

27 October 2008

Dear

**Re: Firearms Act 1968 (As Amended): Authority under Section 5 - Shipment of prohibited weapons and ammunition.**

As indicated in my communication dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 regarding the above, currently we do not hold a valid authority to handle this type of commodity. However, we hope to have a new authority in place shortly. Under the proposed terms of our new authority, it will be a requirement for all Shipping Lines to advise the port of any movement of prohibited weapons and/or ammunition (via our Dangerous Goods Office). Such advice to include a full description of the shipment and a statement confirming that it must be handled under Section 5. Additionally we will be required to seek confirmation that other parties (e.g. Shipping Agents, hauliers) have the relevant authorities under Section 5.

In addition to the above we will also insist on clear confirmation where weapons and/or ammunition that are required to transit through the port are covered under Section 1 rather than Section 5.

When the authority is in place, we will confirm the requirements for notification including the timing of such notification to us.

We apologise for any inconvenience this situation may have caused and I will send an update when we are able to re-commence handling this type of cargo. In the meantime please remember that it is an offence to import, export or tranship prohibited weapons and/or ammunition without authority.

Your continued help and support is greatly appreciated

Yours sincerely

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