

Precursor chemical export and import authorisation

Licences issued pursuant to EC Regulation 111/2005 (as amended by The Law Enforcement and Security (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 [GB only])

With effect from 1 January 2021 GB- Northern Ireland and GB- EU Member State trade (and vice versa in both cases) is subject to the requirements in this table. All applications for GB- NI and NI-GB trade must be made to the Home Office. Both importer and exporter must separately apply for a licence, where needed, according to this table

Exporting

Pre-Export Notifications (PEN) required (allow at least 17 working days processing time) for export to:

Importing

Individual consignment authorisation required for imports from:

All countries

Authorisation not required

Table 1 UN (Vienna) 1988 Convention

Table 2 UN (Vienna)

Category 1 Drug Precursor Chemicals-All substances

Category 2A-Drug Precursor Chemicals

All substances

Category 2B Drug Precursor Chemicals

Phenylacetic Acid
Potassium Permanganate

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Anthranilic Acid Piperidine

All Countries

Individual consignment authorisation required for

exports to:

All countries, with the following exceptions;
Northern Ireland, EU Member States, China (Anthranilic Acid only),Indonesia
(Anthranilic Acid only), South Africa (Anthranilic Acid only), Thailand
(Anthranilic Acid only), USA (Piperidine only),

Category 3 Drug Precursor Chemicals

Acetone Ethyl Ether

Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)

Toluene

Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Venezuela

Afghanistan, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,

Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon,

All Counties

Category 3 Drug Precursor Chemicals

Hydrochloric Acid Sulphuric Acid Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Russian Federation, Turkey and Venezuela

Category 4 Drug Precursor Chemical Preparations

Ephedrine (Medicinal preparations)

Pseudoephedrine (Medicinal preparations)

All Countries

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