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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 17 December 2025, in which you asked:

*I refer to my earlier requests IR-01-25-38448 and IR-01-24-32413.
In IR-01-25-38448, Matthew Boddy stated that applications to import a firearm, including a Alfa Carbine, are assessed on a case by case basis.
In IR-01-24-32413, Notes from the aide memoir for a meeting between Ginny Anderson, Nik Green, and Phillipa Yasbek of Gun Control New Zealand (2/5/2023), paras 25-26 under heading "GCNZ's concerns with Alfa carbines have been partially addressed through import controls" that Police has responded to the risk of posed by Alfa Carbines by refusing to issue any more import permits for them.
Can FSA reconcile this discrepancy between what is a plainly stated refusal to issue any more import permits for Alfa Carbines in circa-2023 as was discussed in that meeting, with the OIA response I received on 10 November 2025 stating a case by case assessment process of permits. If there has been a policy shift between these two times, please include the policy documents detailing the change*

Please accept there has been no intention to obfuscate on this matter, but rather the 10 November reply [IR-01-25-38448] responded to the word 'ban' in its meaning to legally prohibit something – that is, the implication Police had taken steps to prohibit people from applying to import further Alfa Carbines.

The Aide Memoire you refer to was compiled in early May 2023 to assist people (not necessarily familiar with the detail of these issues) speaking with stakeholders. They express the view formed around that time by Police that the further import of Alfa Carbines was a significant issue, and the Aide Memoire is attempting to convey that Police would not be supporting further applications for importations.

For absolute clarity, Police's position is that Alfa Carbines are undesirable due to the ease for which they can be cut down by the criminal fraternity, and we would not be supportive of further importations, should such applications be made. As previously shared, no further applications have been received.



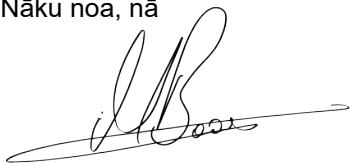
However, as per OIA response sent to you on 10 November, applications for permits to import any arms item, including Alfa Carbines, can still be made. No block (“ban”) has been implemented that excludes firearms licence holders applying to import these firearms.

We hope this letter clarifies the intention of each of those respective documents, and we apologise if our response of 10 November did not provide the clarity it might have with regard this matter.

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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