

are “firearms” or “ammunition” as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a) are subject to the interstate and foreign commerce controls contained in Chapter 44 of Title 18 U.S.C. and 27 CFR Part 178 and if they are “firearms” within the definition set out in 26 U.S.C. 5845(a) are also subject to the provisions of 27 CFR Part 179. Any person engaged in the business of importing firearms or ammunition as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a) must obtain a license under the provisions of 27 CFR Part 178, and if he imports firearms which fall within the definition of 26 U.S.C. 5845(a) must also register and pay special tax pursuant to the provisions of 27 CFR Part 179. Such licensing, registration and special tax requirements are in addition to registration under subpart D of this part.

(b) The permit procedures of subpart E of this part are applicable to all importations of articles on the U.S. Munitions Import List not subject to controls under 27 CFR Part 178 or 179. U.S. Munitions Import List articles subject to controls under 27 CFR Part 178 or 27 CFR Part 179 are subject to the import permit procedures of those regulations if imported into the United States (within the meaning of 27 CFR Parts 178 and 179).

(c) Articles on the U.S. Munitions Import List imported for the United States or any State or political subdivision thereof are exempt from the import controls of 27 CFR Part 178 but are not exempt from control under Section 38, Arms Export Control Act of 1976, unless imported by the United States or any agency thereof. All such importations not imported by the United States or any agency thereof shall be subject to the import permit procedures of subpart E of this part.

(d) For provisions requiring the registration of persons engaged in the business of brokering activities with respect to the importation of any defense article or defense service, see Department of State regulations in 22 CFR part 129.

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## Subpart B—Definitions

### § 47.11 Meaning of terms.

When used in this part and in forms prescribed under this part, where not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof, terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section. Words in the plural form shall include the singular, and vice versa, and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine. The terms “includes” and “including” do not exclude other things not enumerated which are in the same general class or are otherwise within the scope thereof.

*ATF officer.* An officer or employee of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) authorized to perform any functions relating to the administration or enforcement of this part.

*Article.* Any of the arms, ammunition, and implements of war enumerated in the U.S. Munitions Import List.

*Bureau.* Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Department of the Treasury.

*Carbine.* A short-barrelled rifle whose barrel is generally not longer than 22 inches and is characterized by light weight.

*CFR.* The Code of Federal Regulations.

*Chemical agent.* A substance useful in war which, by its ordinary and direct chemical action, produces a powerful physiological effect.

*Defense articles.* Any item designated in § 47.21 or § 47.22. This term includes models, mockups, and other such items which reveal technical data directly relating to § 47.21 or § 47.22. For purposes of Category XXII, any item enumerated on the U.S. Munitions List (22 CFR Part 121).

*Defense services.* (a) The furnishing of assistance, including training, to foreign persons in the design, engineering, development, production, processing, manufacture, use, operation, overhaul, repair, maintenance, modification, or reconstruction of defense articles, whether in the United States or abroad; or

(b) The furnishing to foreign persons of any technical data, whether in the United States or abroad.

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*Director.* The Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20226.

*Executed under the penalties of perjury.* Signed with the prescribed declaration under the penalties of perjury as provided on or with respect to the application, form, or other document or, where no form of declaration is prescribed, with the declaration: "I declare under the penalties of perjury that this — (insert type of document such as statement, certificate, application, or other document), including the documents submitted in support thereof, has been examined by me and, to best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete."

*Firearms.* A weapon, and all components and parts therefor, not over .50 caliber which will or is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, but shall not include BB and pellet guns, and muzzle loading (black powder) firearms (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system) or firearms covered by Category I(a) established to have been manufactured in or before 1898.

*Import or importation.* Bringing into the United States from a foreign country any of the articles on the Import List, but shall not include intransit, temporary import or temporary export transactions subject to Department of State controls under Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations.

*Import List.* The list of articles contained in § 47.21 and identified therein as "The U.S. Munitions Import List".

*Machinegun.* A "machinegun", "machine pistol", "submachinegun", or "automatic rifle" is a firearm originally designed to fire, or capable of being fired fully automatically by a single pull of the trigger.

*Permit.* The same as "license" for purposes of 22 U.S.C. 1934(c).

*Person.* A partnership, company, association, or corporation, as well as a natural person.

*Pistol.* A hand-operated firearm having a chamber integral with, or permanently aligned with, the bore.

*Regional director (compliance).* The principal ATF regional official respon-

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sible for administering regulations in this part.

*Revolver.* A hand-operated firearm with a revolving cylinder containing chambers for individual cartridges.

*Rifle.* A shoulder firearm discharging bullets through a rifled barrel at least 16 inches in length, including combination and drilling guns.

*Sporting type sight including optical.* A telescopic sight suitable for daylight use on a rifle, shotgun, pistol, or revolver for hunting or target shooting.

*This chapter.* Title 27, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I (27 CFR Chapter I).

*United States.* When used in the geographical sense, includes the several States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the insular possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any territory over which the United States exercises any powers of administration, legislation, and jurisdiction.

(26 U.S.C. 7805 (68A Stat. 917), 27 U.S.C. 205 (49 Stat. 981 as amended), 18 U.S.C. 926 (82 Stat. 959), and sec. 38, Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778, 90 Stat. 744))

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### Subpart C—The U.S. Munitions Import List

#### § 47.21 The U.S. Munitions Import List.

The U.S. Munitions List compiled by the Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls, and published at 22 CFR 121.1, with the deletions indicated, has been adopted as an enumeration of the defense articles subject to controls under this part. The expurgated list, set out below, shall, for the purposes of this part, be known as the U.S. Munitions Import List:

#### THE U.S. MUNITIONS IMPORT LIST

##### CATEGORY I—FIREARMS

(a) Nonautomatic and semiautomatic firearms, to caliber .50 inclusive, combat shotguns, and shotguns with barrels less than 18 inches in length, and all components and parts for such firearms.