



Ivory Act - Question Card

What is the Ivory Act?

From 6th June 2022 it has been illegal to deal in items made of or containing elephant ivory, regardless of their age, unless they meet one of the specific exemption criteria. It is one of the toughest bans on elephant ivory sales in the world, with some of the strongest enforcement provisions.

Can I still own ivory?

Yes, you can still keep it or display it for your personal use, give it away as a gift or leave it to someone in your will. You can also lend it to someone, provided that no payment, exchange, or barter is involved

What items are exempt?

There are five narrow and carefully defined exemptions for: portrait miniatures, musical instruments, items with low ivory content, sales to qualifying museums and rare / important items. For more information visit: gov.uk/ivory-act or you can email your enquiry to Animal and Plant Health Agency: ivoryact@apha.gov.uk

What happens if I break the law?

If you break the law, you could be fined up to £250,000 or risk up to 5 years' imprisonment.

How do I find out if my item contains ivory?

If you're uncertain about whether your item contains ivory you may need to get an expert to check it for you, such as an antiques dealer or auctioneer that specialises in ivory.