

**RULES FOR ISSUE OF IMPORT PERMITS/RECOMMENDATIONS LETTERS TO RENOWNED SHOOTERS – AS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF NRAI ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AND AMENDED AS ON 12 AUGUST 2023.**

**1. OBJECTIVE**

The NRAI in its endeavor to provide the best equipment to the shooters, for training and participation in competition, issues import permits to Renowned shooters. These Rules have been framed to assist the shooters and import permits are issued to shooters as per their eligibility and Govt. norms.

**2. AUTHORITY**

- a. The DGFT vide its notification 95(RE-2010)2009-2014 dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 empowers NRAI to issue a “Recommendation letter” to renowned shooters.
- b. Under Policy Conditions of ITC Chapter 93, the NRAI, being a recommending/certifying body, is required to maintain the records of all imports against issue of import permits/letters.
- c. The Ministry of Finance vide its notification no. 101/2010-Customs dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, has authorized NRAI to grant duty exemption certificates for the items covered under Table XV of its notification 146/94.
- d. Under Home Ministry letter no. V-11015/6/99-ARMS dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2002, a renowned shooter is entitled to import 15000 rounds per year of each calibre.
- e. For weapons, ammunition and accessories, covered under Arms Act, the import of firearms, ammunition and accessories, shall be governed under Arms Acts and its rules shall be implemented and binding on all.
- f. To promote the shooting activities, the NRAI shall import arms, ammunitions, shooting equipment and other accessories for its affiliated units.
- g. The rules framed hereunder are for the individual renowned shooters and State Rifle Associations.

**3. DEFINATION/INTERPRRETATION**

- a. The term “Import Permit” shall be used instead of “Recommendation Letter”, which is prevalent and generally used by all including Custom Authorities.
- b. Renowned Shooters – The DGFT under ITC Chapter 93 has defined - Renowned Shooter” mean a person who has participated in a National Shooting Championship in an Open Men’s Event or Open Women’s Event or Open Civilian’s Event whether through Qualifying Tournament or Wild Card Entry conducted in accordance with the ISSF rules and has attained the Minimum Qualifying Score prescribed by the National Rifle Association of India.

- c. “Latest NSCC” means the NSCC, after which no NSCC has been conducted. The term “preceding”NSCC’ means the NSCC conducted prior to the latest NSCC. (For example, 64 NSCC is latest and 63 NSCC is preceding NSCC. The NSCCs prior to 63 NSCCs are termed as previous NSCCs).
- d. A “Year” for the purpose of import of arms/ammunition shall be last day of the conclusion of NSCC to one day prior of start of next NSCC.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Shooter, who is notified a Renowned Shot in latest NSCC, will be eligible for grant of import permit for import of weapons/ammunition in those events in which he/she has achieved MQS as per Rule 17.6 of NRAI Match Book.
- b. A shooter, who was unable to participate in latest NSCC, must submit import application, based on his/her performance in preceding NSCC, for import permit within 120 days from the date of conclusion of latest NSCC after which his/her application will not be considered for import permit. This is subject to the condition that the shooter was eligible, as per preceding NSCC for import permit, under Rule 3(b) above. (Clarification – Shooters, who did not participate in 64<sup>th</sup> NSCC and wish to apply, based on performance in 63 NSCC, must submit application within 120 days from the last date of conclusion of 64 NSCC). No request can be considered for import permit, which is based on previous performances, as stated under Rule 3 above.
- c. No import permit can be issued based on performance in any previous NSCC, if the shooter did not participate in one of the NSCCs under Rule 3(c) above.
- d. No import permit will be issued for a weapon, based on the performance in preceding NSCC, if the shooter has participated in latest NSCC.
- e. Applications, based on the performance in latest NSCC, as above, will be accepted till one day prior to start of next NSCC.
- f. Import permit may be issued to PIO/OIC passport holders subject to achieving MQS under Rule 17.6 of NRAI Match Book and having been granted Arm License by the authorities to possess weapons. All Eligibility and other rules, stated herein, shall be applicable to persons having the status of PIO/OIC.
- g. Arjuna Awardee’s will be eligible for issuance of import permit subject to fulfilling Eligibility Rules quoted above.

#### **5. VALIDITY OF IMPORT PERMIT**

- a. Validity of the permit will be for 24 months.
- b. Further extension to a maximum of six months may be granted.
- c. The Secretary General may grant extension beyond 30 months if the shooter produces bank documents (Bank swift copy) for payment of a minimum of 50% advance to the supplier.
- d. No extension shall be granted after expiry of the import permit if no advance payment has been made to the supplier during the validity of import permit.

- e. No further import permit will be issued including the NSCCs held during the intervening period, till the time the existing import permit is fully exhausted by the shooter or surrendered to NRAI.

**6. IMPORT PERMIT PROCESSING FEE**

- a. A fee of Rs. 5000/- plus GST is payable at the time of issuance of new Import Permit
- b. A fee of Rs. 2000/- plus GST is payable for every amendment in Import Permit.
- c. In case of loss of Import Permit, fee for duplicate Import Permit is Rs. 5000/- plus GST.

**7. AMENDMENTS IN IMPORT PERMIT**

- a. Only two amendments for change of descriptions will be allowed against valid Import Permit during the validity of the import permit. No amendment is permitted if the validity of the import permit has already expired.
- b. No change in description of items will be allowed for import from another supplier if the advance has already been paid to the supplier against Proforma Invoice which was signed by the Secretary General and attached at the time of issue of Import Permit.

**8. ELIGIBILITY ON NUMBER OF WEAPONS**

- a. A renowned shooter is allowed to import one weapon and one extra barrel for the event in which he/she has been declared as a Renowned Shooter. The caliber of such a weapon shall be in accordance with permissible calibers for that event, as notified by ISSF.
- b. Arjuna Awardee, who is a Renowned Shot, in terms of Rule 3 above, will be eligible to import two weapons of per event.
- c. Import of Magnum weapon is not permitted to any class of shooters, as per (a) and (b) above.

**9. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTS/BOLT ASSEMBLY/ACCESSORIES**

- a. Only one spare bolt assembly of .22 or .32 Pistol is permitted, irrespective of the shooter being a renowned shot in more than one event.
- b. Only two pistol magazines of .22 or .32 are permitted.
- c. Renowned shooter in Centre Fire Pistol will be allowed to import conversion unit of .22 caliber.
- d. A renowned shooter in Standard Pistol/Sports Pistol/Free/Rapid Fire will not be allowed to import a conversion unit with .32 barrel.
- e. Import Permit may be issued for the additional accessories, which are not covered under Table XV of the Ministry of Finance Notification 146/94 on payment of custom duty. This is subject to the condition that accessories are permitted for use during competitions under ISSF Rules.

#### **10. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTS/BOLT ASSEMBLY/ACCESSORIES**

- a. It would be the responsibility of the shooter to apply and obtain required arms license for the weapons for which he/she is applying for import permit. The arm license should have proper area validity and adequate authorization for possession of quantity of ammunition.
- b. No further import permits shall be issued unless Bill of Entry for earlier import permit is submitted to NRAI. In case of inability to utilize the import permit, shooter must surrender the original import permit. Refer Rule 2 (b) above.

#### **11. ELEGIBILITY FOR IMPORT OF AMMUNITION**

- a. Import of ammunition under table is permitted:

Range/Weapon	Caliber	Other Specifications
50M Rifle	5.6 mm (.22")	Rimfire Long rifle. Only bullets made of lead or similar soft material are permitted. Jacketed ammunition not permitted.
25M Centre Fire Pistol	7.62 mm – 9.65 mm (.30-.38)	Jacketed, High Power and Magnum ammunition are not permitted.
25M Rim Fire Pistol	5.6 (.22)	Rimfire Long rifle. Only bullets made of lead or similar soft material are permitted. Jacketed ammunition not permitted.
Shotgun	All shotguns of 12 Bore and lower	Cartridge not more than 24.5g of shot
300M Rifle	Maximum 8 mm	Ammunition of any description that may be fired without any danger to athletes or range personnel. Tracer, Armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.

- b. As per Home Ministry notification, a Renowned shooter can import a maximum of 15000 rounds in a year.
- c. In .22 Rifle events, a renowned shooter in 3P and Prone events will be allowed to import a maximum of 15000 rounds in a year.
- d. A shooter, who is a renowned shooter in Centre Fire Pistol and Standard Pistol is permitted to import 15000 rounds of .32 ammunition and 15000 rounds of .22 ammunition. The upper limit for .22 ammunition shall remain the same even if he/she is a renowned shooter in Standard Pistol/Rapid Fire Pistol/Free Pistol/Sport Pistol events. The maximum limit of .22 ammunition will remain 15000 in a year.
- e. Trap, Double Trap and Skeet shooters will be allowed to import a total of 15000 rounds of ammunition in a ratio as under:

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| 1. Trap        | (80:20) (Trap and Skeet)         |
| 2. Double Trap | (80:20) (Trap and Skeet)         |
| 3. Skeet       | <b>(75:25) (Skeet and Trap)*</b> |

\*As amended by the Governing Body on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

- f. In Big Bore rifle events, a renowned shooter in 3P, Prone and Standard Rifle events will be allowed to import a maximum of 15000 rounds in a year.

## **12. SPECIFICATIONS OF WEAPONS**

### **12.1 Import of magnum rifle or Revolver/pistol is not permitted.**

#### **a. Small Bore Rifle**

1. Import of only .22 rifles, as per ISSF Rules is allowed.
2. No spare stock, bolt, bolt assembly and trigger assembly is permitted to be imported.
3. Import of spare magazine is not permitted.
4. For 3P and Prone events, only one .22 Rifle is permitted

#### **b. Pistol/Revolvers**

1. The Pistol/Revolver must be in accordance with ISSF Rule 8.12.
2. The Pistol/Revolver must have adjustable Match Triggers as per ISSF regulations.
3. The Pistol/Revolver must have minimum of 4 inches (Pistol) & 4.5 inches (Revolver) barrel length and a maximum of 6 inches (153 mm) barrel. However, there is no maximum barrel length limit for free Pistol.
4. Free Pistol, only a single shot weapon, without any provision for adapter for magazine is allowed.
5. The Pistol/Revolver must have adjustable REAR Sights.
6. The Pistol/Revolver must have match grips as per ISSF rules.
7. Only Non-jacketed ammunition as per ISSF rules may be imported.
8. Magnum ammunition is not permitted for use in pistol events.
9. Calibers allowed by ISSF for competition shooting alone will be permitted.
10. Calibers for 25 M Centre Fire Pistol should be 7.62 mm to 9.65, (.30"-38").
11. 25 M Sport Pistol & 25 M Standard Pistol should be 5.6 mm (.22" LR) rim fire long Rifle.
12. 25 M Rapid Fire Pistol and 50 M Pistol should be 5.6. mm. (.22" LR) rim fire long Rifle.
13. Import permit will be issued only for one weapon, if a junior shooter is renowned shot in both Standard Pistol/Sports Pistol.

14. Eligibility for import of .327 /.357 /.38 special revolver (if not magnum as certified by the Manufacturer) by Renowned Shooters

- i. The shooter should be an international shooter as per norms laid down under Rule 1.1.5(a) of NRAI Match Book.
- ii. The applicant at the time of submitting the application should be a current Renowned Shooter (for the purpose of issue of import permit) and above the age of 21 years.
- iii. Import of only one weapon of above calibers is permitted to shooters including Arjuna Awardees, once in five NSCCs (Clarification – shooter importing weapon of above calibre, based on his/her performance in 64 NSCC will be allowed to import next weapon after participation in 69 NSCC)
- iv. The sale of this weapon is permitted after 5 years from the date of import to any valid arms license holder.

15. Import of .22 revolver is permitted to Women Arjuna Awardees in Pistol events.

**c. Shotguns**

1. All shotguns of 12 Bore and lower are permitted to be imported.
2. In shotgun, the minimum length of barrel should be 24 inches.
3. With one shotgun, one additional barrel with forend from the same manufacturer, one Trigger assembly and one stock is permitted to be imported.
4. No Import permit will be issued for spare “action”.
5. One weapon will be allowed to be imported if a shooter is a Renowned Shooter in Trap and Double Trap event. In case shooter is also a Renowned Shot in Skeet event, import of Skeet Gun is permitted.
6. 12 Bore Semi-Automatic Guns - Deleted as per ISSF Rules and on the recommendations dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 of Technical Committee

**d. Big Bore Rifles**

The Import Permit for Big Bore Rifle will be issued according following norms: -

1. The Rifle must have match Trigger.
2. The Rifle must have minimum barrel length of 24 inches (610 mm) without extension piece.
3. The minimum diameter of Barrel should be 22 mm (0.866 inch)
4. The Rifle must have adjustable target stock or Target System stock.
5. The Rifle must be single shot (Rigid single shot action with no provision for magazine)
6. The caliber/ore must be as per ISSF Rules.
7. Spare bolt/bolt assembly, Trigger Assembly and magazines are not permitted to be imported. However, Spare stock will be permitted to be imported.
8. Centre Fire Rifle of the caliber 8 mm and below are permitted to be imported.
9. Import of magazines with rifles is not permitted.

10. Import of one additional big bore rifle barrel of caliber 8 mm and below from the same manufacturer is permitted OR  
One .22 LR Barrel with Bolt Assembly is permitted to be imported. The overall limit of Extra Barrel shall remain one only.
11. 300M Rifle Prone and 3P Events will be treated one event and import permit for one rifle will be issued for both events.
12. In case the shooter is also a Renowned Shooter in 300M Standard Rifle Event, he may apply for a permit for one Extra Rifle.

### **13. EMPTY SHELL OF USED AMMUNITION**

Before applying for fresh import permit for import of ammunition, a minimum of 85% of the empty shells of the ammunition imported earlier, must be returned by the shooter to NRAI/State Rifle Association. In the case of big bore ammunition, 95% of the empty shells must be returned before applying for the next import permit for ammunition. The shooter must deposit the remaining empties at the earliest.

### **14. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- a. Shooters must submit their application on “online portal” of NRAI by visiting website [www.thenrai.org](http://www.thenrai.org) and provide all relevant information, as required. In case of any other information required by NRAI, the shooter must supply the information within 90 days from the date of issue of email or any other mode of communication by NRAI.
- b. The shooter is required to send hard copy of the application submitted on “Online Portal” with self-certification and original affidavit, duly notarized.
- c. No manual application, unless applied on NRAI portal [www.thenrai.org](http://www.thenrai.org) shall be accepted.
- d. The following documents must be submitted at the time of import application:
  1. Affidavit
  2. Copy of Arm License
  3. Copy of Bill of Entry, if import was done earlier
  4. Copies of Receipts issued by NRAI for return of empties if ammunition was imported earlier.
  5. Proforma Invoice
- e. It is mandatory for the applicants from Delhi and Faridabad to obtain Purchase Period (PP) from respective Licensing Authorities prior to apply for import permit. Copy of such permission must be submitted on the NRAI Portal.
- f. In case of any incomplete documents or other information, an email or written communication will be sent to the shooter. If the shooter fails to provide the information, as stated under these rules, within 90 days from the date of issue of the email/written communication, the NRAI reserves the right to reject import application and no correspondence shall be entertained.

### **15. ISSUANCE OF DUPLICATE COPY OF IMPORT PERMIT**

In case of loss of original import permit, shooter applying for duplicate copy is required,

must submit the following documents:

- a. Request letter addressed to the Secretary General NRAI
- b. Copy of FIR from local police station under whose jurisdiction import permit was lost.
- c. Affidavit stating loss of original import permit and confirming no import against lost import permit.
- d. Duplicate Import Permit fee is Rs. 5000/-.

#### **16. IMPORT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR AFFILIATED UNITS**

The NRAI shall import arms, ammunition and accessories for its affiliated units, which are in accordance with rules and regulations of ISSF.

#### **17. SALE/DISPOSAL OF IMPORTED WEAPONS**

- a. Sale of weapons by renowned shooters will be in consonance with DGFT Rules and as decided by the Governing Body of NRAI.

##### **1. Small Bore Rifle/Pistol & Shotgun**

Please note that the weapon will not be sold/transferred/gifted to any one for two years from the date of import. After the completion of two years, the weapon can be sold/transferred/gifted to Upcoming/Aspiring/Renowned Shooter as per DGFT Norms. The prior permission/clearance must be obtained from NRAI before transfer of weapon to the first buyer indicating the name, address and shooting credential and record/license of the first buyer as Upcoming/Aspiring/Renowned Shooter. The first buyer will give an undertaking to NRAI about the details of the 2nd buyer, as stated above, at the time of sale of weapon, which can take place only after one year from the date of first purchase.

##### **2. Big Bore Rifle/.357 Handgun/12 Borw Semi Automatic Shotgun**

That the weapon will not be sold/transferred/gifted to any one for five years from the date of import. After the completion of five years, the weapon can be sold/transferred/gifted to any Arm Licencee with prior permission/clearance from NRAI.

- b. The Affiliated units are permitted to sell the imported weapons which were purchased from NRAI/supplied by NRAI, after two years, to any upcoming shooter or member of Rifle Association/Club.
- c. The imported weapons cannot be sold to any gun dealer by a renowned shooter or Rifle Association/Club.

#### **18. FORMAT FOR IMPORT PERMIT**

The Import permit will be issued through online system with QR Code. Valid if printed on a Letter head duly numbered on reversed side of the letterhead and printed through online system.



- a. NRAI Logo
- b. Name and Address of NRAI
- c. Recognized by: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- d. IMPORT PERMIT
- e. Date of Issue
- f. Valid up to
- g. Import Permit no.
- h. Name of the Shooter
- i. Address
- j. "This is to certify that Mr/Ms\_\_\_\_\_ is a Renowned Shooter in terms of DGFT, Govt. of India Notification no. 95(RE 2010) 2009-2014 dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and is entitled to import following arms/ammunition: -
- k. Table contents: S.no., Detail of Items, Quantity, Remarks
- l. Total number of Items
- m. Total CIF Value
- n. It is further certified that \_\_\_\_\_ is exempted from payment of Custom duty in accordance with the Ministry of Finance (Dept. of Revenue) Notification no. 146/94 13<sup>th</sup> July 1994 and as amended vide Notification no. 101/2010- Customs dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.
- o. Note: 1. Regarding Sale Conditions 2. Payment of Custom Duty (if required)
- p. Signature, Name of the Secretary General
- q. Number of pages if number of pages are more than 1.
- r. QR Code

#### 19. **FORMAT FOR AMENDMENT SHEET**

- a. AMENDMENT SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Import Permit no. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ issued to \_\_\_\_\_ (with address) amended as under:
  - c. Table contents:
    1. S.no.
    2. DESCRIPTION AS PER IMPORT PERMIT/AMENDMENT SHEET
    3. VALIDITY/AMENDMENT IN DESCRIPTION
    4. NOTE: The other terms and conditions, as stated in above quoted Import Permit shall remain the same.
    5. Signature of the Secretary General
    6. Date of Amendment
20. The above Rules shall apply to all sections of Rifle/Pistol/Big Bore Rifle, Shotgun and including accessories. The Import Permit is covered under Govt. Statutes and binding on all.