

ATA revised article for July 2019.

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

Many Ontario shooters have struggled for years in finding ways to legally buy firearms in the States and import them into Canada. Although there have been legal ways of doing this, shooters have complained about how expensive this process has been. There is now another option available to Canadians.

Let me introduce you to Roger and Ethan Stempski, a father and son team based out of Niagara Falls, Ontario who own Artisan Stock and Gunworks Inc. They can import a shotgun (or other firearm) for you from anywhere in the United States. They work alongside an FFL dealer in upstate New York called Dzierba Guns, LLC, where they are able to provide a cross border service of importation (and exportation) of firearms.

Here is what they tell me (in their own words) is the process, what paperwork is needed and the pricing:

ASG requires a copy of your PAL (Possession and Acquisition Licence)

An Invoice made out to yourself C/O Artisan Stock and Gunworks from the store or individual -The make, model, gauge, barrel length, country of manufacturer, action type and serial number. Also please specify if there are any additional barrels and their individual markings as well.

The FFL from the store the firearm was either purchased or shipped from.

ASG handles the import paperwork, export paperwork, licenses, de-registering of the firearm, brokerage fees along with duties, and border crossing.

From start to finish the paperwork process takes between 2-4 weeks depending on the workload of the different government agencies. You can either pick up your firearm or have it shipped to you from their Niagara Falls location.

Pricing can be obtained by anyone interested calling them for details. Their prices include Taxes, Brokerage fees, border crossing, licenses and Certifications, Storage. If the firearm is not made in North America there is an additional duty charge. There are not any other hidden fees or charges. We make it easy for you our customer.

What happens if you wish to export a firearm from Canada to sell it in the States? (Keep in mind that your ATF Form 6 permits you to "temporarily" import firearms that are identified on your form into the USA but when you return to Canada, the firearm comes back to Canada with you.)

Roger and Ethan can help you here as well. This is what they tell me:

For a Firearm being shipped to the USA and permanently staying in the U.S. their prices have to be quoted on an individual basis.

Firearms that will be temporarily shipped out of country and returned to Canada for Service or modifications will also have to be quoted on an individual basis.

The US Government has been changing Government Departments since the end of 2018, and these regulated agencies are dividing up and making changes for firearm rulings. Thus no defined price can be given at this time.

Please call us toll free for any further pricing or questions toll free at 877 453 2164.

Paul's Notes:

The author has not independently verified the veracity of the information provided by Roger and Ethan. Readers will have to satisfy themselves.

Perhaps this year when you attend major competitions in the USA you can be more than a window shopper when you visit our many firearms vendors at "vendors row". Hope this helps you.

By the way, if there any other importers/exporters that want to explain their services for bringing firearms into or out of Canada/USA, give me details please and I will be pleased to provide this to our Ontario (and Canadian) shooters.

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