

Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Commerce



Islamabad, the 16 December, 2014.

**ORDER**

S.R.O. 1112 (I)/2014.– In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 (XXXIX of 1950), the Federal Government is pleased to—

- (a) direct that in the Import Policy Order, 2013,—
- (i) in Appendix-A, in the Table, in column (1), Sr. No. 38 and the entries relating thereto in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted; and
- (ii) in Appendix-B, in PART-I, in the Table, in column (1), against Sr. No. 63, in column (3), for the comma and the words “, not otherwise banned”, a full stop shall be substituted; and
- (b) make the following order, namely:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This order may be called the Commercial Import of Prohibited and Non-Prohibited Weapons and Ammunition (Regulation) Order, 2014.

- (2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**— (1) Unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “Act” means the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 (XXXIX of 1950);
- (b) “Annexure” means an annexure to this order;
- (c) “CNIC” means Computerized National Identity Card;
- (d) “CPB” means Category Pass Book;
- (e) “FATA” means Federally Administered Tribal Areas;
- (f) “ICT” means Islamabad Capital Territory;

- (g) “NPW” means Non-Prohibited Weapon;
- (h) “NTN” means National Tax Number;
- (i) “Order” means the Import Policy Order, 2013 and in case of its repeal, such other statutory order made, and for the time being in force, under the Act;
- (j) “order” means this order;
- (k) “OEM” means Original Equipment Manufacturer;
- (l) “PATA” means Provincially Administered Tribal Areas;
- (m) “PSI” means Pre-shipment Inspection;
- (n) “PW” means Prohibited Weapon;
- (o) “QBA” means quantity-based authorization;
- (p) “VBA” means value based authorization; and
- (q) “WeBOC” means web based one Customs.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act and the Order.

**3. Substitution of value-based authorizations.**– (1) On commencement of this order, a VBA for import of arms and ammunition by an authorized importer shall be required to be substituted by a QBA.

(2) A VBA shall be deemed to have been cancelled where no import was made against it during last three years.

(3) For substitution under sub-paragraph (1) of his authorization for import of arms and ammunition, the importer of VBA shall make to the Federal Government an application along with supporting documents specified under paragraph 5.

(4) No VBA shall, on commencement of this order, be valid for opening of letter of credit or execution of contract:

Provided that clearance shall be made by the Customs only against a letter of credit issued or, as the case may be, a contract executed before commencement of this order, if otherwise in order.

Provided further that all contracts made against VBAs prior to the date as specified in column (2) of the Table below shall stand cancelled on the date specified against it in column (3) thereof, namely:—

**TABLE**

S. No.	Contracts made against VBAs	
	prior to	stand cancelled on the
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	June, 2009	the 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2014
2.	June, 2011 but after the 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2009	the 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2015

Provided also that a contract, other than a contract covered under the second proviso, shall stand cancelled on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

(5) The QBAs, in respect of NPW, PW or ammunition thereof, shall be issued for a period not exceeding three years.

*Explanation.*— The arms and ammunition comprising each category i.e. prohibited and non-prohibited shall be as notified by the Government under the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ordinance No. XX of 1965).

**4. Eligibility criteria.**— (1) Any arms and ammunition dealer may make application for issuance of QBA for import of NPW or PW or ammunition thereof.

(2) An application, made under sub-paragraph (1), shall not be considered for issuance of QBA unless the arms and ammunition dealer—

- (a) holds a valid licence issued under the Arms Act, 1878 (XI of 1878) for import, stock and sale of the arms and ammunition;
- (b) operates regular commercial business in arms and ammunition as evidenced from annual renewal of arms dealership licences;
- (c) is a regular sales tax and income tax payer in respect of his arms dealership business;
- (d) has not been convicted of an offence for willful miss-declaration of quantity, make, category, import-value, etc. of arms and ammunition; and

- (e) has provided, along with his application under sub-paragraph (1), accounts for the last three years in respect of his actual sales and declarations of tax thereof made to the tax authorities.

**5. Procedure for issuance of QBAs.**— (1) An application for QBA to import arms and ammunition or, as the case may be, for substitution of existing VBA, subject to paragraph 3, shall be made on the format as set out in the Annexure along with the documents mentioned therein.

(2) The application under sub-paragraph (1) shall be made through-

- (a) relevant Provincial Home Department, in case of an area under that Province and its Provincially Administered Tribal Areas; or
- (b) Ministry of Interior, in case of Islamabad Capital Territory or Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

(3) The respective Provincial Home Department or, as the case may be, the Ministry of Interior shall, in its no objection certificate, propose quantitative limit for import of the arms and ammunition vis-à-vis the limit approved for dealership licence.

(4) An application, not in accord with this order, shall not be considered for any authorization.

(5) An application for any authorization under this order shall not be considered unless complete in all respect and supported by relevant documents which shall be subject to verification and scrutiny for its authenticity.

(6) After scrutiny of the application and verification of documents thereof, if any, the Federal Government shall issue the QBA and the CPB to the bank of the importer for the purpose of opening letter of credit. A copy of the QBA so issued shall be endorsed and provided to the importer.

**6. Bank procedure.**— All imports of arms and ammunition shall be allowed only against letters of credit to be opened by the bank branches authorized in this behalf and in accordance with the QBA and CPB issued under this order, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (a) among other documents, the letter of credit should specify provision of OEM certificate or, as the case may be, PSI certificate as mentioned in paragraph 7;
- (b) the authorized bank shall monitor and ensure that the importers do not exceed their quantitative ceilings and shall make an entry in the

CPB each time a letter of credit is opened for the import of arms and ammunition;

- (c) Customs authorities shall endorse on the CPB the quantity of actual imports and if the imports are not materialized against that letter of credit, the bank shall cancel the entry forthwith;
- (d) the authorized banks shall supply to the Ministry of Commerce, the State Bank of Pakistan and the Federal Board of Revenue bi-annual, in January and July, record of imports made by commercial importers; and
- (e) the quantitative limit assigned to an importer on annual basis shall neither be carried forward to the next year nor shall the quota for next year be utilized or adjusted in advance.

**7. Customs procedure.**— (1) The import of arms and ammunition through QBA shall be cleared only by the Collectorate of Customs in whose jurisdiction registered business-office of the importer is located.

(2) The Customs authorities shall verify the entry made by authorized banks in the CPB at the time of import and shall make amendments, if any, in the quantity ordered and received thereby adjusting the quota as well. No relaxation shall be given in any case where the imported goods exceed the quota ceiling and punitive action, including but not limited to imposition of fine and confiscation of excess quantity, shall be taken against the delinquent importer without prejudice to the action that could be taken by the Federal Government including cancellation of the authorization and black-listing.

(3) Apart from other documents, following OEM certificate or, as the case may be, PSI certificate shall be required for clearance of imported weapons, namely:—

- (a) in case of NPW, if the same is imported from OEM, an OEM certificate, otherwise a PSI certificate in the country of export. The OEM certificate or, as the case may be, PSI certificate should specifically mention-
  - (i) weapon's nomenclature;
  - (ii) weapon's caliber or bore or gauge;
  - (iii) weapon's type of operation, whether bolt-action, semi-automatic or, as the case may be, automatic;
  - (iv) weapon's manufacturer's logo, weapon's serial number embossed thereon and other related information; and

- (v) the expression that the weapon supplied as bolt-action or semi-automatic, where applicable, cannot be converted into automatic weapon; and
- (b) in case of PW, the OEM certificate or PSI certificate should specially mention—
  - (i) weapon's nomenclature;
  - (ii) weapon's caliber or bore or gauge;
  - (iii) weapon's type of operation, whether bolt-action, semi-automatic or, as the case may be, automatic; and
  - (iv) weapon's manufacturer's logo, weapon's serial number embossed thereon and other related information; and
  - (v) the expression that the weapon supplied as bolt-action or semi-automatic cannot be converted into automatic weapon.

(4) Only the weapons declared as prohibited or, as the case may be, non-prohibited by the concerned Government under the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ordinance No. XX of 1965) shall be importable.

(5) The Customs authorities shall, after clearance of every consignment, inform Ministry of Commerce and authorized bank in respect of up-to-date quota position of the importer.

(6) Every importer authorized to import weapons and ammunition shall adhere to the Customs Rules, 2001 in relation to the maintenance of accounts for his imports and where at any point of time these Rules stand repealed such other rules then in force for this purpose shall be adhered to.

**8. Miscellaneous.**— (1) Ministry of Commerce shall have power to conduct audit of the CPB related details available with the authorized bank's branches and also of the related Collectorate of Customs to control the misuse of the QBA and CPB, however, a prior schedule of the audit shall be sent seven days in advance to the relevant agencies.

(2) All QBAs shall be entered into WeBOC system to ensure foolproof computerized debiting and crediting of authorized quantities.

**9. Repeal.**— The procedure and instructions in force prior to commencement of this order relating to the import of weapons and ammunition notified by the Ministry

of Commerce including its communication No. 2(8)/2004-RO(IMP-I/AC) (IMP), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 are hereby repealed.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR IMPORT OF PROHIBITED AND  
NON-PROHIBITED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION**

1. Business name-----  
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2. Address-----  
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3. Nature of Business / Status:

Proprietorship/Partnership/Limited Company/Name of Proprietor/Partners/Directors with  
National Identity Card No.-----  
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4. Financial Year-----

5. National Tax No.-----

6. Description and quantity of weapons and ammunition allowed for stock/storage under  
the Arms Dealership Licence:--

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Quantity allowed</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Weapon</b>	Pistol	
		Shotguns	
		Rifles	
		Prohibited Weapons (Type / Quantity)	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Ammunition</b>	Cartridges	



		Rounds	
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7. Name and address of applicant's Bank -----  
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8. Customs clearance station -----  
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9. NOC from Provincial Home Department or other authority with number and date -----  
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Signature and Thumb Impression of the Applicant

Note.- For all importers, attested copy of following documents shall be submitted along with this Application Form:-

- (a) valid arms dealership licence;
- (b) CNIC of the proprietor or dealership licence holder. In case of partnership, attested copies of CNIC of partners and partnership deed or agreement shall also be provided;
- (c) NTN and Sales Tax Registration Number and Tax Payers Certificate;
- (d) character certificate from Police verifying that the proprietor or firm is not involved in any commercial or criminal offense relating to the arms and ammunition; and
- (e) old authorization-holders, in addition to above, shall also provide-

- (i) previous three years' import history duly attested by an officer of Customs not below the rank of an Assistant Collector;
- (ii) attested copy of his old VBA; and
- (iii) production of manual or electronic accounts of the import of arms and ammunition for the last three years, as per format prescribed in the Customs Rule, 2001.

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