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WHY IS THE RCMP APPROVING THE SALE OF NEW ASSAULT WEAPONS?

Despite repeated warnings by the RCMP regarding the [risk to public safety](#) resulting from the availability of assault weapons, despite recent tragedies committed with [legal](#) assault weapons ([murders of three Moncton RCMP officers, shooting on the PQ election night party, shooting at a Quebec mosque according to some media reports](#)) and despite the Liberal government having promised to “[take action to get handguns and assault weapons off our streets](#)”, the RCMP has recently approved the sale of three new models of assault weapons (two that are qualified as “submachine guns” by their manufacturers), according to reports from Canadian gun suppliers and various gun enthusiasts.

What possible reason is there for ordinary civilians to own weapons designed to kill people? Why is the Liberal government allowing new models of assault weapons onto the Canadian market after they promised to reign in their availability?

Indeed, a member of the Liberal cabinet stated not so long ago that [there's no reason semi-automatic rifles like the one used to slaughter 20 young schoolchildren in Connecticut should be available in Canada](#) (referring to the AR-15, which is one of many models of assault weapons that are [legal in Canada](#)) suggesting the aim should be “putting them out of circulation, not allowing them to be used.”



GUNS RECENTLY APPROVED FOR SALE IN CANADA BY THE RCMP:

1) K&M Arms M17SC:

According to a Canadian gun supplier, this weapon has been approved by the RCMP as a non-restricted firearm.



- 2) **CZ-Scorpion EVO**: Calling it as a “**submachine gun**”, the manufacturer describes the CZ SCORPION EVO 3 S1 as “a multi-purpose, lightweight personal handgun (...) The standard version is equipped with a folding shoulder stock. (...) Thanks to its lightweight and small size, the gun is suitable for concealed carry and for use in narrow spaces. The gun is supplied with polymer double-column magazines, which feature a double-column mouth and a capacity of 20 cartridges. (...) On customer request, the gun can be supplied with various accessories, such as a silencer, several types of torches with attachment clamps, laser pointers, tactical grips”. According to a Canadian firearm distributor, this weapon has been approved as a restricted firearm.

CZ SCORPION EVO 3 S1



- Ad from a Canadian distributor:
https://www.wolverinesupplies.com/ProductDetail/CZ1SCORPIONEVO3S1_CZ-Scorpion-EVO-3-S1-Pistol-9mm-7--CHF-Threaded-Semi-Auto-Polymer-Frame-Black-
- Gun blogs about its approval:
<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/04/06/cz-scorpion-evo-approved-by-rcmp-as-restricted-5-round-firearm/>
<https://canadianfirearmsblog.ca/cz-scorpion-evo-3-s1-carbine-pistol-approved-restricted-firearms/>
- Manufacturer’s web site:
http://www.czub.cz/en/produkty/samopaly/cz-scorpion-evo-3-s1.html?__from_store=cz

- 3) **SIG Sauer MPX** : According to the manufacturer, the SIG MPX “redefines the **submachine gun** category”, touting its “unconventional design, unmatched performance, and familiar AR handling”. (A [Sig distributor](#) added: “A non-restricted version is possible in the future but only in the planning stages at this stage of the game.”) According to a Canadian firearm distributor, this weapon has been approved as a restricted firearm.

SIG SAUER MPX



- Ad from a Canadian distributor:
https://www.wolverinesupplies.com/ProductDetail/SIGMPX8B9KMSBR_Sig-Sauer-MPX-9mm-8--PDW-Semi-Auto--Aluminum-Keymod-Handguard-Folding-Sights-Collapsible-Black-
- Gun blogs about its approval:
<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/03/31/sig-sauer-mpx-approved-by-rcmp-as-5-round-restricted-carbine/>
<https://canadianfirearmsblog.ca/sig-sauer-mpx-gets-approved-classified-as-restricted/>
- Manufacturer’s web site:
<https://www.sigsauer.com/store/sig-mpx-sbr.html>

DEFINITION OF ASSAULT WEAPONS:

Canadian law defines restricted and prohibited weapons through a [series of criteria](#). It does not specifically define “assault weapons”, although the term is commonly defined by a set of specific criteria by other jurisdictions. For example, [according to the ATF \(see page 1\)](#), any of the following “military configuration features” (other than the ability to accept a detachable magazine) distinguishes them from traditional sporting rifles: ability to accept a detachable magazine, folding/telescoping stocks, separate pistol grips, ability to accept a bayonet, flash suppressors, bipods, grenade launchers, and night sights. More recently, the [US Appeal’s court upheld](#) Maryland’s ban on assault weapons as defined by “all center-fired semiautomatic rifles that can accept detachable magazines and have two or more features like a flash suppressor or a pistol grip”.

So even if some features or accessories are prohibited in Canada, the fact that a weapon can accommodate them constitutes a “military configuration” and contributes to the risk to public safety. In fact, the RCMP has found that [circumventing bans or restrictions on magazines and firing mechanisms](#) is common.