

Proposed Change to Firearms Marking Regulations

MARKING OF IMPORTED FIREARMS (Bill C-10A Regulations)

3. (1) Every individual, business or public service agency that imports a firearm shall ensure that the firearm is marked in accordance with section 4 before the 60th day after its release as defined in subsection 2(1) of the Customs Act or before transferring the firearm, whichever occurs first.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to

- (a) a firearm imported by an individual under section 35 or 35.1 of the Act;
- (b) a specially imported firearm;
- (c) a protected firearm;
- (d) a firearm that was initially exported from Canada by an individual or business if the individual or business retained ownership of the firearm while the firearm was outside Canada; or
- (e) a firearm that was initially exported from Canada by a public service agency and that was retained by that agency as an agency firearm while the firearm was outside Canada.

MANNER OF MARKING

4. (1) The firearm shall be marked by permanently stamping or engraving on the firearm's frame or receiver the word "Canada" or the letters "CA" and

- (a) in the case of a manufactured firearm, the name of the manufacturer and the firearm's serial number; and**
- (b) in the case of an imported firearm, the last two digits of the year of the importation.**

(2) The markings shall

- (a) be legible;
- (b) have a depth of at least 0.076 mm and a height of at least 1.58 mm; and
- (c) subject to subsection (3), be visible without the need to disassemble the firearm.

(3) In the case of an imported firearm, the Registrar, on application by the individual, business or public service agency that is importing it, shall grant the applicant an exemption from the requirement set out in paragraph (2)(c) if

- (a) marking the firearm in a place that is visible only by disassembling the firearm is consistent with the current practices of the manufacturer of that model of firearm;
- (b) the firearm does not provide a visible space suitable to stamp or engrave the markings;
- (c) the firearm is rare;
- (d) the firearm is of a value that is unusually high for that type of firearm and that value would be significantly reduced if the markings were visible without disassembly; or
- (e) the firearm is imported by a business that holds a licence for the purpose of using the firearm in respect of motion picture, television, video or theatrical productions or in publishing activities.

It is the position of the CSAAA that the following wording replace the current wording of section 4(1) of the Firearm Marking Regulations before the planned implementation date of June 1st, 2017.

4(1)(a) A firearm manufactured or imported after the coming into force of this Regulation shall be permanently marked with the firearm's serial number on the firearm's frame/receiver or barrel.

4(1)(b) A firearm manufactured after the coming into force of this Regulation shall be permanently marked with the firearm's make on its frame/receiver, or slide or barrel.