

# IMPORTING AND TRANSPORTING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION INTO MALAYSIA FOR THE AUSTRALASIA 2010, JOHOR BAHRU

Please read the following information very carefully, as if followed, you should have a smooth trouble free journey to AA2010. The preferred point of entry in to Malaysia for this Match is via Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

Malaysia law requires all firearms and ammunition to be stored in the range's armory. Firearms and ammunition shall be drawn from and returned to the armory daily. In account of this, competitors are advised to arrive at the range early in order to prepare their equipment and themselves for the day.

**Malaysia law also requires that all firearms and ammunition MUST travel together. Competitors may not enter Malaysia with ammunition only; this ammunition will be detained by the Airport Police.**

**Should any competitor or persons try to enter Malaysia for the match with a firearm that is not listed on the permits; these firearms will be detained by the Airport Police.**

**Airport Security has a USD30 per day detention charge for each of the above stated items.**

Please **DO NOT** attempt to try to enter Malaysia via Singapore with firearms and ammunition; the organisers will not be able to help you in anyway. You may however TRANSIT Singapore on way to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport for the Match.

The official method of importing / transporting firearms and ammunition into Malaysia for the Australasia 2010 in Johor is through 'CHECKED BAGGAGE' (via airlines).

## 1. Definition of Checked Baggage

1.1. Baggage which have been taken into the airline's custody and for which they have been issued a Baggage Identification Tag and/or Baggage Check and travels in the hold of the aircraft.

## 2. Firearms and Ammunition General Regulations (for Checked Baggage)

- 2.1 No firearms and ammunitions except for hunting and sporting purposes may be accepted as checked baggage.
- 2.2 Firearms or objects that can be used as weapons may only be transported in checked baggage.
- 2.3 Firearms must be suitably packed to resist breakage and shocks (standard firearms case).
- 2.4 Firearms and ammunition must be packed in its own case, separately from competitors' personal effects and be surrendered to airline staff upon check in.
- 2.5 Firearms must not be loaded.
- 2.6 As at to date, IATA's guideline limiting 5kg of ammunition per competitor (passenger) still applies. Additional required ammunition may be purchased from the match organizer (please refer to 'Item 5 - Purchase of Ammunition').
- 2.7 Ammunition and firearms may not be taken into the passenger cabin.
- 2.8 Ammunition with exploding or fire-producing bullets is excluded from transport.
- 2.9 Ammunition must be safely packed in cardboard or wooden boxes (manufacturer's original packaging) or other packaging that is specifically designed to carry small amounts of ammunition. Firearm magazines/clips for packing ammunition are not allowed.
- 2.10 Loose ammunition is not allowed.
- 2.11 It is advisable to use tape or rubber bands to ensure the ammunition boxes stay closed, even if they snap.
- 2.12 Checked baggage must be locked.
- 2.13 Firearm cases must be locked and duly presented for inspection upon request.
- 2.14 It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that import/export regulations of all relevant country from embarkation to final destination is complied with.
- 2.15 Competitors are strongly advised to hang on to their baggage tags, especially those of their firearms and ammunition.

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## 3. The Journey (travelling with firearms and ammunition)

- 3.1 Competitors are strongly advised to check with their airline or travel agent Ammunition to see if firearms and ammunition is permitted in checked baggage. In addition, matters such as limitations or fees should also be asked.
- 3.2 **IMPORTANT:** Competitors are reminded that airlines and / or pilots do have the right to refuse carrying baggage for reasons stated in their respective regulations which usually regard to safety and security.
- 3.3 **Malaysia's budget airline, Air Asia currently unable to permit firearms and ammunition in the hold of its aircrafts which lack the required suitable storage compartment. The Malaysia's Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) has recently encouraged budget airlines to equip their aircrafts with such facility but as of to date (October 2009), none has taken any action.**
- 3.4 Competitors are responsible in ensuring all the necessary permits and documentation for the transportation of firearms and ammunition out of (and back into) their country of origin (or point of departure) and throughout the journey (especially if the journey passes through several countries).
- 3.5 The match organizer shall be responsible in preparing the necessary permits to bring the firearms and ammunition into Malaysia (Johor).
- 3.6 **IMPORTANT:** All firearms and ammunitions will be cleared at point of destination, the **Senai International Airport, Johor**. No clearance will be carried out at other airports, ports or point of entry including the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). Therefore, competitors are strongly advised to check in from their point of departure (country of origin) together with their firearms and ammunitions (as checked baggage) ticketed all the way through to Senai International Airport, Johor.
- 3.7 Since the number of major international airlines which serve direct flight to Senai International Airport, Johor are limited, many competitors are expected to transit at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).
- 3.8 **IMPORTANT:** In order for the competitors, their firearms and ammunition to be ticketed all the way through to Senai International Airport, Johor; IATA requires that the whole journey from point of departure (Country of Origin) to point of destination (Johor) including transit (at KLIA) to be completed within 24 hours.
- 3.9 During check in at point of departure, competitors **MUST DECLARE** their firearms and ammunition to the airline. This is important because firearms and ammunition in checked baggage shall be handed over to the respective airport's security throughout the journey. Security units between airports will be in constant communication to ensure that the movement of the firearms and ammunition are tracked and to ensure that they reach the intended point of destination where proper clearance will be carried out. *(Therefore, it is almost impossible that the firearms and ammunition end up at the conveyor belt where passengers collect their regular baggage and leave the airport without proper clearance).* There will be no fees for handling of these firearms during transit at KLIA by the airport security. Other airports may impose certain fee or have different treatment and procedures which will not be the responsibility of the match organizers.
- 3.10 **IMPORTANT:** If competitors choose to 'break their journey' in Kuala Lumpur and continue their journey to Johor a few days later, they **MUST** inform the KLIA security. The latter will be required to store the firearms and ammunition at the airport armory until such time when the competitors continue their journey. For this, the competitors will be charged USD30 for storage and handling per day per firearm. The same charge applies if competitors break their journey in Kuala Lumpur on their way back after the match.
- 3.11 Upon arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, all competitors with only their accompanying hand luggage shall proceed the arrival hall where there shall be met by a match representative. The representative shall assist and direct competitors through immigration and have their passport stamped before exiting the arrival hall. Please immediately proceed to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the same terminal building to check in for your connecting domestic flight onto Johor Bahru. All competitors' checked luggage, firearm and ammunition will be handled by airport staff and be put on their connecting flight.

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- 3.12 Upon arrival at the Senai International Airport, Johor, liaison officers assigned by the match organizer will be standing by with the firearms and ammunition import permits to assist with the clearance. Firearms and ammunition clearance will be carried out by Malaysian Police, Airport Security and Custom. It is recommended that a travelling group appoint a representative to act on their behalf to be present throughout the clearance process.
  - 3.13 The cleared firearms and ammunition will be tagged, escorted and transported directly from Senai International Airport, Johor to the match range (about 50 minute drive) for safekeeping. The competitors on the other hand shall be provided transportation to respective hotel.
  - 3.14 Competitors may appoint a representative to import or export their firearms with the proper documentation.
  - 3.15 Firearms without proper documentation or not have their correct firearms details submitted to the match organizers during the online match registration, will be detained by the Malaysia Customs and only returned to their owners upon exiting the country. USD30 charge for handling and storage, per firearm per day applies.
  - 3.16 Ammunition imported solely without accompanying firearm is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be dealt with by the law.
  - 3.17 **IMPORTANT:** Firearms and ammunition are NOT allowed to be kept at the hotels.
- 4. Tax on imported firearms and ammunition**
- 4.1 Imported equipment, spare parts, firearms and first 1000 rounds of ammunition per passenger, for sporting purposes are tax exempted.
  - 4.2 Amounts of ammunition exceeding the limit shall be deemed imported for commercial purpose and taxed accordingly. Prevailing tax stands at 45% of retail price.
- 5. Purchase of Ammunition**
- 5.1 In view of the ammunition limit set by the IATA (maximum 5kg per competitor), the organizer have arranged to make official match ammunition available for purchase. Competitors must inform the match organizers of their ammunition requirements during registration submission.
  - 5.2 Limited number of ammunition will still be available for purchase at the range during the match.
- 6. Disclaimer / Reminder**
- 6.1 Carriage of ammunition is subject to ICAO and IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and prevailing national and international security regulations.
  - 6.2 Checked Baggage will be carried on the same aircraft as the competitors, unless for safety, security or operational reasons it was decided that the Checked Baggage need to be carried on another flight on which space is available. In such event, competitors shall be entitled to compensation for delay to the extent provided in the Convention or otherwise in the Conditions of Carriage; unless the reason the Baggage could not be carried on the flight was due to late check-in or other factors within competitors' control.
  - 6.3 All firearms and ammunition carried as checked baggage **MUST BE DECLARED**.
  - 6.4 Regulations by the governments, shippers and airlines change periodically. It is best to check regularly or contact the relevant embassies.
  - 6.5 Airlines are not compelled to observe IATA recommendations, and they may refuse to accept any firearms and ammunition for carriage.
  - 6.6 This article / guidelines have been prepared by the organizer to the best of its knowledge (at point of writing) pertaining to the transportation / importation of firearms and ammunition into Malaysia for the coming Australasia 2010. Competitors are strongly advised to continuously check with the relevant parties to confirm the prevailing policies.