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RE: Stag-15 Rifle with Magazine Lock

This is in response to your request regarding the legality of importing a Stag Arms Model 2 Rifle caliber .223 into California.

California Penal Code (PC) section 12280(a)(1) restricts the importation, transport, or offer or expose for sale any "assault weapon" in California. California law defines the term "assault weapon" in several different ways. Firearms that are listed in PC section 12276, identified as "series" weapons in 12276.5, or described in PC section 12276.1(a) are assault weapons and are illegal to possess in California. In addition, PC section 12020(a)(2) goes into detail and defines a high capacity magazine and PC section 12021.5(c)(1) goes into detail and defines a detachable magazine.

If you determine that the firearm in question is not listed in the Penal Code, does not meet any of the generic definitions of an assault weapon set forth in PC section 12276.1 and does not meet the large capacity or detachable magazine restrictions and exemptions, and is otherwise a lawful firearm, you may lawfully possess it as you would any other lawful firearm in California.

I hope this information has been helpful to you. The California DOJ cannot provide more specific legal advise. If you have additional specific questions, you are urged to contact an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Milami", written over a faint circular stamp.

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