



# CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING RECEIVER BLANKS

This notice concerns the importation, possession and domestic sale of receiver blanks, also commonly known as “unfinished” or “80 percent” receivers.

Receiver blanks are firearms since they are nearly completed receivers and fall within the adaptability clause of the firearms definition in Section 2 of the *Criminal Code*. In other words, a receiver blank is considered a “*barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to a person, and includes any frame or receiver of such a barrelled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm*”. As such, they are subject to the firearms-related regulatory and enforcement provisions of the *Firearms Act* and the *Criminal Code*, including licensing and registration.

Depending on their properties, receiver blanks can fall into any one of the three firearm classifications: non-restricted, restricted or prohibited. At the present time, the most common receiver blanks are those designed for Colt M1911, SIG 226 and Glock 17 pattern handguns, and AK-47 and AR-15/M16 pattern rifles. A more comprehensive list of known receiver blanks is provided below.

### **Licensing**

Receiver blanks can be imported or otherwise acquired by a business or individual with the appropriate licence privileges. Receiver blanks of any classification will require the seller to ensure the buyer holds a valid licence for that classification of firearm (non-restricted, restricted or prohibited). Please note that there is no legal authority for individuals to possess or acquire prohibited receiver blanks.

### **Registration**

Non-restricted receiver blanks do not need to be registered.

In order to register a restricted or prohibited receiver blank, you must submit a registration application. If your receiver blank cannot be matched to an existing Firearms Reference Table (FRT) listing, please include as much information as possible, along with photographs of the receiver blank and any paperwork from the manufacturer which describes the receiver blank.





If your receiver blank does not bear a serial number, you must leave this field blank when submitting a registration application for a firearm. On the registration certificate that is issued for a receiver blank, you will find the firearm identification number (FIN) assigned to the receiver blank.

In cases where the Registrar determines that the receiver blank does not bear a serial number sufficient to distinguish it from other firearms, a condition will be attached to the registration certificate indicating that the FIN must be permanently stamped or engraved on the firearm, as specified in section 7(1) of the *Firearms Registration Certificates Regulations*. It should be noted that when determining placement of a stamped or engraved FIN, consideration should be given to future machining of the receiver blank. The FIN should be placed on a finished surface of the receiver blank, where it will not be impacted by modification of the receiver blank into a completed firearm.

Receiver blanks will be registered as a frame/receiver only. Any modifications made to a registered frame/receiver that would change its class, make it capable of discharging ammunition, or result in the firearms ceasing to be a firearm must be reported to the Registrar as outlined in section 4 of the *Firearms Registration Certificates Regulations*.

### ***Compliance by Businesses***

In order for a business to import, possess or sell a receiver blank, they must:

**1. have a valid Business Licence with applicable business activities/conditions for the specified class of firearm;**

- Please call 1-800-731-4000 for assistance if you are in possession of a receiver blank that is not covered by the activities identified on your business licence (i.e., you are in possession of a prohibited receiver blank and do not have possession of prohibited firearms on your business licence).

**2. comply with all applicable legal requirements required for the importation of a firearm;**

- One such requirement is the need to obtain an International Import Certificate for Firearms, Firearms-Related Goods, and Ammunition. Further information on this process can be obtained by calling Global Affairs Canada at 1-800-267-8376 or by visiting their website at:

[http://www.international.gc.ca/controls-controles/about-a\\_propos/impor/IIC.aspx?lang=eng](http://www.international.gc.ca/controls-controles/about-a_propos/impor/IIC.aspx?lang=eng)

**3. have restricted and prohibited receiver blanks registered;**

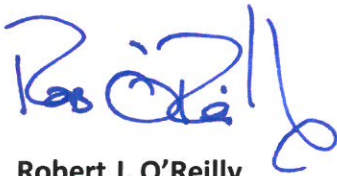
- Registration applications must be submitted for all restricted and prohibited receiver blanks based on the process identified above.

**4. comply with the conditions placed on the associated registration certificate; and**

- This includes having the FIN stamped or engraved when the receiver blank does not bear a unique serial number.

**5. ensure the buyer holds a valid licence for that class of firearm.**

- This applies to non-restricted, restricted and prohibited receiver blanks.



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## Common Types of Receiver Blanks

| Make and Model designation            | Classification of the unmodified receiver blank | Remarks   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| AK-47 assault rifle                   | Prohibited                                      | Many variations possible  |
| AK-74 assault rifle                   | Prohibited                                      |   |
| AMD-63 assault rifle                  | Prohibited                                      | Variation of the AK-47  |
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| AR-15 (M16) rifle                     | Prohibited                                      | The receiver blank can be made into either an AR-15 rifle or an M16 assault rifle |
| Beretta 92 pistol                     | Restricted                                      |   |
| Beretta AR70 assault rifle            | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Carl Gustav m/45 submachine gun       | Prohibited                                      |   |
| CETME rifle                           | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Colt M1911 pistol                     | Restricted                                      | Many variations possible  |
| CZ 26 submachine gun                  | Prohibited                                      |   |
| FBP 9 submachine gun                  | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Galil assault rifle                   | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Glock pistol                          | Restricted                                      | Many variations possible  |
| HK 91 rifle                           | Prohibited                                      |   |
| HK G3 rifle                           | Prohibited                                      |   |
| KP 44 submachine gun                  | Prohibited                                      | Similar to the PPS-43   |
| Krinkov assault rifle                 | Prohibited                                      | Variation of the AK-47  |
| MG 42 light machine gun               | Prohibited                                      |   |
| M249 light machine gun                | Prohibited                                      |   |
| M3 (M3A1) "grease gun" submachine gun | Prohibited                                      |   |
| PKM machine gun                       | Prohibited                                      |   |
| PPS 43 submachine gun                 | Prohibited                                      |   |
| PPSH 41 submachine gun                | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Ruger 10/22                           | Non-restricted                                  |   |
| SIG P226 pistol                       | Restricted                                      |   |
| SIG P228 pistol                       | Restricted                                      |   |
| SIG P229 pistol                       | Restricted                                      |   |
| Sten Mark II submachine gun           | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Sten Mark III submachine gun          | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Sten Mark V submachine gun            | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Steyr MPi-69 submachine gun           | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Suomi submachine gun                  | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Swedish K submachine gun              | Prohibited                                      | Similar to Carl Gustav M/45   |
| Tantal assault rifle                  | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Vz58 assault rifle                    | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Vz61 Scorpion submachine gun          | Prohibited                                      | Many variations possible  |
| Yugoslavian M56 submachine gun        | Prohibited                                      |   |
| Zastava M72 light machine gun         | Prohibited                                      |   |