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**OPEN LETTER TO FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS IMPORTERS
AND REGISTERED IMPORTERS OF U.S. MUNITIONS IMPORT LIST
ARTICLES**

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is committed to keeping industry members informed of statutory and regulatory developments affecting them. In furtherance of this commitment, we have prepared this open letter, which contains information about recent changes that may affect your day-to-day operations and/or long range plans.

Department of State Trade Sanctions

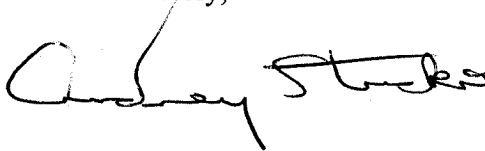
On March 17, 2005, the United States Department of State informed ATF that on August 17, 1994, the Department of State rescinded the sanctions on trade in defense articles and services from South Africa and technical data relating to defense articles from South Africa as set forth in Category XXII of the U.S. Munitions Import List, 27 CFR § 447.21. Accordingly, the Department of State requested that the Attorney General approve import applications for such items that otherwise meet the importation requirements. Accordingly, ATF now will approve such applications. ATF also will start the process of amending 27 CFR 447.21 to remove Category XXII.

Furthermore, on March 17, 2005, the Department of State informed ATF that effective July 14, 2004, it had fully rescinded the statutory debarment against the Armaments Corporation of South Africa Ltd. (Arm Scor), the Denel Group (Pty) Ltd. (Denel), and Fuchs Electronics (Fuchs), and their divisions, subsidiaries, associated companies and affiliated persons and successor entities. Accordingly, the Department of State requested that the Attorney General approve import applications for such items that otherwise meet the importation requirements. Accordingly, ATF now will approve such applications.

Maintaining open lines of communication is vital to the successful future of ATF's partnership with the import community. To achieve this, we will provide up-to-date information on our website: www.atf.gov.

The Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch is available to answer your questions about the issues addressed in this letter. You may reach us by phone at 202-927-8320 or by fax at 202-927-2697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Audrey Stucko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke.

Audrey Stucko,
Chief, Firearms and Explosives
Services Division