

PERMITS FOR THE ENTRY OF FIREARMS INTO SPAIN - INFORMATION NOTE

I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The temporary importation of firearms for use in Spain is regulated by **Royal Decree 137/1993 of January 29**, which approves the Weapons Regulations, transposing into Spanish law Directive 91/477/EEC of June 18, 1991, on the control and acquisition of weapons. The importation of weapons intended for the Armed Forces and Security Forces is excluded from these regulations.

There are a number of weapons whose importation is prohibited (art. 4):

- modified firearms.
- weapons that contain devices to house other weapons inside.
- Firearms housed in canes or other objects, or simulated under the appearance of any other object.
- pistols and revolvers with buttstocks.
- Firearms or compressed air weapons combined with bladed weapons.

II. PERMITS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS FOR RESIDENTS IN COUNTRIES NOT BELONGING TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

The rules set out below apply to any person residing in a country that is not a member of the European Union, regardless of their nationality.

A. IMPORTATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF HUNTING

The persons included in the previous paragraph who wish to practice hunting in Spain must first obtain a STANDARDIZED CERTIFICATE FOR HUNTERS, which they must request at the competent Spanish consular office based on their domicile.

If the hunter resides permanently in this consular district (which includes the States of Australia) Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria), the application may be submitted:

- in person at this Consulate General, without prior appointment, at the following address:

Consulate General of Spain
Level 7, 564 St. Kilda road
Melbourne VIC 30041

- by *registered post* to the following address:

General Consulate of Spain/Consulado General de España
Citizens
PO Box 6202
Melbourne VIC 3004

If you choose to submit it in person, it must be submitted by the interested party himself; it cannot be done under any circumstances by a representative.

Applications submitted by email will not be accepted under any circumstances.

¹ For in-person submission at this Consulate General, you must first consult its website. current public service hours.

It is not necessary to show the consular office the weapons that are going to be transferred to Spain.

Documents to be submitted:

1. Properly completed application form.
2. Passport, in any case valid.
3. Document proving the applicant's actual and permanent residence in this consular district (housing rental agreement, utility or telephone bills, etc.).
4. A valid hunting license or permit issued by the competent local authority of the country of residence, and which authorizes him to the possession and use of hunting weapons, in force.
5. Purchase invoice or any other document that proves ownership of the weapons that the hunter intends to bring into Spain.
6. Document issued by the competent local authority that certifies the registration of the weapons that the hunter intends to bring into Spain.
7. Payment of issuance fees.
8. If you choose to send the certificate, once issued, by post, a prepaid "*registered post*" envelope with the interested party's postal address clearly stated .

General rules on the submission of documentation

1. The application form (number 1) is available at this Consular Office, on its website, and at the Honorary Consulates under its jurisdiction. It is very important that all required fields are completed, either by machine or by hand in legible handwriting, and that the applicant's contact information (postal address, email address, telephone number) is clearly indicated for communication and notification purposes. The form must also be properly dated. Information on the protection of personal data is found on the reverse side; please read it carefully. If submitted at this Consular Office, the form must be signed in person before the consular officer (submitting a pre-signed form is not valid). If submitted by mail, the form must first be signed in person by the applicant at the Honorary Consular Office in Perth.

, or alternatively before the corresponding "*Justice of the Peace*", in the latter case without the need for an apostille.

2. If submitted in person at this Consular Office, documents 2, 4, 5, and 6 must be submitted in their original form, along with a photocopy of each, which will be certified by this office. If submitted by mail, only photocopies previously certified by the Honorary Consular Office in Perth are required.

, or locally, in the latter case without the need for an apostille.

3. Only a photocopy of document number 3 must be submitted, without legalization or certification.

² In the case of shipment via portal mail, this Consulate General declines all responsibility in case of delay or loss of the shipment attributable to *Australia Post*.

³ Only if the applicant is a permanent resident of Western Australia. This Honorary Consular Office operates exclusively by appointment, so applicants must request one by sending an email to ch.perth@maec.es. indicating in the same the subject "Appointment request for legalization of hunters' certificate signature", your personal data, and contact telephone number.

⁴ As indicated in Note number 3.

4. Consular Fees. Please note that both the certification of submitted photocopies and the issuance of the corresponding certificate are subject to consular fees. If submitted in person at this Consular Office, only cash payments will be accepted. If submitted by mail, payment must be made exclusively by **money order payable to this Consulate General for the exact amount of the total fees**. No other forms of payment are accepted, and only local currency is accepted.

5. The documents submitted must not contain amendments, erasures, or any other alterations subsequent to their issuance; otherwise, they will not be accepted. In order to facilitate scanning by this Consular Office, all documentation must be submitted on A4 paper, and photocopies must be single-sided.

6. If the requested documentation is not issued in Spanish, it must be submitted translated by an official translator. Documentation written in English may generally be accepted.⁷

7. The original documents will be returned to the interested party.

Other considerations

Only rifles and/or shotguns are allowed to be carried in a maximum number of 3.

The certificate issued by this Consular Office will include as attachments the certified photocopies of the documents presented, so they should not be removed from it.

The validity of the issued certificate will be 3 months.

Once in Spain, the hunter or his representative must present the ORIGINAL certificate issued by this Consular Office at the corresponding Civil Guard Weapons and Explosives Intervention, or directly at the General Weapons and Explosives Intervention (dg-icae@guardiacivil.org).

The issuance of the corresponding certificate by this Consular Office does not exempt the interested party from complying, where applicable, with the corresponding customs formalities in Spain.

In addition, the hunter must prove that he has the mandatory hunter's insurance, as well as the permit for the hunting reserve where the hunting activity takes place.

Spanish citizens residing abroad, who are temporarily in Spain, may acquire, possess and use hunting weapons, complying with the rules established for this purpose in the Weapons Regulations for Spaniards residing in Spain, in addition to the powers granted to them by section 4 of chapter II thereof.

B. IMPORTATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS COMPETITIONS

The Spanish shooting federation or, where applicable, the society, body or individual organizing the competition, must request the corresponding permit on behalf of the gun owner from the following address:

General Directorate of the Civil Guard
General Intervention of Weapons and Explosives
C/ Guzmán el Bueno, 110
28003 Madrid

⁵ The updated amount of these fees should be checked on the website of this Consular Office.

⁶ In application of art. 15.1 of Law 39/2015, of October 1, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations, which establishes that "the language of the procedures processed by the General State Administration will be Spanish."

⁷ For documents in other languages, please consult this Consular Office.

For their part, the person carrying the weapon, as soon as they arrive in Spain, must present at the same address a declaration form (issued by the Directorate General of the Civil Guard and provided by the corresponding entity), with the approval of the federation, society, organization or individual organizing the competition, and which states:

- your name and surname.

- their nationality.

- the competition in which he/she is going to participate.

- the entry and exit points of Spain.

- the number and type of weapons he/she carries, stating their brand, caliber and serial number, and which in no case may exceed 6.