F(1). Neither party disputes the correctness of her Honour's statements in that case. I agree with the respondent's submission that regulation 4F is directed to the prohibition of firearms that fire bullets, shot or similar types of physically dangerous ammunition, and that the regulation is not directed to the prohibition of toys despite their appearance.

The respondent submits that the purposive approach to statutory interpretation, consistent with the principles stated by the High Court in s. 47F(1) must be applied by the Court to determine what the Parliament by the term "other projectiles" in regulation 4F. The respondent submits that the other projectiles referred to in regulation 4F must be interpreted to be ejusdem generis with the preceding words, "bullets and shot". "Other projectiles" ought, therefore, the respondent submits, be construed as being limited to the same kind of projectiles as the particular words. The words "other projectiles" are so wide that they could, arguably, capture anything capable of being discharged by a device, which if it operates by means of compressed gas would therefore fall within the definition of a firearm.

Evidence was given by both s. 47F(1) and s. 47F(1) that some nerf guns fire nerf darts by means of compressed gas and that the relevant authorities, State and Federal, do not regard nerf darts as being a projectile falling within the meaning of regulation 4F. In the case of the seized items here, it is common ground that they all fire gel balls, which when hydrated are largely made of water and that at least two of the types of seized items also fire nerf darts. The evidence of both s. 47F(1) and s. 47F(1) as the effect that the hydrated gel balls after firing disintegrate on impact with the target or, if not with the target, whatever they happen to hit.

I agree with the respondent that the general words “other projectiles” ought to be construed in the context of the particular words that precede them, namely, “shot and bullets”. It would be absurd to imagine that in the circumstances in which regulation 4F was enacted, as outlined by s. 47F(1) in the case I have already referred to, that Parliament also intended to capture toys. The attitude taken by the authorities to guns firing nerf darts supports that conclusion. I accept the submission that the Parliament intended by the use of the words “other projectiles” to capture metal or other hard ammunition capable of causing injury or death. I do not accept that the general words were intended to capture objects that are ultimately harmless or relatively harmless when impacting with a person.

In those circumstances, I am not satisfied that gel balls are captured by the term “other projectiles” as used in regulation 4F. As the seized items are not capable of discharging shot, bullets or other projectiles, they do not, in my view, fall within the definition of “firearm” within regulation 4F. Having said that, whilst I accept the expertise of s. 47F(1) and appreciate the assistance given by his report, his naming each of the seized items as a “soft air firearm” has the tendency to obscure the real character of the seized items. s. 47F(1) conceded that no official definition exists as to what is a “soft air firearm” and that it appears to merely refer to the mechanism by which the gel balls are expelled. Use of the term “soft air firearm” in s. 47F(1) report, which is exhibit 1, does not bring the items within the definition of “firearm” in regulation 4F, as the test is, as discussed, more extensive than merely the mechanism of firing the item.

I have been assisted by exhibit 10, a confirmation issued to the respondent by the Queensland Police Service that the seized items are legal to be possessed in Queensland without licence or authority and that the Queensland Police Service in the attachment to exhibit 10, having inspected them, appears to classify these items as “projectile toys”. Despite the appearance of many of the seized items closely resembling real types of firearms, I am not persuaded by the complainant’s submission that the mere appearance of an item may cause “harm” of the type referred to by s. 47F(1). The use of an item closely resembling a real weapon for some nefarious purpose will, no doubt, constitute a criminal offence of one type or another, but is not relevant, in my view, to the question of whether or not such an item meets the definition of a firearm in regulation 4F.

In this case, despite their appearance, the items are on the evidence only capable of firing a water-based pellet and, in my view, are properly classified, as the

5 Queensland Police Service has concluded, as “projectile toys”. In all of the
circumstances and having regard to the evidence, I am not satisfied to the required
standard that the complainant has discharged its evidential onus in relation to the
seized items. I am satisfied, however, that the seized items are not “firearms” within
the meaning of regulation 4F and they are, therefore, not special forfeited goods
within the meaning of the Customs Act. The complaint will be dismissed and I order
the seized goods – or I will order the seized goods to be returned to the respondent.
Are there any submissions on costs?

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15 BENCH: All right. The complaint is dismissed and the complainant is to pay the
respondent’s costs fixed at \$2000 and I order that the seized items the subject of the
complaint be returned to the respondent. All right. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, your Honour.

20 BENCH: You’re excused.

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: s. 47F(1) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Home Affairs Gel Blasters s. 47B(b) [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2019 4:03:00 PM

For-Official-Use-Only

Hi s.

Yes, Border Force will treat gel ball blasters as set out below.

It'd be great to see your web pages – and when we get around to updating our own pages, we'll provide links to yours.

Happy to keep discussing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Special Adviser - Firearms

Law Enforcement Policy Branch | National Security and Law Enforcement Policy Division

Policy Group

Department of Home Affairs

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

For-Official-Use-Only

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 29 May 2019 2:59 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 47F(1) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Home Affairs Gel Blasters s. 47B(b) [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Hi s. 22(1)(a)

I have copied Senior Sergeant s. 47F(1) and Supervisor Detained Goods and Firearms s. 22(1)(a)(ii) from ABF in to this Email.

I really do appreciate your Email, can you please clarify that what you have outlined is the same position for ABF as it is for Home Affairs?, I assumed it would but just wanted to clarify.

We have recently put together an internal web page dedicated to Gel Blasters, once we have finished refining it I will send you some images of it. We are also looking to put together a similar page for the public. I will of course keep you up to date with how we are progressing with s. 47B(b) for Gel Blasters.

Thank you,
s. 47F(1)

Weapons Licensing
Queensland Police Service
s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 12:29 PM
s. 47F(1)

Cc: Firearms enquiries s. 47E(d)

Subject: Gel ball blasters [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

For-Official-Use-Only

Good afternoon s. 47E(1), s. 47E(1) and s. 47E(1)

As discussed at our meeting a couple of weeks ago, I've put together some points below on the treatment of gel ball blasters at the Cth level for the purposes of importation.

There are three main points to be aware of upfront.

- Gel ball blasters *are not treated* as firearms for the purposes of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.
- Gel ball blasters *can still meet the* definition of an 'imitation' under the Regulations and therefore require Police Certification in order to be imported.
- Airsoft firearms (such as those that fire 6mm and 8mm BBs) *are controlled* as firearms under the Regulations.

In practice, we understand that this causes difficulties with determining the difference between what is a gel ball blaster and what is an airsoft firearm – especially in relation to parts.

In terms of classification on importation, two principles may assist.

- An article that can fire 6mm or 8mm BBs can be classified as a firearm under the Regulations, even if it can also shoot hydrolysed gel balls.
- A part can be classified as a firearm part under Item 2B in the Regulations even if it is also a part for an imitation firearm. In practice, this means that a part that fits both a gel ball blaster and an airsoft firearm can be controlled as an Item 2B article.

s. 47E(d)

I hope this is of assistance, and we'd be grateful if Qld Police could keep us informed about how things are progressing at your end.

Thanks,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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DGM Firearms QLD s. 47F(1)

RE: B709 for Gel Blasters Parts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

S.

No that's fine. It's the standard response given to members of the Gel Blaster community making the very same enquiry. The more the gospel is spread the better it is for everybody.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Supervisor
Detained Goods & Firearms | Aviation Goods QLD
Regional Command QLD | Port Operations Command
Operations Group
Australian Border Force

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:53 AM

To: DGM Firearms QLD s. 47E(d)

s. 47F(1)

Subject: RE: B709 for Gel Blasters Parts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s.
22(1)

Greatly appreciated. I thought as much but just wanted to double check. Do you mind if I provide your response to the Gel Blaster community for transparency. I will of course remove your Email and telephone details.

Thank you,

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s. 47F(1)

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s. 47F(1)



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From: DGM Firearms QLD s. 47E(d)

Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 16:07

To s. 47F(1)

Subject: RE: B709 for Gel Blasters Parts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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S.
47E(1)

Gel blaster parts do not require import permission. B709A is not required. However, if the Gel Blaster parts are parts made for air soft firearms or are compatible with air soft or real firearms (and these are what appear to be popular for upgrading Gel Blasters), then they will require import permission.

ABF have been seizing a lot of Gel Blaster Parts because they were manufactured for Air Soft firearms.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 1:18 PM
To: DGM Firearms QLD s. 47E(d)
Subject: B709 for Gel Blasters Parts

FYI – Please let me know.

Thank you,



s. 47F(1)

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s. 47F(1)



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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 14:33
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 47F(1)

Subject: B709 for Gel Blasters Parts

Hi s.
22(1)

I am seeking some clarification on B709's being required for Gel Blaster parts. From September 2019, I hosted several meetings with the ABF, AFP, Home Affairs and Gel Blasters Associations. One of the many topics we covered were B709's, NOT being required for Gel Blaster parts. Yesterday I presented a PowerPoint to the Gel Blaster

community on the changes to legislation regarding replica firearms. At the conclusion of the meeting I fielded questions from several people who have been advised that ABF have informed them that a B709 is required to import Gel Blasters parts. Due to the fact this information came from several people I thought I would seek clarification from you. I hope this is not the case as it will cause a significant increase to our work load. If this decision has been reversed for whatever reason I hope we can discuss to find common ground moving forward.

Below is an Email sent to me by s. 47F(1) I have spoken to the Gel Blaster community on numerous occasions about Airsoft firearms and parts NOT being allowed in to QLD as a result of Schedule 6 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Thank you,



s. 47F(1)

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Queensland Police Service

s. 47F(1)



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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Monday, 24 August 2020 20:48

To: s. 47F(1)

Subject: Gel blaster parts B709a permits

Hey s. 47F(1) thank you for your time today and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for all your hard work over the past 18 months or so i know it was a pain especially with a thorn like myself constantly poking you in your side hahaha

As per our conversation today at the meeting here are some screenshots from ABF which clearly state that if we are wanting to import these 'gel blaster' parts then we will need a B709a permit purely because some of the parts are known to be interchangeable with airsoft parts. These items are not illegal as they are just simply generic parts which can be used in numerous different hobbies

but mainly with airsoft. As im sure you understand we do not intend to ever import any major airsoft parts specific to airsoft for example

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Magazines

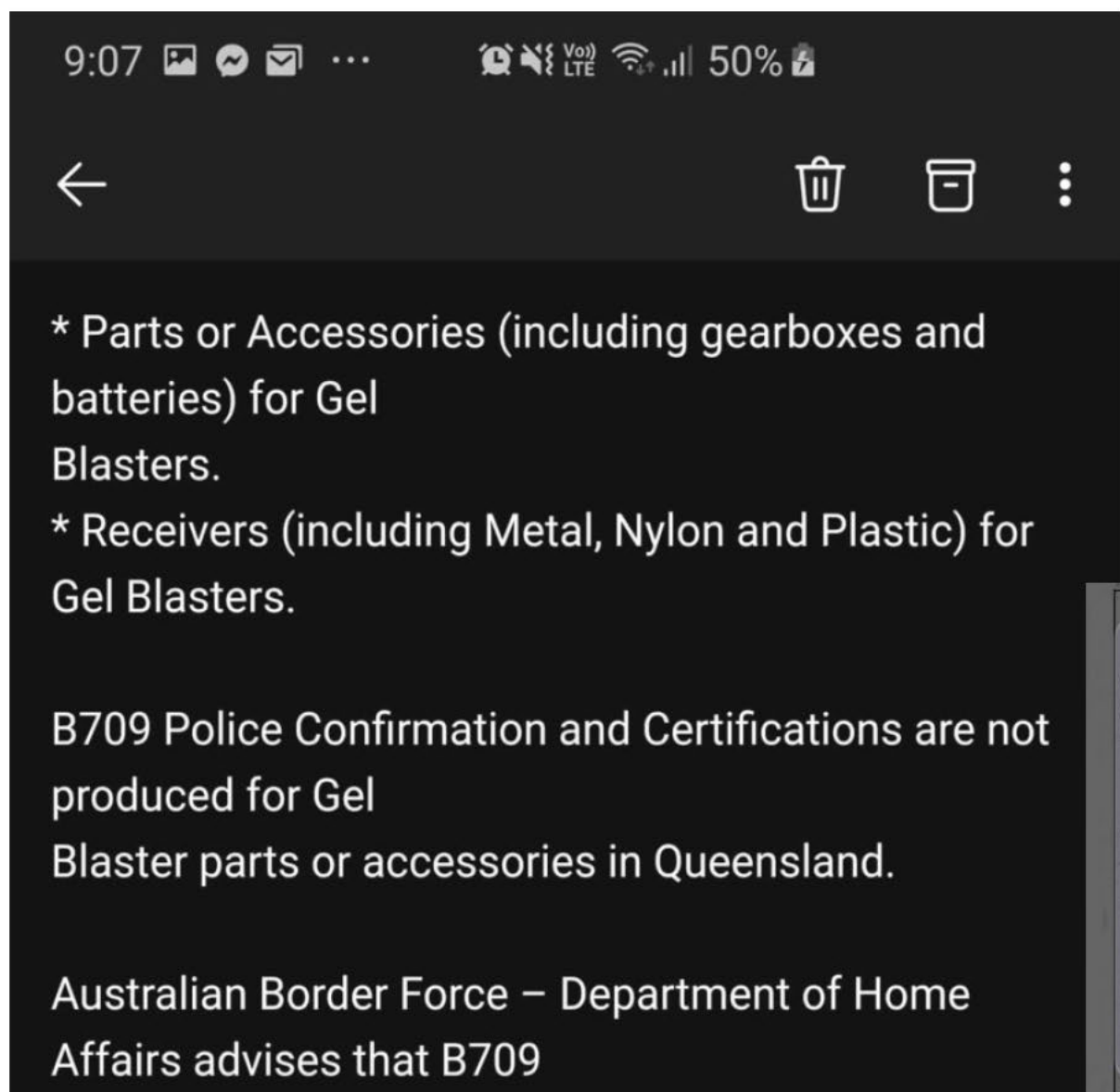
6mm barrels

These are purely generic parts like gears, springs, receivers, hanguards, mosfets etc etc etc

It would save everyone alot of heartache and pain if we could just get these permits sorted as im sure in the end it would make everyone's life easier. With current b709a issues imm attempt to work with the community to only apply for permits where they are actaully needed as i understand that greedy business is most likely causing alot of these delays

Many thanks

s. 47F(1)



Police Confirmation and Certifications are not required for these items.

Your application/s has not been approved.

It should be noted that the final determination whether to allow the importation of the item(s) rests with Australian Border Force. Any questions regarding seized items are to be discussed with Australian Border Force.

Should you have any further enquiries please refer to the Weapons

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Your application/s has not been approved.

It should be noted that the final determination whether to allow the importation of the item(s) rests with Australian Border Force. Any questions regarding seized items are to be discussed with Australian Border Force.

Should you have any further enquiries please refer to the Weapons Licensing website:

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.police.qld.gov.au%2Funits%2Fweapons-licensing&data=02%7C01%7C%7C77d843ac77fb4fad630608d847545b30%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637337774935382007&sdata=nH7yAHZZP%2B0tuCsaF2mASd8hVPtrhKDPy%2BphcAcZO58%3D&reserved=0>

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)

← v Reply



DGM Firearms QLD

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To: s. 47F(1)

Wed 1/07/2020 1:23 PM

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s. 47F(1)

The ABF requires import permission for air soft compatible parts. If the State Police Licencing body won't issue a permit for these items then you are out of luck. Home Affairs is a higher control and unless you have an extremely good reason for importing these items, I very much doubt you will be issued a Permit.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Detained Goods & Firearms | Aviation Goods QLD
Regional Command QLD | Port Operations Command
Operations Group
Australian Border Force

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Permission to import [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]



DGM Firearms QLD

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To: s. 47F(1)

Wed 1/07/2020 6:44 AM

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s. 47F(1)

Nerf blasters themselves are non controlled . However, you will require a B709A Import Permit if the parts you are importing to upgrade them are compatible with controlled Firearms e.g. Soft Air.

The Permit is issued by the Weapons Licencing office of your State Police.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 21 August 2020 5:25 PM

Subject: Final Email (COVID-19 Checks) Gel Blaster Community - Replica Legislation Update (Meeting 24/08/2020)

Hi Everyone,

Please beware you will be required to practice physical distancing at all times whilst inside the Brisbane City Police Station and access to the building will require you to have your temperature check via an infra-red thermometer.

See you next week.

Thank you,



s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 20 August 2020 13:43

Subject: Final Email Gel Blaster Community - Replica Legislation Update (Meeting 24/08/2020)

Hi Everyone,

You have all expressed an interest in attending next week's meeting. Please ensure you are on time and gather outside the front entrance of the Brisbane City Police Station near the new coffee shop 'Espresso Engine' situated inside the foyer. I will carry out a role call and have someone take you up to level 15 four at a time. If you present with flu like symptoms you will be turned away as per our COVID-19 policy.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Thank you,



s. 47F(1)

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 20 August 2020 12:49

Subject: Gel Blaster Community - Replica Legislation Update (Meeting 24/08/2020)

Good afternoon everyone,

The list for next week's meeting has been finalised. If you have received confirmation from me regarding your attendance and do not receive another Email from me by the end of today please Email me. As previously mentioned information about this meeting and its contents will be posted on the Weapons Licensing page by early September 2020.

Thank you,



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From s. 47F(1)

Sent: Wednesday, 22 July 2020 12:53

Subject: Gel Blaster Community - Replica Legislation Update (Meeting 24/08/2020)

Good morning everyone,

Please read the below carefully.

In order to provide some clarity and reassurance to you all on the upcoming legislation changes, I will be bringing our next meeting forward to **10:00am on Monday 24th of August 2020, at the Brisbane City Police Station located at 16 Mary St, Brisbane.** The meeting will last for as long as it takes to answer all of your questions or take notes for them to be answered at a later date. Due to limited seating capacity and keeping in mind COVID-19 distancing, I am asking everyone who would like to be present at this meeting to provide me with your details by **no later than the 4th of August 2020** –

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Please do not attend the meeting if you have flu like symptoms. If we exceed seating capacity I will explore alternative options for you to view this session like live streaming. Even if you have already indicated a desire to attend the meeting I was going to hold in October 2020, please forward me your information again which must include.

- First Name
- Last Name
- Mobile Number
- Email Address - If, I identify a new Email Address I will add it to my list so future correspondence can be sent to you.
- Name of Business / Group or Other you are associated with, e.g. Retail Name, Gel Blaster Association Name, Gel Blaster Field Operator Name, Solicitor etc.

I understand the importance these amendments will have on your community and therefore appreciate the questions that have been forwarded to me. To assist in removing any misunderstandings and quell any fear mongering on what is going to occur moving forward, I respectfully ask for you to forward any questions you have to your Gel Blaster Associations if you are part of one so they can ensure the same question is not being asked on multiple occasions. Since March 2019, most of you have been to one of the six (6) meetings we have already held as a group or received one of the eleven (11) Emails I have sent out to you as a group. A lot of the questions you have been asking me have already been answered in previous meetings. It is for this reason I ask for you to hold off on forwarding me anymore questions so I can provide you all with a consistent answer at the same time during the next meeting. Answers from the questions of this meeting will be posted on the

Weapons Licensing web page - <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/units/weapons-licensing/weapons-news>.

Please also be mindful that the legislation changes will affect other groups like Collectors therefore time is needed to prepare a detailed presentation to you all.

I will be holding another meeting for the Gel Blaster Community from **10:00am on Monday 2nd of November 2020, at the Brisbane City Police Station**, once again this meeting will be open to anyone wanting to attend. I will take this opportunity to finalise any questions that have not been answered and discuss specifics leading up to the changes coming in to affect.

I once again appreciate your support and understanding.

Thank you,



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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 17 July 2020 11:24

Subject: Gel Blaster Proposed Legislation Update - 17/07/2020

Good morning everyone,

Yesterday the proposed legislation for replica firearms was passed in QLD Parliament. From Monday 1st of February 2021, these changes will come in to affect. Around the 1st of October 2020, I will host a meeting for anyone who wants to attend to further discuss our next steps and provide you with an opportunity to ask whatever you want, the only restrictions on this meeting will be seating capacity however I will review alternatives like live streaming. The main topics of discussion will be how you display your Gel Blasters in a shop, how they will stored when in public and how you can further support the STOP and Think campaign. Weapons Licensing will continue to process your B709's

like they do now which requires you to provide a quantity of what you would like to import and the make and model of the Gel Blasters. I must reiterate that nothing has changed and nothing will change from the conversations I have had with you all leading up to this point.

I will be working with our Media and Public Affairs Team to develop a communications plan to help get the message out to the public about these changes and further educate everyone about Gel Blasters. I will also take that opportunity to work with you on your own messaging to ensure people are using Gel Blasters in the correct manner. I have already advised other government agencies about these upcoming changes.

I appreciate your Emails of support for these changes and look forward to talking to you all soon. Have a great weekend.

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 16 July 2020 13:51

Subject: Gel Blaster Proposed Legislation Update - 16/07/2020

Afternoon everyone,

I just wanted to let you know that the proposed replica legislation is being debated in QLD Parliament today. I would like to reassure you all that nothing has been changed or added from the conversations we have had with you all leading up to this point. As things progress I will of course keep you all informed. It has been over a year since we started the consultation process with you and I would like to thank you for your contribution in helping shape the ideas that have been put forward. We look forward to having a strong relationship with you well into the future.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Thank you,



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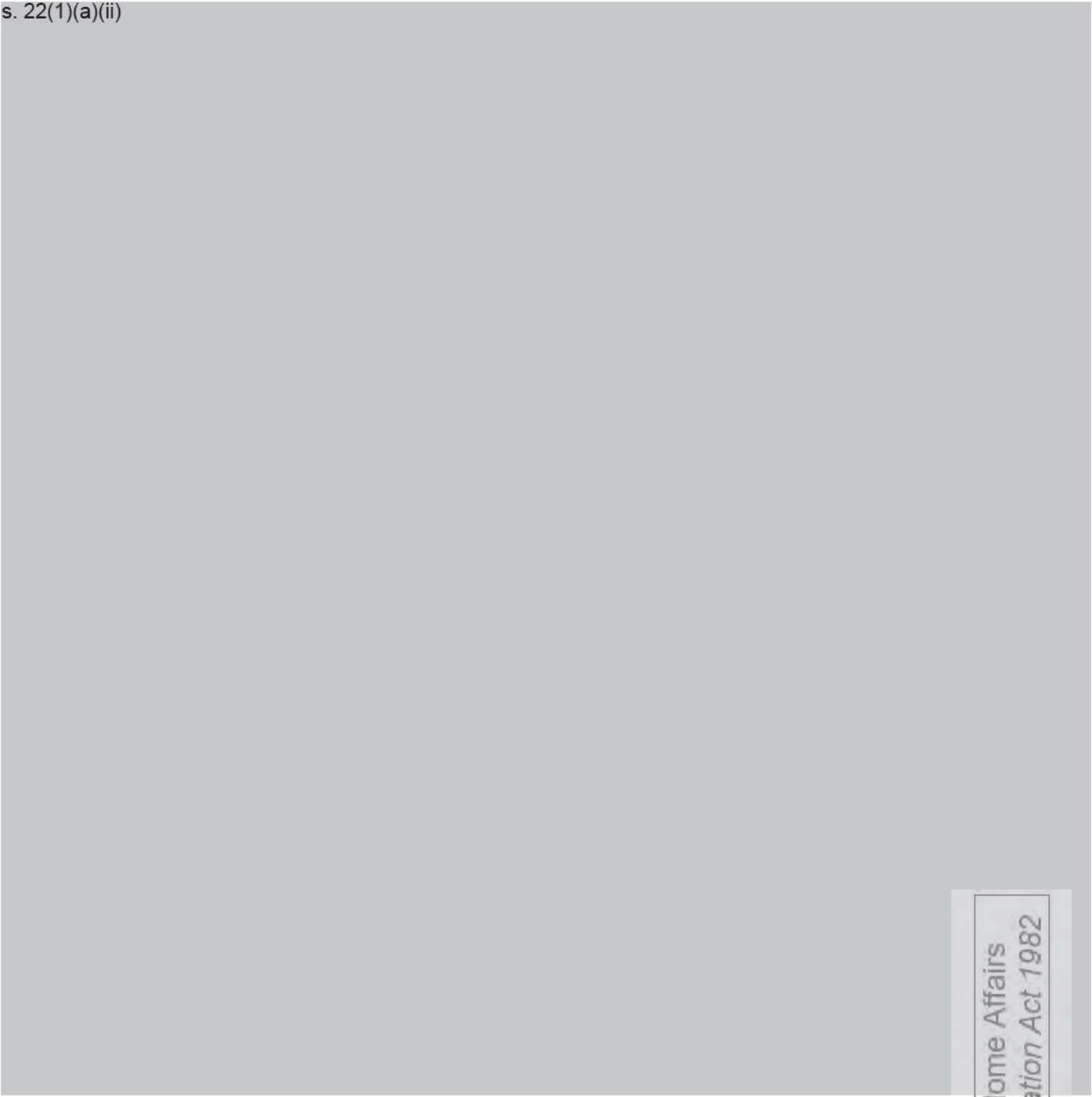


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From: s. 47E(d)

Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 11:52 AM

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Good morning everyone

Queensland Police Service s. 47F(1) has sent through the below request seeking information on the treatment of replica firearms from all jurisdictions, specifically;

Is it possible to discover from other jurisdictions if they;

- (1) Identify or categorise replicas of machine guns and sub machine guns separately to other replicas?
- (2) Do they make allowance for replicas identified as toys? And
- (3) How, or by whom, is that determined?
- (4) If replicas of machine guns and sub machine guns are categorised in a more restrictive category, what is the reasoning or risk addressed by a more restrictive categorising of a replica of a machine gun or sub machine gun as more dangerous than another type of replica?

The full email is below, if interested.

Responses have been requested by COB Friday 12 July.

Please provide responses directly to s. 47F(1) ensuring you copy your reply to the FWPWG inbox.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the request, please contact s. 47F(1) directly.

Kind regards

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 11:02 AM
To: s. 47E(d)
s. 47F(1)
Subject: Replica machine guns in other jurisdictions

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Is it possible to discover from other jurisdictions if they;

- (1) Identify or categorise replicas of machine guns and sub machine guns separately to other replicas?
- (2) Do they make allowance for replicas identified as toys? And
- (3) How, or by whom, is that determined?
- (4) If replicas of machine guns and sub machine guns are categorised in a more restrictive category, what is the reasoning or risk addressed by a more restrictive categorising of a replica of a machine gun or sub machine gun as more dangerous than another type of replica?

Greatly appreciated if you could forward this inquiry to other members of the FWPWG to seek a response.

Regards,

s. 47F(1)
Acting Inspector
Manager
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Queensland Police Service

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