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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 21 November 2024 asking for information about firearms importation and registration. A second OIA request was received from you dated 22 November 2024 asking for similar information, and you said, *this can be combined with the information request submitted on 21/11/2024.*

As such, both of your requests have been combined and will be responded to below.

1. Import Data for Restricted Weapon Parts:

Please provide the number of the following items that have been imported as Restricted Weapon parts during the period for which data is available:

- o MP5 - Bolt Carrier*
- o MP5 - Trigger Group*
- o MP5K - Bolt Carrier*
- o MP5K - Trigger Group*

Important Notes:

- o The MP5K is a distinct model from the MP5, and the parts listed for the two models are not interchangeable.*
- o The "bolt carrier" is a specific component, distinct from the bolt itself. This request pertains strictly to the bolt carrier.*

Please refer to Table 1 below that shows MP5 and MP5K model firearm parts that have been recorded as imported¹ in Police's National Intelligence Application (NIA) database. There is no specific field in NIA that identifies a firearm by bolt carrier type therefore all MP5 and MP5K firearm parts are included, regardless of bolt carrier type.

Table 1: Number of MP5 and MP5K bolt carrier firearm parts imported as at 27 November 2024

Firearm part make/manufacture²	Number of firearm parts
Royal Small Arms Factory (Enfield)	1
Heckler & Koch (H&K)	12
Magpul	2
Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF)	1
Total	16

Source: NIA, retrieved 27 November 2024.

¹ This is reliant on the applicant providing the model when submitting the permit to import application and confirming the import of the items into New Zealand

² Includes all MP5 and MP5K model firearm parts recorded in NIA regardless of the make/manufacture.

In 2017, the national permits team was established to centralise the management of various permit workstreams which included the import permit application process. Prior to this, import permits were managed within each individual District Arms Office and there were no set data entry guidelines. Due to this, data prior to 2017 may have data entry errors including mis-categorisation of firearms.

The first import permit for MP5 and MP5K parts was created on 20 July 2017.

2. Registration Data for MP5K Firearms:

Please provide the number of MP5K model firearms currently registered as Restricted Weapons in New Zealand. This request specifically pertains to the MP5K model and does not include the full-size MP5 or any other variants.

Please refer to Table 2 below that shows all MP5K firearms that have a unique identification number recorded in NIA, and are recorded under the “restricted weapon” category as at 27 November 2024. This does not identify the number of MP5K model firearms that have been registered in the Firearms Registry, which currently has the registered firearms of approaching one-third of licence holders in New Zealand (29 per cent) and is due to be fully populated 2028.

MP5K firearms have been identified and categorised based on the presence of ‘MP5K’ in the firearm model field in NIA which is a free-text field, therefore the nature and quality of entries vary, so these figures should be considered indicative and not a definitive count of MP5K firearms lawfully possessed.

In addition, these figures do not indicate what endorsement these are held under and whether these are permitted to be in an operable state, for example, a ‘collector’ is permitted to hold these, however they must be in an inoperable state.

The *Number of firearms* column outlines the distinct count of a firearm item identifier regardless of how many firearms from one model an individual has. A licence holder may have multiple quantities of the same model but those would be counted as one. Once all licence holders have registered their arms items in the Firearms Registry, a more accurate count of specific firearms will be available

Table 2: Number of MPK5 bolt carrier firearms recorded in NIA as at 27 November 2024

Firearm make/manufacture³	Number of firearms
CYMA	7
Heckler & Koch (H&K)	23
Mechanical and Chemical Industry Corporation (MKEK)	3
Other ⁴	2
Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF)	7
Royal Small Arms Factory (Enfield)	1
Tokyo Marui	16
Umarex	1
VegaForce Company (VFC)	31
Total	91

Source: NIA retrieved 27 November 2024.

³ Includes all MP5K model firearms recorded in NIA regardless of the make/manufacture.

⁴ “Other” includes make/manufacture that have been entered in an inconsistent way due to the free-text field for make/manufacture.

A permit must be obtained for the importation or domestic transfer of a restricted weapon. A person who has been issued a relevant permit will have a permit for that item on their licence record in NIA. Where that permit has been used, the item will be verified against the used permit. To be eligible to apply for a permit for a restricted weapon, a licence holder must have first been issued with an endorsement under section 29 and 30 of the Arms Act 1983.

3. Make/Manufacturer Information:

The make/maker for the MP5 and MP5K in the above requests may include:

- *Norinco*
- *Hellenic Defence Systems*
- *Indian Ordnance Factory*
- *DIO*
- *SEDNA*
- *Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF)*
- *Military Industries Corporation (Saudi Arabia)*
- *Military Industry Corporation (Sudan)*
- *Brügger & Thomet*
- *MKEK*
- *Royal Small Arms Factory*
- *PTR Industries*
- *Zenith Firearms*
- *Dakota Tactical*
- *Century International Arms*
- *Professional Arms*

You requested the same information in your second OIA email dated 22 November 2024, with the additional comment below:

3. Make/Manufacturer Information:

The make/maker for the MP5 and MP5K in the above requests may include:

- *H&K (Heckler & Koch)*

Please refer to Tables 1 and 2 which provide the breakdowns in relation to the make and manufacturer.

Data contained in this report is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Nāku noa, nā



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