

Vanuatu nationals visiting or working in New Zealand (including Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) workers in New Zealand) : Prohibition on the export of firearms and ammunition to Vanuatu

At the request of the Vanuatu Government, New Zealand and Vanuatu have an agreed policy on the importation of firearms and ammunition to Vanuatu from New Zealand. The policy is that individual applications to export firearms and ammunition to Vanuatu will not be approved, but applications for exports to importers who are licensed Vanuatu firearms dealers will be considered.

On this basis Vanuatu nationals visiting or working in New Zealand including RSE workers cannot export firearms and ammunition to Vanuatu.

Firearm and ammunition sellers in New Zealand should not rely on any documentation giving authority to an individual to import firearms and ammunition into Vanuatu. In this regard a license to import firearms or ammunition issued by the Vanuatu Police will not be recognised by us, nor will approval to import letters from Vanuatu Government departments.

Accordingly, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which manages the issue of export permits, will not approve permits for individuals exporting firearms and ammunition to Vanuatu. Any attempt to export firearms and ammunition without a permit is a breach of the Custom Act and may result in prosecution.

If you have any questions on this issue please contact the [Export Controls Office](#).