



Department for  
International Trade

# Open General Export Licence

## Information Security Items

**This licence is no longer available for registration but remains available for users who registered before 05 December 2019.**

December 2020

## **Open General Export Licence (Information Security Items)**

dated 31 December 2020, granted by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State hereby grants the following Open General Export Licence under article 26(4) of the Export Control Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3231, as amended) and Article 9(2) and (4) of,—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales and Scotland, Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items (EUR 2009/428, as amended).
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items (OJ No. L 134, 29.5.2009, p. 1, as amended) as it has effect by virtue of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in the EU withdrawal agreement.

In this licence where there is reference to “the Regulation”, in respect of items located in England, Wales or Scotland it means (a) above and in respect of items located in Northern Ireland it means (b) above.

### *Licence*

1. Subject to the following provisions of this Licence, any UNCLASSIFIED items specified in Schedule 1 hereto, may be exported from the United Kingdom, by any person established in the United Kingdom, to any destination except a destination in a country specified in Schedule 2.

### *Exclusions*

2. This Licence does not authorise the export of items:
  - (1) to any military or government end user including organisations acting on their behalf; or

- (2) if you have been informed by the Secretary of State that the items in question are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part
- (a) for use in connection with the development, production, handling, operation, maintenance, storage, detection, identification or dissemination of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, or other nuclear explosive devices or the development, production, maintenance or storage of missiles capable of delivering such weapons; or
  - (a) for a military end use and the purchasing country or country of destination is subject to an arms embargo imposed through its listing as an embargoed destination in Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 4 to the Export Control Order 2008 as amended from time to time, or by a decision of the OSCE or an arms embargo imposed by a binding resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations, and additionally in the case of goods being exported from NI an arms embargo imposed by a decision or a common position adopted by the Council of the European Union', or
  - (b) for use as parts or components of military items listed in Schedule 2 to the Export Control Order 2008 that have been exported from the United Kingdom without authorisation or in violation of an authorisation.
- (3) if you are aware that the items in question are intended, in their entirety or in part, for any of the uses referred to in sub-paragraph (2); or
- (4) if you have grounds for suspecting that the items in question are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for any of the uses referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(a), unless you have made all

reasonable enquiries as to their proposed use and are satisfied that the items will not be so used; or

- (5) to a destination within a Customs Free Zone; or
- (6) if their export is controlled by virtue of any entry in Annex I to the Regulation not specified in Schedule 1; or
- (7) where you have, at the time of export, been served with a notice which suspends or revokes your ability to use this Licence pursuant to article 32(1) of the Order, unless the period of suspension or revocation has expired.

### *Conditions and Requirements*

3. The authorisation in paragraph 1 is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Before using this licence, you must register through the Department for International Trade's digital licensing system, 'SPIRE' ([www.spire.trade.gov.uk](http://www.spire.trade.gov.uk)), stating where you will keep records of the exports or transfers and where the DIT may inspect them.

(2) For physical exports of goods, software or "technology", official and commercial export documentation accompanying the items shall include a note stating either:

- (a) "These items are being exported under the OGEL (Information Security Items)"; or
- (b) your SPIRE licence reference (in the form 'GBOGE 20XX/XXXXX'),

which shall be presented to an officer of HM Border Force if so requested.

(3) Where you have received a warning letter sent on behalf of the

Secretary of State which identifies failure to comply with this Licence or a provision of applicable export control legislation, you shall take such steps as are identified in that warning letter (within the timescale stated) in order to restore compliance with the Licence. Without prejudice to article 34 of the Order, failure to comply with this condition may result in this Licence being revoked or suspended until you can show compliance to the satisfaction of the DIT. You will be notified in writing of any such suspension or revocation and the initial period of such suspension or revocation. Where at the end of this initial period, you have not shown compliance to the satisfaction of the DIT, the period of suspension or revocation may be extended. You will be notified of such an extension in writing.

(4) The Secretary of State has the power to vary or withdraw export licences at any time. If you do not use this licence within any 24-month period for an export allowed by this licence, your entitlement to use it will **automatically run out** at the end of that 24-month period and your registration details will be removed from SPIRE. However, you can register for this licence again if you want to use it after your registration has ended.

(5) You must comply with the Technical Data and Additional Reporting requirements described in this section.

(1) **Prior to the first export of each item**, you must submit technical data in accordance with the procedure described below. You must also submit technical data prior to the first export of a previously reported item where any of the requested Technical Specifications have changed.

#### Technical Data

Complete the [downloadable form](#). Save in .csv file format with filename convention <YYYYMMDD\_Exporter>. Email to [export.returns@ncsc.gov.uk](mailto:export.returns@ncsc.gov.uk).

For each product, provide the following information: -

- (a) SPIRE licence reference
- (b) Manufacturer
- (c) Product Name
- (d) Model/Series/Part Number
- (e) Version number if applicable
- (f) Item Description - a brief general description of the item such as might be contained in a product brochure.
- (g) Technical Specifications including:
  - (1) For all uses of encryption (this includes, but is not limited to, management, wireless communications, storage, usage of encryption from open source libraries), either:
    - (a) List the relevant encryption algorithms, including key lengths, (e.g. RSA-1024, AES-128-GCM); or
    - (b) List the relevant standards to which the product conforms (e.g. TLS 1.2, Wi-Fi, 2G/3G/4G GSM, Bluetooth); or
    - (c) List the software libraries and their versions that are used to implement the cryptography within the product (e.g. OpenSSL 1.1.1, Microsoft CryptoAPI version XX)
  - (2) Where available, a list of any protocols to which the item adheres; and
  - (3) Where applicable, details of programming interfaces that can be used to gain access to the cryptographic functionality of the item
- (h) Export Control classification. Indicate if self-assessed, obtained from a non-UK export control authority or if obtained via a UK licence application, please provide the SPIRE reference.

(i) Any other relevant information

For families of products where all the information described is identical except for the model/series/part number, you may list and describe these products using an appropriate model/series/part number identifier (e.g. '100', '1xx' or '300', '3xx'), provided each line corresponds to a single product series (or product type) within an overall product family. You will need a line for the '100' series and another line for the '300' series if you exported both, even if all other required information is the same.

Please be aware that you may be contacted to provide further information to provide clarity on the submitted technical data.

(2) Additional Reporting

If you register for this OGEL between 1st January and 30th June, the additional reporting is due no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July of the year you register, and due by 31<sup>st</sup> July each year thereafter. Enter a quantity of zero where you did not export the listed product during this time period.

If you register for this OGEL between 1st July and 31st December, the additional reporting is due no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January of the following year from which you register, and due by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year thereafter. Enter a quantity of zero where you did not export the listed product during this time period.

For each product, provide the following information: -

(j) Date of Export

(k) Quantity Exported – enter zero if no exports occurred

- (l) Name and address of end user
- (m) Destination country of end user
- (n) Name and address of consignee (if different)
- (o) Destination country of consignee (if different)
- (p) Intended end use

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*Prohibitions not affected by this Licence*

- 4 Nothing in this Licence affects any prohibition or restriction on the export of any items other than under the Regulation or Order, and this licence does not confer any licence or permission under, or for the purposes of, any enactment other than the Regulation and the Order.

*Interpretation*

- 5 For the purpose of this Licence:
  - (1) "Customs Free Zone" means a part of the territory of a country where any goods introduced are generally regarded, insofar as import duties and taxes are concerned, as being outside the customs territory of that country, and are not subject to the customs controls that would otherwise apply;
  - (2) "entry" includes part of an entry; and
  - (3) unless the context otherwise requires, any other expression used in this Licence has the same meaning as in the Regulation or the Order as appropriate.



- (4) by default, the scope of this licence is only for items that are not considered to be security graded OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE or above (or RESTRICTED or above for UK items graded prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014, or international equivalents). If your items are graded OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE or above, you will have been informed by a competent government authority and you cannot use this licence.

*Entry into Force*

6. This licence comes into force at 23:00 on 31 December 2020.
7. The Open General Export Licence Information Security Items dated 04 August 2020 is hereby revoked.

**An Official of the Department for  
International Trade authorised  
to act on behalf of the Secretary of State**

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **ITEMS CONCERNED**

All items specified in this Schedule must only use : -

- Standard encryption algorithms that have been approved or adopted by recognised international standards bodies (e.g. 3GPP, ETSI, GSMA, IEEE, IETF, ISO, ITU, TIA); and
- Any cryptographic functionality used by the item cannot be easily changed by the user

1. Items in entry 5A002 of Annex I to the Regulation, as follows:

a. Networking systems and equipment, as follows:

1. WAN<sup>3</sup>, MAN<sup>4</sup>, VPN<sup>5</sup>, backhaul and long-haul systems and equipment, having aggregate encrypted throughput (including communications through wireless network elements such as gateways, mobile switches, and controllers) less than 250 Mbps;
2. Satellite infrastructure supporting transmission over satellite at data rates not exceeding 10 Mbps;
3. Media gateways and other Unified Communications infrastructure (excluding Public Safety Radio), designed for commercial or industrial networks, including VoIP<sup>6</sup> services, supporting media (voice/video/data) encryption or encrypted signalling to fewer than 2,500 endpoints, including centralised key management therefor;
4. Terrestrial wireless infrastructure (excluding Public Safety Radio), as follows:

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<sup>3</sup> Wide Area Network

<sup>4</sup> Metropolitan Area Network

<sup>5</sup> Virtual Private Network

<sup>6</sup> Voice over Internet Protocol

- a. Having air interface coverage (e.g., through base stations, access points to mesh networks, and bridges) not exceeding 1,000 metres or
- b. Meeting all of the following:
1. Maximum transmission data rates at operating ranges greater than 1,000 metres not exceeding 10 Mbps; and
  2. Maximum number of concurrent full-duplex voice channels not exceeding 30;
- b. Chips, chipsets, modules and electronic assemblies, not having "information security" as a primary function, designed for items specified in 1.a. above.
- c. Development kits and toolkits designed for items specified elsewhere in this Schedule.
2. Items in entry 5D002a of Annex I to the Regulation, as follows:
- a. "Software" specially designed or modified for the "development", "production" or "use" of equipment specified in 1. above, or "software" specified in 3. below;
3. Items in entry 5D002c of Annex I to the Regulation, as follows:
- a. "Software" having the characteristics of, or performing or simulating the functions of equipment specified in 1.a. or 1.c. above.
4. Items in entry 5E002 of Annex I to the Regulation, as follows:
- a. "Technology" for the "use" of items specified elsewhere in this Schedule.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **DESTINATIONS CONCERNED**

**This export authorisation is valid for exports to all destinations other than in:**

- Afghanistan, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Central African Republic, China (including Macao Special Administrative Region), Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Myanmar (Burma), North Korea, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, UAE, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.
- European Union Member States as follows: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

#### **NOTE 1:**

For exports from England, Wales or Scotland the Open General Export Licence (export of dual-use items to EU member states) permits exports of the items on this licence to EU member States and The Channel Islands.

For exports from Northern Ireland an export licence is NOT required for dual-use goods being exported to EU destinations BUT you must state on export documents that your items require a licence if exported outside the EU and you must keep records (as specified in Articles 22(8) and 22 (10) of the EU Dual Use Regulation).

#### **NOTE 2:**

Exports of items from England, Wales or Scotland covered by this licence may be made under the authority of the General Export Authorisation (GEA 001), subject to certain conditions and restrictions, to the following destinations:

Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland (including Liechtenstein), USA.

Exports of items from Northern Ireland covered by this licence may be made under the authority of the European Union General Export Authorisation (EU GEA 001), subject to certain conditions and restrictions, to the following destinations:

Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland (including Liechtenstein), USA, United Kingdom.

Revoked 26 May 2021

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the licence)

1. This Open General Export Licence has been revised to take into account changes in legislation following the end of the transition period.
2. This Open General Export Licence permits, without further authority but subject to certain conditions, the export from the United Kingdom to any destination other than one listed in Schedule 2 to the licence of items specified in Schedule 1 to the licence.
3. The Export Control Order 2008 (“the Order”) contains certain registration and record keeping requirements which apply to persons using this licence.
  - (a) Under Article 28 of the Order, an exporter who exports items under the authority of this licence must, before or within 30 days after the first occasion he makes use of the licence, provide details to the Secretary of State of his name and the address where copies of the records referred to above may be inspected. This notification must be made via DIT’s digital licensing system, SPIRE, at [www.spire.trade.gov.uk](http://www.spire.trade.gov.uk)
  - (b) Under Article 29 of the Order, any person established in the United Kingdom who exports items from the United Kingdom under the authority of this licence must maintain and retain certain records relating to each such export for at least three years from the end of the calendar year in which the export takes place, and must permit such records to be inspected and copied by any person authorised by the Secretary of State.
4. Persons who registered to use previous versions of this licence do not need to re-register. Registrations are carried over to the current in force version of this licence.
5. The Secretary of State has the power to suspend or revoke licences at any time and in such circumstances and on such terms as he/she thinks fit. If an exporter receives written notice to this effect, he will be prevented from relying on this licence. The power to suspend may be used in addition to criminal prosecution or as an alternative. Suspension may occur for example where an exporter is being investigated or prosecuted in relation to a possible criminal offence or has been found guilty of a criminal offence under the export control legislation. It may also be used in situations where an exporter has breached the conditions of the licence and failed to take corrective action within a reasonable period (see condition 3(3)).

6. Where DIT identifies failures in compliance with licence conditions or the legislation during a compliance visit DIT may send a warning letter to the exporter listing the improvements that need to be made to ensure compliance. The letter will set out the timeframe within which these improvements must be completed. Failure to complete these improvements may lead to the exporter's ability to use the licence being suspended.
7. The exporter may apply for Standard Individual Export Licences during the period of suspension. Suspension will not automatically prevent him from using another OGEL so long as he meets all its terms and conditions and that he has not received a letter suspending or revoking his ability to use that licence.

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