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ACC Submission No: 1764

MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

ACC ADVICE – LEVER ACTION SHOTGUNS (THE ADLER)

No deadline

Purpose

To provide advice for enhanced regulation for lever action shotguns.

Background

2. The importation of lever action shotguns is controlled under the Customs (*Prohibited Imports*) Regulations 1956. Under those Regulations, lever action shotguns can be imported with a 'police certification test'. Essentially, this requires importers to be certified by State and Territory police that they are licensed and/or authorised to possess the firearm.
3. Recently, Adler has manufactured a lever action shotgun with increased magazine capacity. This has the result of being able to fire more ammunition without reloading. The Australian distributor for the Turkish manufactured Adler Model A-110 Lever Action 12 gauge calibre shotgun has proposed to import a variation of this shotgun which has a seven round magazine capacity and one in the chamber - giving the firearm a total of eight rounds capacity.
4. The seven round magazine capacity variant (Image below) of the Adler A-110 is a standard model which has had a magazine extension assembly fitted to replace the barrel lock nut.



5. As a comparison, the standard Model A-110 lever action shotgun has a magazine capacity of four rounds and one in the chamber for a total of five round capacity.

Key Points

6. S47C(1) [REDACTED]

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7. S47C(1) [Redacted]

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b. S47C(1) [Redacted]

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Expected Reaction

10. There would be potential concern from a number of different stakeholders associated with the firearms industry.

11. S47C(1) [Redacted] The manufacture of an after-market extended magazine is not difficult and requires no specialist guns-smithing skills.

Recommendation

That you note the above.



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