



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20226

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Ms. Rita DeSimone  
Bushmaster Firearms, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1479  
999 Roosevelt Trail #3  
Windham, Maine 04062

Dear Ms. DeSimone:

This refers to your letters dated December 7, 2001, and January 25, 2002, regarding markings on certain Bushmaster Model M17S rifles that have been returned to Bushmaster Firearms for repair.

The Model M17S rifle meets the definition of a semiautomatic assault weapon as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(30)(B). Section 922(v) of 18 U.S.C. provides that it shall be unlawful for a person to manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon; however, the prohibition shall not apply to the possession or transfer of any semiautomatic assault weapon otherwise lawfully possessed under Federal law on the date of the enactment of this subsection, September 13, 1994.

You inquired about the repair of M17S rifles that were lawfully possessed prior to the date of enactment. The receivers for these rifles are defective and require replacement. Due to the particular design and construction of the rifles, it is not feasible to mark the replacement receivers with the same serial number as the defective receiver. Since the repaired firearms would bear a different serial number, you requested a marking variance in accordance with the provisions of Title 27 CFR, Part 178, § 178.92.

Based on the information provided, we find that your request is reasonable and will not hinder effective administration of 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 and the regulations in 27 CFR Part 178. Therefore, Bushmaster Firearms, Inc., is hereby authorized to replace the defective receivers bearing the following serial numbers with new receivers bearing the serial numbers indicated below:

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3-13-02



Ms. Rita DeSimone

P00957 replaced with P07694  
P01229 replaced with P07722  
P01514 replaced with P07743  
P00961 replaced with P07778

The rifles bearing the above serial numbers are considered to have been lawfully possessed prior to September 13, 1994, and are not subject to the prohibition in 18 U.S.C. § 922(v). The defective receivers must be destroyed. This determination applies solely to the firearms bearing the above-described serial numbers. Any additional firearms requiring replacement receivers may be covered under a separate authorization. Please ensure that your manufacturing and disposition records accurately reflect the above serial number changes.

We trust that the foregoing has been responsive to your inquiry. If you have further questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,



Gary L. Thomas  
Chief, Firearms Programs Division



# INVOICE

DATE	INVOICE NUMBER
04/04/02	365498
DATE	ORDER NUMBER
DATE	PICKING SLIP NO.

CUSTOMER NO.	PAGE
279966	1

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**SOLD TO:**

**SHIP TO:**

SHIP TO	DEPARTMENT	PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	SHIP VIA	PPD/ COLL	TERMS	DUE DATE
279966				ppd	MC / VISA	04/04/02

SALES REP						
KEO	4622	0295	2530	8895	0402	ATF VARIANCE UTR 00 FILE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION					
SHIPPED	BACKORDERED	UOM	LIST PRICE	NET PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	
repair	1	0 each	100.00	100.00	100.00	
					COMPLETE UPGRADE ON BULLPUP RIFLE REPAIR TAG #V 670558	
m17s low rec ass	-1	0 each	89.95	89.95	-89.95	
					EXCHANGED	

Serial Number Information:

P01514

m17s low rec ass	1	0 each	89.95	89.95	89.95	
					INSTALLED TEST FIRED OK	

Serial Number Information:

P07743

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**TOTAL**





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04/04/02	365498
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279960				ppd	MC / VISA	04/04/02

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION				
SHIPPED	BACKORDERED	UOM	LIST PRICE	NET PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE

Total Gross	100.00
ADDITIONAL CHARGES	
Shipping/Handling/Insurance	15.00

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# INVOICE

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DATE	ORDER NUMBER
12/26/01	290057
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279960				ppd	PRCPAID	04/04/02

SALES REP
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ITEM	DESCRIPTION				
SHIPPED	BACKORDERED	UOM	LIST PRICE	NET PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE

repair-sn	Repair Order for S/N item				
1	0 each		0.00	0.00	0.00

Serial Number Information:  
P01514

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TOTAL	0.00
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