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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Single-Shot Pistol Handgun Transactions

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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA FIREARMS DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS

This bulletin is intended to clarify the impact of recently passed legislation. Senate Bill 269 (Dutton), regarding the importation/sale/transfer of single-shot pistols. As of January 1, 2006, SB 269 exempts single-shot pistols with a barrel length of not less than six inches and an overall length of at least 10 ½ inches (when the handle, frame or receiver, and barrel are assembled) from the requirement that all handguns sold in California must be listed on the Roster of Handguns Approved for Sale in California.

It is important to note that this new exemption only applies to the sale of complete firearms that meet the barrel length/overall length criteria outlined above. The sale of frames or stripped receivers by themselves is not affected by the exemption. Therefore, dealers may not sell any single-shot pistols that do not meet the aforementioned criteria.

Additionally, firearms dealers should be cautious regarding the sale of "after-market" barrel conversion kits available for some of the more popular single-shot pistols. The sale of an interchangeable barrel of less than 16 inches to a purchaser of such a firearm could expose the firearms dealer to criminal liability for aiding and abetting the manufacture of a short-barrel shotgun.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Firearms Division, Firearms Information Services Section, at (916) 263-4887.

Sincerely,



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