

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS**  
**APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS**  
**AND AMMUNITION BY NONIMMIGRANT ALIENS**  
*(Submit in duplicate)*

**INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D)**

*(Please detach this instruction sheet before submitting your application)*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. A nonimmigrant alien is an alien in the United States in a nonimmigrant classification. The definition includes, in large part, persons traveling temporarily in the United States for business or pleasure, persons studying in the United States who maintain a residence abroad, and certain foreign workers. The definition does not include permanent resident aliens.
2. Generally, any nonimmigrant alien temporarily bringing firearm(s) or ammunition into the United States for legitimate hunting or lawful sporting purposes must first obtain an approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D), Application and Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens, from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).
3. A nonimmigrant alien who is temporarily bringing firearms and ammunition into the United States for reasons other than legitimate hunting or lawful sporting purposes should not submit an ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) application. However, the nonimmigrant alien may need to obtain a DSP-61, Temporary Import License, from the Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls (ODTC) (202-663-2714). If you are uncertain about which permit/license you need, contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch (202-927-8320) or the ODTC.
4. An approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit is not required for temporary imports of firearms and ammunition by certain diplomats, distinguished foreign visitors, law enforcement officers of friendly foreign governments entering the United States on official law enforcement business, and foreign military officers entering the United States on official duty. See 27 CFR § 178.115(d)(2)-(5).
5. An approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit also is not required for firearm(s) or ammunition brought into the United States or any possession thereof by a nonimmigrant alien who can establish to the satisfaction of the U.S. Customs Service that such firearm(s) or ammunition was previously taken out of the United States or any possession thereof by such person. See 27 CFR § 178.115(a). Note, even if you do not need an import permit because of this exception, you must fall within an exception to the general prohibition on nonimmigrant aliens possessing firearms and ammunition. See paragraph 17 below.
6. You may not temporarily import large capacity ammunition feeding devices (*which include magazines that can accept more than ten rounds of ammunition*) or semiautomatic assault weapons manufactured after September 13, 1994. You also may not temporarily import unregistered National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons, such as machineguns, short-barreled rifles or shotguns, and silencers. If you are not sure if the items you plan to import fall within these categories, please contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch.
7. Firearms which are of U.S. Government origin or that contain U.S. Government origin manufactured parts or components generally may not be temporarily imported into the United States. Moreover, firearms and ammunition may not be imported from certain proscribed countries. Our website [www.atf.treas.gov](http://www.atf.treas.gov), contains a list of proscribed countries.
8. You must ensure there are no State or local laws in any State you will be travelling in or travelling through prohibiting your possession of the firearm(s) or ammunition you are seeking to import.
9. You will not need an export permit from the Department of Commerce or the Department of State when leaving the United States with the

firearm(s) or remaining ammunition listed on your ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) permit.

10. It takes approximately 6 to 8 weeks to process an ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) import application.
11. If you have any questions or concerns about temporarily importing firearms or ammunition into the United States, please call ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch at 202-927-8320.
12. Additional ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) are available from the ATF Distribution Center, P.O. Box 5950, Springfield, VA 22150-5950. The forms also can be downloaded at [www.atf.treas.gov](http://www.atf.treas.gov).

**PREPARATION**

13. Nonimmigrant aliens may complete and submit the ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) themselves. They do not need to have a dealer or importer licensed by ATF complete and submit the form.
14. If a nonimmigrant alien has another person (*such as a lawyer or hunting guide*) complete the ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) for him or her, the person who completes the form must answer the questions with information about the nonimmigrant alien (*e.g., under "Residential address," the person should put the address of the nonimmigrant alien, not his or her own address.*) In addition, the nonimmigrant alien **must** sign the certification statement in question 15.
15. The application must be prepared in duplicate. The signature required by question 15 must be in ink on both copies. Other entries must be printed in ink or be typewritten. All required items on the form must be completed or your application will not be approved. The application should be submitted to: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch, Washington, DC 20226.
16. If you are able to receive faxed documents, we encourage you to provide your fax number (*including your country code*) in question 4. We often experience delays with international mail. If we are able to fax you our response it will reduce the possibility of delay.
17. In general, nonimmigrant aliens are prohibited from possessing or receiving firearms or ammunition in the United States. There are exceptions to this prohibition, including: (1) a nonimmigrant alien in possession of a valid hunting license or permit issued by a State within the United States, and (2) a nonimmigrant alien in possession of an invitation or registration to attend a competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show sponsored by a national, State, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms.
18. Accordingly, you must attach documentation to your ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) application that establishes you fall within exception 1 or 2 of paragraph 17 in order to demonstrate your possession of the firearm(s) and ammunition in the United States will be lawful. In order for your application to be approved, you must provide ATF with a copy of either: (1) a valid, unexpired hunting license or permit issued by a State within the United States (*the hunting license/permit does NOT have to be from the State where you will be importing and/or using the firearm(s) and ammunition*), or (2) an invitation and/or registration to attend a competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show, sponsored by a national, State, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms. If you fax this documentation to ATF, please make sure the document ATF receives is legible. We suggest you fax a legible photocopy of the document.

19. Most States issue hunting licenses and permits to nonimmigrant aliens, often over the telephone or through a website. If you need information about obtaining a State hunting license or permit, we suggest you contact a State government.
20. If you are attending a shooting event or trade show and are not sure if it qualifies for the exception, please contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch prior to submitting your application. ATF can tell you whether the event qualifies. If it does not qualify, you may instead support your application with a hunting license or permit from a State within the United States.
21. Question 10 requires the applicant to provide any known admission number or alien number he or she has received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Not every nonimmigrant alien will have an admission number or alien number. In particular, Canadians often will not have one of these numbers. If you do not have one of these numbers or cannot recall a past number, answer question 10 "N/A." For your information, an admission number is the number on an INS Form I-94 or INS Form I-94W, the arrival/departure form INS completes at a port of entry. An alien number is an INS file number certain nonimmigrant aliens are given, such as nonimmigrant aliens with employment authorization documents.
22. Only nonimmigrant aliens seeking to temporarily import firearms from Canada should answer question 11. This question requires all nonimmigrant aliens seeking to import firearms from Canada to provide their Firearms Possession License Number and/or Firearms Possession and Acquisition License Number. In addition, only nonimmigrant aliens seeking to import firearms from Canada should answer question 14h, listing the Firearms Registration Certificate Number of each firearm they seek to temporarily import. If the person does not have a Firearms Registration Certificate Number for a particular firearm, the person should write "N/A".
23. You may list all the firearms and ammunition you seek to temporarily import on one application. If necessary, attach additional pages to provide the information requested in question 14. Write your full name in the upper right hand corner of any additional pages.

#### APPROVAL

24. If your application is approved, ATF will send you an approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit. Please note, the approved permit will state that the firearm(s) and ammunition authorized for importation must be taken back out of the United States when you leave the country, excluding any ammunition that is used while in the United States. It also will state that you may not transfer the firearm(s) or ammunition to another person while in the United States. ATF also will notify you if your application is denied (*or partially denied*) and the reason(s) for denial. In some cases ATF will inform you that it needs additional information to process your application.
25. An approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) import permit is valid for one year from the date of approval (*the date listed in item 18*). During that year you can use the permit repeatedly to import the firearm(s) and ammunition listed on the permit, as long as one of the following conditions is met at the time of importation: (1) you possess an unexpired valid hunting license or permit issued by a State within the United States, or (2) you possess a current invitation and/or registration to attend a competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show sponsored by a national, State, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms. The invitation and/or registration must have been submitted with your application to ATF and approved by ATF as a qualifying event.
26. When you are ready to enter the United States with your firearm(s) and ammunition, you must present your approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) to the U.S. Customs Service. You also must present Customs with documentation demonstrating that you fall within an exception to the nonimmigrant alien prohibition (*i.e., State hunting license/permit; invitation and/or registration*).

#### PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

The following information is provided pursuant to Section 3 of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. section 552(a)(e)(3)).

1. **AUTHORITY.** Disclosure of the information requested on ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) is mandatory pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5)(B) and 925 for a nonimmigrant alien to obtain a permit to temporarily import firearm(s) and ammunition.
2. **PURPOSE.** To determine if a nonimmigrant alien can lawfully obtain a permit to temporarily import firearm(s) and ammunition, and if the firearm(s) and ammunition qualify for temporary importation.
3. **ROUTINE USES.** The information will be used by ATF to make determinations set forth in "purpose" section above. In addition, information may be disclosed to other Federal, State, foreign and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies personnel to verify information on the application, to conduct a background check on the applicant, and to aid other law enforcement and regulatory agencies in the performance of their duties with respect to the enforcement and regulation of firearms and/or ammunition where such disclosure is not prohibited by law. The information may further be disclosed to the U.S. Justice Department if it appears that the furnishing of false information may constitute a violation of Federal law. Finally, the information may be disclosed to members of the public in order to verify the information on the application when such disclosure is not prohibited by law.
4. **EFFECTS OF NOT SUPPLYING INFORMATION.** Failure to supply complete information will delay processing and may cause denial of the application.

#### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE

This request is in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purposes of this information collection are: (1) to allow ATF to determine if the firearm(s) or ammunition described on the application qualify for temporary importation; (2) to certify that a nonimmigrant alien is in compliance with 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(B); and (3) to serve as the authorization for importation.

The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 30 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be addressed to Reports Management Officer, Document Services Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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*An approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) generally is valid for one year from the date of approval. See Instruction 25.*

FOR ATF USE ONLY

PERMIT NO.

**SECTION I - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

1. Applicant's full name ( <i>last, first, middle</i> )		2. Residential address ( <i>number, street, city, country, any other applicable information; cannot be a post office box</i> )	
3. Telephone number ( <i>including country code</i> )	4. <b>FAX (Facsimile)</b> number ( <i>If any, including country code</i> ) (See Instruction 16.)	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
6. Date of birth  Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	7. Place of birth ( <i>city, country</i> )	8. Country of exportation	
9. Country of citizenship ( <i>list more than one, if applicable.</i> )		10. Current and/or past Immigration and Naturalization Service admission number(s) or alien number(s) ( <i>if any</i> ) (See Instruction 21.)	

11. **Only complete this question if you are applying to temporarily import firearms from Canada. (See Instruction 22.)**  
 Firearms Possession License Number and/or Firearms Possession and Acquisition License Number

12. Do you possess a valid hunting license or permit lawfully issued by a State of the United States? (*See Instructions 17-20.*)

YES  NO

If you answered YES, attach a copy of the license or permit to the application and skip to question 14.  
 If you answered NO, go to question 13.

13. Do you possess an invitation and/or registration to attend an upcoming competitive target shooting event or sports or hunting trade show sponsored by a national, State, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms? (*See Instructions 17-20.*)

YES  NO

If you answered YES, attach a copy of any such invitation and/or registration to the application.  
 If you answered NO, you likely are not in compliance with 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(B) and therefore likely are prohibited from obtaining an approved ATF F 6NIA (5330.3D) temporary import permit (*call 202-927-8320 for additional information*).

14. Description of firearms and ammunition (*All the firearms and ammunition you seek to temporarily import may be included on this application. Attach additional sheets of paper, if necessary. See Instruction 23.*)

**FIREARMS (ALL ITEMS IN COLUMNS a THROUGH g MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT; only applicants applying to import firearms from Canada must complete column h.)**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF MANUFACTURER a.	TYPE ( <i>shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver</i> ) b.	CALIBER OR GAUGE c.	MODEL d.	BARREL LENGTH ( <i>inches</i> ) e.	OVERALL LENGTH ( <i>inches</i> ) f.	SERIAL NUMBER g.	FIREARMS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER (FRCN) h.

**AMMUNITION**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF MANUFACTURER a.	TYPE (ball, shot, wad cutter, etc.) b.	CALIBER OR GAUGE c.	QUANTITY d.

**CERTIFICATION:** Under the penalties provided by law, I declare that I have examined this application, including the documents submitted in support of it, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

15. Signature of applicant	16. Date
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**SECTION II - FOR ATF USE ONLY (Please do not make any entries in this section.)**

The application has been examined and the temporary importation of the firearms and/or ammunition described herein is:

- Approved                                       Denied for the reason(s) indicated here or on attached letter                                       Withdrawn by applicant without action
- Partially approved for the reason(s) indicated here or on attached letter

17. Signature of the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms	18. Date
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**The following restrictions apply to your approved import permit:**

The firearms and/or ammunition authorized for importation by this permit are not authorized for permanent importation. The firearms and/or ammunition may not be transferred to another person within the United States. The holder of this permit **MUST** take the firearms and any unused ammunition back out of the territorial limits of the United States upon the conclusion of his/her hunting or sporting activity.

This permit does not authorize the importation of any ammunition magazine, drum, belt, feed strip or similar device having a capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition if it was manufactured after September 13, 1994. *(This restriction does not apply to an attached tubular device designed to accept and capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.)* Rifles must have a barrel length of at least 16 inches and overall length not less than 26 inches. Pistols must have an overall length of at least 6 inches or more.

This permit does not authorize the importation of a shotgun with a barrel of less than 18 inches in length or an overall length of less than 26 inches or a shotgun having a magazine capacity of more than 5 cartridges. Further, this permit does not authorize the importation of a shotgun with a detachable shoulder stock, a folding shoulder stock, or without a shoulder stock.