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Thanks for your email.

The following advice given by the Forensic Science Service states that barrel blanks are plain lengths of steel, which have an external diameter greater than that of the finished barrel. In order to be turned into barrels the following processes must be conducted:

- (i) Cut to appropriate length
- (ii) Turn down exterior design profile
- (iii) Cut male thread in exterior of breech end to allow fitting to a receiver
- (iv) Cut a chamber in the breech end to allow the introduction of a cartridge of the intended design use.

The policy relating to barrel blanks is to treat such items of machining stock as partially – factored material which at this stage does not constitute component parts of a firearm or prohibited weapon.

If however the process (iv) is completed, even in the absence of all other operations, as this constitutes the most critical process of conversion it would be subject to control under the Firearms Act 1968, as amended

Provided that the barrel blanks have not been chambered, I can confirm that they do **not** require a specific import licence.

Regards

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