

**\*\*\*Notice Regarding Applications to the Formal Target Shooting Roster\*\*\***

In July 2006, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed a law exempting firearms solely designed and sold for formal target shooting competition from the state's firearms testing requirements.<sup>1</sup> The Gun Control Advisory Board (GCAB) promulgated regulations to establish a roster that lists the specific target shooting firearms exempt from this law.<sup>2</sup> This letter serves as a notification of this new Formal Target Shooting Firearms Roster ("Roster") and a guide for manufacturers to petition to have their target shooting firearms included on this list.

The Secretary, with the advice of the GCAB, will consider a range of criteria when determining which firearms should be placed on the Roster. 501 CMR 7.13 requires firearm manufacturers to include the following:

- (1) A report to the GCAB that certifies by affidavit that the firearm is solely designed and sold for formal target shooting competition.
- (2) A completed "**Specifications Checklist,**" which identifies specifications and features of the firearm which make it a formal target shooting competition firearm, including:
  - (a) The firearm must have match grade adjustable rear sights, or a match grade optical target sighting system.
  - (b) If the firearm is a pistol, it must have a barrel length of at least five inches, and it must contain at least four components from the following list produced at match grade: a target trigger, a custom or bull barrel, a ported barrel or compensator, a custom barrel bushing, an adjusted, beveled or improved magazine well, an extended or custom slide release button, a target hammer, a custom feed ramp, a custom ejection port, a custom extractor, target grips, or a trigger pull weight of less than four pounds.
  - (c) If the firearm is a revolver, it must have a barrel length of at least six inches, and it must have at least three of the following components produced at match grade: a target trigger, a custom or bull barrel, a ported barrel or compensator, a target hammer or target grips.
- (3) A list of the specific types of formal target shooting competition for which the firearm was designed and sold, ***or*** documentation indicating that the firearm is recognized by a national organization as a firearm used in formal target shooting competition.
- (4) Any advertising or marketing materials sufficient to demonstrate that the firearm is solely sold for formal target shooting competition.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2006.

<sup>2</sup> These regulations can be found at 501 CMR 7.01 *et seq.*

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security advises you to review 501 CMR 7.00 thoroughly if you are recommending firearms for inclusion on this Roster. The Secretary shall compile this list on a minimum of two times per year and make it available on the website of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security at [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops). The Gun Control Advisory Board meets approximately once every two months and will review all Roster applications at those times.

In order to petition for a target shooting firearm to be placed on the Formal Target Shooting Firearms Roster, manufacturers should submit the checklist below, including all mandatory attachments to Catherine Bailey, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, One Ashburton Place, Room 2133, Boston, MA 02108. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

SPECIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

(Petition for Inclusion on the Formal Target Shooting Firearms Roster)

To: Gun Control Advisory Board

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ (must complete a separate checklist for each model)

1. Is the firearm a pistol or revolver? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Barrel length (in inches): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please describe sights: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please check the following components that are produced at *match grade*:

For pistols:

- Target Trigger
- Custom or bull barrel
- Ported barrel or compensator
- Custom barrel bushing
- Adjusted, beveled or improved magazine well
- Extended or custom slide release button
- Target hammer
- Custom extractor
- Target grips
- Trigger pull weight of less than 4 lbs
- Custom ejection port
- Custom feed ramp

For revolvers:

- Target trigger
- Custom or bull barrel
- Ported barrel or compensator
- Target hammer
- Target grips

**Mandatory Attachments:** (each should a separate document, labeled with the corresponding number, e.g. "Attachment #1")

1. Affidavit (a separate document) that is signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, certifying that the firearm is solely designed and sold for formal target shooting competitions;

2. List of competitions for which *each* firearm was designed and sold; OR recognition by a national organization that the firearm is used in formal target shooting competitions; and

3. Advertising/marketing materials sufficient to demonstrate the firearm was solely sold for formal target shooting competition