



Department of Treasury

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms

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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 and Firearms (ATF) is committed to keeping industry members informed of regulatory and statutory developments that affect 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. We hope you find this letter helpful in your business pursuits.

Supporting Documentation for the Importation of Surplus Military Curio or Relic Firearms

In response to the recent number of inquiries from licensed importers concerning the importation of surplus military curio or relic firearms and the submission of supporting documentation, ATF has published [ATF Ruling 2001-3](#).

The ruling states, in part, that in order for ATF to ensure the lawfulness of the importation of surplus military curio or relic firearms and defense articles, importers must submit original statements in support of all ATF Form 6 permit applications. Consistent with the provision of section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act of 1978 (AECA) and implementing regulations, ATF will deny all permit applications that fail to include the above described original statements.

Maintaining open lines of communication is vital to the successful future of ATF's partnership with the import community. 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 yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John P. Malone
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