



Submission to the Select Committee on the Arms Legislation Bill:

Import Permits

COLFO supports the intention to tidy up the import permit process. Licensed firearms owners have struggled to find consistent and adequate information from Police on how to meet their obligations under existing law. On occasions the Police have simply asserted powers and prohibitions without even trying seriously to link them to the law. However, to ensure that this intention is fulfilled, the legislation needs to ensure concise definitions of permeable goods (like ammunition (refer paragraph 166), and clear timeframes for application. Currently, importation permits can take between months and years to process without any justification as to the reason for the delays.