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## NEWSLETTER TWO - 8 September 2008

Apologies that this newsletter is a little later than planned, especially as it focuses on the information needed by international competitors to complete their firearms and ammunition import documentation. This paperwork should be completed and processed at least 21 days prior to your arrival in New Zealand.

Entrants to the World Action Pistol Championships 2008 who are bringing pistols and/or ammunition into New Zealand with them must complete two forms and send them in to the Pistol NZ Administration Officer by fax at +64 4 237 7519 or email scans of the completed forms to [info@pistolnz.org.nz](mailto:info@pistolnz.org.nz).

The first form is the PI-1 which is the form NZ Police will have at your port of entry to New Zealand, to check that the firearms you bring with you are as approved. The second form is your NZ Visitor's Firearms Licence, which gives you permission to possess the firearm(s) and ammunition while in New Zealand.

Both forms are downloadable from the WAPC2008 website, with a navigation link on the home page.

The Visitor's Licence application asks for your firearms licence details from the country in which you reside. If you do not have a "firearms licence" or permit, note down under what authority you may possess your pistol in your country of residence.

Also, the Visitor's Licence application asks you for the name, address and firearms licence number of the person who will be securing your pistol(s) while in New Zealand. If you are unsure of these details at present, it is acceptable to leave these three boxes blank.

It is also important to correctly identify the "port" of entry into New Zealand. This will be the first airport you land in, and will most likely be either Auckland or Hamilton. This is important as it is the Police at that particular airport who will be briefed and ready to process the import of your firearms when you arrive. You are required to report to the Police counter in the customs clearance area once your luggage is collected to complete formalities. In some cases your firearm may arrive with your luggage, in other cases it may be intercepted by Police in advance, so once your luggage has all come out, if the firearms case is not on the carousel, just go straight to the Police counter.

Additionally you will also have to send a photocopy or scan of both the details/photo pages of your passport, and a copy of your firearms licence/permit (if applicable) when sending the two forms.

Usually there is a NZ\$25 fee to import firearms into New Zealand, but we are pleased that NZ Police have agreed to waive this fee, as they regularly do for major international sporting events held in New Zealand. All you have to do is complete the two forms as soon as possible, and send them as above to the Pistol NZ Administration officer with the passport and licence/permit information.

Don't forget to regularly check the event's official website, [www.wapc2008.com](http://www.wapc2008.com) for the latest information. Recent additions to the site are the event start list, and a scope to chase the mover on the home page (requested by the Match Director!). Sorry, clicking the mouse while chasing the target does nothing (yet). The next newsletter will follow shortly and will discuss practice ammunition and reloading options.

These newsletters will also list the growing list of match sponsors at the foot of the page. Without the generous support of our sponsors this event would not be possible, and we extend thanks to them all.



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