

Export of objects of cultural interest figures for 2011-12

Table 1 - Secretary of State's Operation of the Control table as required by Section 10 (1)(a) of the Export Control Act 2002

		1 May 2010 – 30 April 2011	1 May 2011 – 30 April 2012
(a)	Number of applications for individual export licences ¹	11,134	11,615
(b)	Number of above applications which were for manuscripts, documents or archives	1,679	1,444
(c)	Number of items licensed after reference to expert advisers	19,686	33,236
(d)	Total value of items in (c)	£1,487,129,756	£1,970,115,511
(e)	Number of Open Individual Export Licences in operation having been issued in previous years to regular exporters for the export of (i) manuscripts, documents, archives and photographic positives and negatives; (ii) objects imported into the UK in the past 50 years; (iii) UK origin coins; (iv) the temporary export of a Rolls Royce; (v) the temporary export of objects in soil samples from archaeological sites in Northern Ireland; (vi) the temporary export of objects owned or under the control of national institutions or institutions holding designated collections.	67	68
(f)	Number of items licensed after the Export Licensing Unit was satisfied of import into the UK within the past 50 years	13,493*	13,002
(g)	Total value of items in (f)	£8,546,102,829	£7,870,416,556
(h)	Number of items in (f) which were manuscripts, documents or archives	1,671	1,256
(i)	Total value of items in (h)	£60,645,287	£72,137,155
(j)	Number of items given an EU licence without reference to the question of national importance because they were either: valued at below the appropriate UK monetary limit ² ; owned by a museum or gallery that had an Open Individual Export Licence (OIEL); manuscripts valued at £1,500 or less or coins valued at £500 or less and the exporter held a valid OIEL; musical instruments exported for less than three months for use in the course of work by a professional musician; a motor vehicle exported for less than three months for social, domestic or pleasure purposes; a foreign registered motor vehicle exported following importation for less than three months for pleasure purposes; imported into the UK in the last 50 years and were being exported on a temporary basis.	3,359	4,108
(k)	Total value of items in (j)	£2,360,899,205	£1,993,935,304

¹ One application may cover several items.

² In some cases, an EU export licence may be required to export items that are valued below the relevant UK monetary limit. In such cases, an EU licence will normally be given without referring the licence application to the expert adviser on the question of national importance.

*This was previously reported as 32,802 in the 2010-11 report. This was an error and should be 13,493.

