

## FIREARMS AND FIREARM PARTS IN OUTBOUND INTERNATIONAL MAIL 16 July 2007

### AUSTRALIA POST POLICY

Australia Post does NOT absolutely prohibit the lodgement of firearms, and firearm parts, in outbound international mail.

However, due to international airline restrictions,

- such items cannot be carried by airmail, but
- the items may be consigned for carriage by the Sea Mail service, subject to the lodgement conditions specified below.

Australia Post **absolutely prohibits** 'the carriage of automatic' weapons, or any form of explosives, ammunition, grenades, mortar shells or canisters, or any parts of any of these items through all its services.

### DEFINITION OF ELGIBLE ITEMS\*

- **"Firearm"** means a device designed or adapted to discharge shots, bullets or other projectiles
- **"Firearm Part"** means a significant component part of a firearm, such as a gas piston, friction assembly, action bar, breech bolt or breech block, a firearm barrel, an assembled trigger mechanism, or a receiver\*

*\*Source – Commonwealth Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 (as amended)*

**NOTE:** The definition of firearms and firearm parts DOES NOT include, or apply to, prohibited (e.g. 'automatic') weapons, or to any form of explosives, ammunition, grenades, mortar shells or canisters, or any parts of any of these items, which are absolutely prohibited from carriage through all Australia Post services.

### LODGEMENT CONDITIONS FOR FIREARMS AND FIREARM PARTS IN OUTBOUND INTERNATIONAL MAIL

Australia Post will only accept firearms or firearm parts for lodgement to an overseas destination if **ALL** of the following conditions are met:

- The article does not contain any prohibited weapon or substance;
- The article is lodged for carriage in the Sea Mail service;
- The destination country is serviced by Sea Mail;
- The destination country does not TOTALLY prohibit firearms or firearm parts in the mail;
- The article is being consigned in full compliance with Australian law, and the law of the country of destination; and

- All necessary documentation (whether required by Australian Customs, or by any other party) is completed by the customer.

**NOTE:** Meeting some of the conditions regarding the lodgement of firearms and firearm parts in the international mail is **not acceptable – all conditions must be met**. It is the customer's obligation to ensure that lodgement conditions are fully complied with. Customers should make their own enquires to determine which other carriers may carry firearms or firearm parts by air to their destination.

### DELIVERY TIMES FOR SEA MAIL ARTICLES

The usual delivery time is 2 – 3 months (refer to the International Post Guide (8838525)).

### COUNTRY PROHIBITION LIST

Although Australia Post has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of information provided in this list, it is important to note that individual country requirements are constantly subject to revision.

Details of the permissions, prohibitions, restrictions and item definitions which relate to the import of goods may be modified, added to, or withdrawn by individual countries at any time. Before posting, senders should make their own enquiries to ensure they have the most up-to-date information, and should always confirm that the items being lodged have the necessary licence or permit to enter the destination country. Failure to do so could result in the return or confiscation of the goods.

**Australia Post accepts no liability, and shall not be held liable on any basis, for any errors or omissions in, or any reliance placed upon, the contents of this guide.**

A Country Prohibitions List for the lodgement of firearms and firearm parts is available from all Australia Post outlets.