



Ministry
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MOD FORM 680

Quick Guide

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What is a MOD Form 680?

The MOD Form 680 procedure is the means by which HMG assesses the release of defence-related equipment or information (including technology and software) by all companies to foreign entities with a classification of OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE or above (including UK material classified RESTRICTED or above, graded prior to 2nd April 2014), and internationally security classified material in order to protect UK foreign and security policy interests

It is a security procedure and does NOT constitute an indication or guarantee that an export licence would be granted from the Department for International Trade.

Who needs a MOD Form 680?

Anyone who intends to:

release information and equipment classified at OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE and above or release internationally security classified material to any foreign entity in the UK or overseas

demonstrate equipment classified at OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE and above or release internationally security classified material to any foreign entity in the UK or overseas

All companies must have an MOD Form 680 approval in place before they release either equipment or information about equipment with a classification of OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE or above, and internationally security classified material to any foreign entity overseas or demonstrate it to them in the UK.

What happens if I do not know the classification of my product?

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/private-venture-pv-grading-and-exhibition-clearance-information-sheets>

What activity is covered by a MOD Form 680?

The categories of MOD Form 680 approval are:

- Market Survey
- Promotion
- Demonstration Overseas
- Demonstration in the UK
- Evaluation of Software (in connection with relevant Open General Licences only)
- Supply
- Local Assembly
- Local Manufacture

How is a MOD Form 680 assessed?

MOD Form 680 applications are assessed against the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/assessment-of-export-licence-applications-criteria-and-policy>

How do I apply?

MOD Form 680 applications should be made to the Ministry of Defence Team in the Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU), via the SPIRE portal here:

<https://www.spire.trade.gov.uk/spire/fox/espire/LOGIN/login>

How long does it take to assess an application?

The Government aims to respond to the majority of applications within 30 working days.

What happens if the Government has questions regarding my application?

The MOD team in the ECJU will issue a Request for Information request to the applicant via SPIRE.

What if I require a MOD Form 680 response quickly?

Applicants may request that their MOD Form 680 application is processed more quickly than the target processing time. They should give an explanation as to the reason for the urgency. However, there is no guarantee that an outcome can be given in a shorter timescale.

Where can I obtain more information?

The complete MOD Form 680 procedure guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-form-680-procedure-guidance>

Is there someone I can contact?

The Ministry of Defence Team in the ECJU can be contacted by e-mail:

ECJU-MODTeam@mod.gov.uk