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Dear **(b) (6)**

This refers to an item submitted with correspondence dated October 23, 2014 to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Firearms Technology Industry Services Branch (FTISB). The item is described in your correspondence as a forearm stabilizing brace for GLOCK type pistols (also see attached photo).

The Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(7), defines the term **"rifle"** as follows:

"(7) The term "rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of an explosive to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger."

27 CFR § 479.11 Meaning of terms:

Pistol. A weapon originally designed, made, and intended to fire a projectile (bullet) from one or more barrels when held in one hand, and having (a) a chamber(s) as an integral part(s) of, or permanently aligned with, the bore(s); and (b) a short stock designed to be gripped by one hand and at an angle to and extending below the line of the bore(s).

The National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a), defines the term **"firearm"**, in part, as follows:
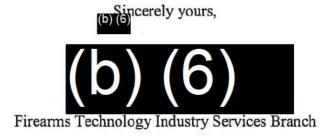
"...(3) a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16 inches in length;..."

Additionally, as noted above the term "rifle" includes a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder. FTISB finds the device submitted to be a shoulder stock which has been modified to also be used in firing from the forearm. This additional use does not negate it from being a shoulder stock.

Thus, attaching this stock to a pistol with a barrel of less than 16 inches in overall length, would constitute manufacturing a short barreled rifle.

We thank you for your inquiry and trust the foregoing has been responsive.

Sincerely yours,

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Submitted item: