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' **Department of Immigration and Border Protection**

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE

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**Importation of lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds**

The Australian Government has extended the ban on the importation of lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds and magazines with a capacity of more than five rounds for use with lever action shotguns.

The extension of this ban is enabled by the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, which amends the Customs (Prohibited Imports)

Regulations 1956. The ban commences on 7 August 2016.

The ban on the importation of these firearms and magazines is intended to be in place until the review of the National Firearms Agreement (NFA) is concluded and the agreed outcomes are implemented.

# Background

The ban on the importation of lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds, and magazines with a capacity of more than five rounds for use with lever action shotguns was introduced on 7 August 2015.

The ban was introduced so that the classification of these firearms could be considered as part of the review of the NFA. The ban was due to expire on 7 August 2016, one year after its introduction, as the review of the NFA was intendedto have been completed by that date.

The review of the NFA has not been finalised, therefore the Government has extended the ban.

# Further information

The Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016 and associated explanatory material can be accessed on the Federal Register of Legislation's website at [https://www.legi](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016L01255)sl[ation.gov.au/Details/F2016L0125](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016L01255)5.



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