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Re: Importation of Stag-15 Lower Receiver into California

Dear Ms. Sitar:

I am writing in response to your inquiry about whether it is legal to send a Stag-15 lower receiver to California.

The Stag-15 is not listed as a Category One assault rifle in California Penal Code 12276. Although technically the receiver is legal to purchase and possess in California at this time (assuming it does not have the characteristics listed in Penal Code section 12276.1(a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(3)), you should be aware that the Stag-15 lower receiver is virtually identical to rifles that are now listed as assault weapons by the Department. It will be added shortly to the DOJ Assault Weapons Identification Guide and will soon be classified as an assault weapon.

Also, please realize that this opinion is not conclusive about the legality of the firearm. A local prosecutor in one of California's 58 counties could decide to prosecute you, or the gun dealer who orders the Stag-15 for illegal importation of an assault weapon, regardless of this letter.

I hope this information was helpful. Please feel free to write to me again if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alison Merrilees".

ALISON MERRILEES  
Deputy Attorney General

For **BILL LOCKYER**  
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