



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-03149**

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PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY ARIF VIRANI**

Response by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Certain imported goods

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

On November, 16, 2017, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) [AP-2017-012] made an order confirming that five Kershaw Skyline Model 1760 folding knives were found to be prohibited weapons pursuant to the definition of "prohibited weapon" in the *Criminal Code* in that they each have a blade that "opens automatically by gravity or centrifugal force or by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife." The CITT is an independent, quasi-judicial body that operates at arm's length from the Government of Canada.

The decision confirms an earlier decision made by the Canada Border Services Agency which found that such knives are prohibited weapons and are, therefore, prohibited from importation into Canada pursuant to subsection 136(1) of the *Customs Tariff*.

Weapons that are determined to be prohibited are done so for public safety reasons. The Government of Canada has no plans at this time to amend the definition of "prohibited weapon" at subsection 84(1) of the *Criminal Code* to enable the possession of folding knives, including Kershaw Skyline Model 1760 folding knives.