



Department for
Business & Trade

Open General Transhipment Licence

Sporting Guns

January 2024

Open General Transshipment Licence (Sporting Guns) dated 19 January 2024 granted by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by Article 2 and 5(1) of the Import of Goods (Control) Order 1954¹ (the Imports Order), and now vested in him², and of his powers under Articles 26 of the Export Control Order 2008³ (the Exports Order) hereby grants the following Open General Transshipment Licence.

Interpretation

1. In this licence, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (1) "the holder" has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 4(1);
 - (2) "importation" and "exportation" mean respectively importation into and exportation from the United Kingdom;
 - (3) "transshipment" means transit through the United Kingdom or transshipment of imported goods with a view to their re-exportation, whether or not they remain on board an aircraft or ship for the period that they remain in the United Kingdom; and
 - (4) any other expression used in this licence shall have the meaning it bears in the Export Control Act 2002⁴ or in the Exports Order.

Importation of goods with a view to transshipment and subsequent exportation

2. Subject to the following provisions of this licence, goods specified in Schedule 1 may be imported for transshipment and subsequently exported to any destination except a destination in any country specified in Schedule 2.

Limitations of licence

3. Nothing in this licence shall authorise the importation of goods the exportation of which is not authorised by this licence.

¹ S.I. 1954/23; as amended

² See S.I. 1970/1537

³ S.I. 2008/3231

⁴ 2002 c.28

Conditions

4. The authority in paragraph 2 above to import or export any goods is subject to the conditions that:

- (1) the goods are, on importation and exportation, accompanied by an individual (the holder) and form part of his personal effects;
- (2) if the holder passes through UK immigration controls the goods are presented by the holder to the proper officer of HM Border Agency at the place of importation or exportation, and the holder presents to that officer a valid firearm or shotgun certificate or visitor's firearm or shotgun permit;
- (3) the goods have been temporarily exported from another country for use by the holder for sporting or recreational purposes; and
- (4) the holder does not intend, and is aware of no intention, that the goods will be subsequently delivered to a destination in any country specified in Schedule 2 to any person for use in any such country; and
- (5) the goods are exported within 30 days of the date of importation.

5. The requirements of Article 28 of the Exports Order shall not apply to any export under this licence.

Prohibitions not affected by this licence

6. Nothing in this licence shall affect any prohibition or restriction on the importation or exportation or the carrying out of any other act with respect of the importation and exportation of any goods concerned under, or by virtue of, any enactment other than a prohibition or restriction in the legislation under which this licence was issued, as set out in the licence.

Entry into force

7. This licence shall come into force on 19 January 2024.

Revocation

8. The Open General Transshipment Licence (Sporting Guns) dated 04 August 2020 is hereby revoked.

An Official of the Department for Business and Trade authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State

SCHEDULE 1

GOODS CONCERNED

Rifles, pistols and smooth bore weapons specified in ML1(a) and ML1(b), in Schedule 2 to the Exports Order

The ammunition related to the weapons specified in ML1(a) and ML1(b) specified in ML3 Schedule 2 to the Exports Order.

Rifles, pistols and smooth bore weapons specified in PL9010 in Schedule 3 to the Exports Order.

The ammunition related to the rifles, pistols and smooth bore weapons specified in PL9010 in Schedule 3 to the Exports Order.

Telescopic sights specified in ML1(d) (other than those specially designed for military use) for use with weapons specified in ML1(a) and ML1(b) Schedule 2 to the Exports Order.

SCHEDULE 2

DESTINATIONS CONCERNED

This export authorisation is valid for exports to all destinations except:

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burma (Myanmar), Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, China (including Macau Special Administrative Region) Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Montenegro, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Uzbekistan, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

EXPLANATORYNOTE

(This note is not part of the licence)

1 This Open General Transhipment Licence revokes the previous version dated 04 August 2020. The licence has been revised to remove Burkina Faso, Haiti, Mali, and Niger as permissible destinations.

2 This Open General Transhipment Licence permits the importation of rifles, pistols and related ammunition and telescopic sights for transhipment and subsequent exportation where they are to be used for sporting or recreational purposes. The authorisation is subject to certain conditions and does not permit exportation to a country specified in Schedule 2 to the licence.

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