

Chapter 13.6

Regulations for Olympic Pistol Exemptions

§994 Exemption of Olympic Pistols.

- (a) The following definitions shall apply to the regulations contained in this chapter:
- (1) “USA Shooting or its successor” means the organization that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the national governing body for international shooting competition in the United States.
 - (2) “DOJ” means the California Department of Justice.
 - (3) “New model” means a model not previously listed on the roster of Olympic pistols exempted pursuant to this section.
 - (4) “Olympic pistol” means a handgun that is all of the following:
 - (A) Is sanctioned for use in Olympic target shooting events by the International Olympic Committee.
 - (B) Is sanctioned for use in Olympic target shooting events by USA Shooting, or its successor.
 - (C) Is used for Olympic target shooting purposes.
 - (D) Falls within the Penal Code section 12126 definition of “unsafe handgun” and/or the Penal Code section 12276.1 definition of “assault weapon.”
- (b) (1) DOJ shall exempt new models of Olympic pistols from the “assault weapon” definition in Penal Code section 12276.1 and/or the “unsafe handgun” provisions of Chapter 1.3 of Title 2 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, commencing with Section 12125.
- (2) DOJ shall base its exemptions on recommendations made by USA Shooting or its successor. Recommendations must meet all of the following requirements:
- (A) The recommendation must be in the form of a notarized statement signed and dated by the current chief executive officer of USA Shooting or its successor.
 - (B) The recommendation must specify the make, model, and caliber of the pistol(s).
 - (C) The recommendation must include a statement that the pistol(s) is sanctioned by USA Shooting or its successor for use in Olympic target shooting competition.
 - (D) The recommendation must include a statement that the pistol(s) is used for Olympic target shooting purposes.
- (c) DOJ shall maintain a roster of Olympic pistols exempted pursuant to this section.

Authority cited: Sections 12132 and 12276.1, Penal Code.

Reference: Sections 12125, 12126, 12127, 12128, 12129, 12130, 12131, 12131.5, 12132, 12133, and 12276.1, Penal Code.