



Department for  
Business & Trade

# **Open General Export Licence**

## **Military Goods: Collaborative Project Typhoon**

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## EXPORT LICENCE

### Open General Export Licence (Military Goods: Collaborative Project Typhoon)

Dated 11 March 2026, granted by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by Article 26 of the Export Control Order 2008<sup>1</sup> ("the Order"), hereby grants the following Open General Export Licence:

#### *Licence*

1. Subject to the following provisions of this Licence, goods (including software and technology), specified in Schedule 1 may be exported from the United Kingdom to any destination in a country specified in Schedule 2 provided that;
  - (1) in the case of an export to Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, the UK or the USA (i.e. all listed destinations in Schedule 2 other than Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia or Turkey) the goods are for the **production, development or maintenance** of Typhoon; or,
  - (2) in the case of a final export to Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia or Turkey, the goods are for the **maintenance** of Typhoon (for the avoidance of doubt, this does not prevent exports for the development or production of Typhoon for end-use in Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia or Turkey); and
  - (3) the goods are exported pursuant to an eligible contract (approved under paragraph 3(2)).
  - (4) the goods are exported either to a contractor (including sub-contractors) working on the production, development or maintenance of Typhoon or in the case of exports directly to a Partner Nation or Permitted Export Customer the goods are for maintenance only; and
  - (5) the goods are not intended to be re-exported, or to be incorporated into other goods which are or may be intended to be exported, unless to a destination in a country specified in Schedule 2 and for a purpose consistent with sub-paragraph (1), (2) and (6); and
  - (6) the goods are for the end-use of the Governments of Austria, Germany, Italy, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey or the United Kingdom.

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2008/3231, as amended

### *Exclusions*

2. This Licence does not authorise the export of goods:
  - (1) if the exporter has been informed by the Secretary of State that the goods are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, to be used in connection with the development, production or dissemination of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, or other nuclear explosive devices or the development, production or storage of missiles capable of delivering such weapons;
  - (2) if the exporter knows that the goods are intended, in their entirety or in part, to be used in connection with one of the activities referred to in sub-paragraph (1); or
  - (3) if the exporter has grounds for suspecting that the goods might be used, in their entirety or in part, in connection with an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1), unless they have made all reasonable enquiries as to their proposed use and satisfied themselves that they will not be so used;
  - (4) if the exporter has been informed by the Secretary of State, or is otherwise aware (e.g. from information received from the manufacturer), that the goods have been classified under the Project Security Instructions as NATO CONFIDENTIAL or above, unless the exporter has a current written Security Transportation Plan that relates to those goods;
  - (5) unless required for Project Typhoon;
  - (6) except in the case of an export of technology by telephone, fax or other electronic media, to a destination within a Customs Free Zone to a destination in a Customs Free Zone;
  - (7) for aircraft production licensed to take place outside the Partner Nations, or for exports to local companies engaged by a Permitted Export Customer to assemble or maintain aircraft.

### *Conditions and Requirements*

3. The exporter must comply with the following conditions and requirements:
  - (1) before first exporting goods under this Licence, the exporter must have informed the Secretary of State of their intention to export goods under this Licence, specifying the name of the exporter and the address at which copies of records of their exports may be inspected under condition 3(5) below;
  - (2) the exporter must obtain, prior to making any exports pursuant to

this Licence, written approval from the Export Control Joint Unit Ministry of Defence (ECJU MOD) confirming that an eligible contract is in place and the goods to which it relates may be exported to a country of destination covered by this Licence.

- (3) for final exports to Permitted Export Customers, companies must also have the proposed export of goods that have been security classified under the Project Security Instructions NATO RESTRICTED or above, approved by the Ministry of Defence under MOD Form 680 and the clearance approval must not have expired at the time the export takes place;
- (4) in the case of intangible technology transfers it is prohibited to export technology that has been classified under the Project Security instructions NATO RESTRICTED or above, unless:
  - (a) the transmission is protected by encryption appropriate to the classification of the data, and
  - (b) the exporter holds any necessary clearance from a government accreditation authority that can be produced to the Compliance Officer.
- (5) You must keep the records as required under Article 29 of the Export Control Order 2008 as well as the following records relating to exporting or transferring technology under this licence for four years and you must make them available for any person authorised by the Secretary of State to inspect:
  - (a) any MOD clearance letters or approvals referred to in 2(4) above;
  - (b) MOD confirmation of eligibility – see paragraph 3(2); or
  - (c) for final exports to Permitted Export Customer end- users - the MOD Form 680 clearance letter and other documentation referred to in paragraph 3(3);
  - (d) for intangible technology transfers any clearance referred to in paragraph 3(4).
- (6) any release of information must be made in accordance with NETMA and Partner Nation procedures;
- (7) except in the case of an export of technology by telephone, fax or other electronic media,
  - (a) official and commercial export documentation accompanying the goods shall include a note stating either,
    - i. "the goods are being exported under the OGEL (Military Goods: Collaborative Project Typhoon)"; or

ii. the SPIRE reference (in the form 'SPIRE reference GBOGE 20??/?????') of the exporter's registration in respect of this Licence,

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

(b) your licence reference in the form 'GBOGE 20XX/XXXXX' must be entered onto the UK's customs declarations system

- (8) prior to audit, the ECJU will issue a pre-visit questionnaire (PVQ). This must be completed, in full, and returned by the date given.
- (9) the exporter shall notify the Secretary of State of any change in the address referred to in paragraph 3(1) above not later than 30 days after that change.
- (10) where the exporter has 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, the exporter 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 the exporter can show compliance to the satisfaction of the Export Control Joint Unit. The exporter 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, the exporter has not shown compliance to the satisfaction of the Export Control Joint Unit, the period of suspension or revocation may be extended. The exporter will be notified of such an extension in writing.
- (11) 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.
- (12) you must update the 'Open licensing returns' within SPIRE, for all exports or trade carried out within each calendar year. You must update the returns by the last day of the following January at the latest (for example, you would need to update the January to December returns by the end of the following January) and include all the information required. You do not have to report on technology transfers.

*Prohibitions not affected by this Licence*

4. Nothing in this Licence shall affect any prohibition or restriction on the exportation or carrying out of any other act in respect of the exportation, of anything in Schedule 1 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 itself.

*Interpretation*

5. For the purpose of this Licence:
  - (a) "the Act" means the Export Control Act 2002;
  - (b) "collaborative project", means a programme in which the UK Government is a participant
  - (c) a "Customs Free Zone" is a part of a territory of a country where any goods introduced are generally regarded, in so far 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;
  - (d) "export" includes transfer by electronic means and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;
  - (e) "goods" includes software and technology;
  - (f) "MOD Form 680" is the means by which the Government assesses proposals by companies to release classified information or goods to foreign entities. An MOD Form 680 approval is not an approval to use an Open General Export Licence. It is a separate security requirement
  - (g) "NETMA" means the NATO Eurofighter and Tornado Management Agency.
  - (h) "Partner Nation" means the Government of Germany, Italy, Spain or the United Kingdom.
  - (i) "Permitted Export Customer" means the Government of Austria, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia or Turkey.
  - (j) "Project Typhoon" means the development and production by NETMA and Eurofighter GmbH within the framework of a collaborative project of an advanced multi-role twin-engine fighter aircraft (referred to in this Licence as "Typhoon").
  - (k) "maintenance" means any phases of through life support i.e., including supply of replacement components for the seven end-

users.

- (l) “Typhoon” has the meaning set out in sub-paragraph (10).
- (m) unless the context otherwise requires, any other expression used in this Licence shall have the meaning it has in the Order or, if not defined there, the Act.

*Entry into Force*

- 6. This Licence shall come into force on 11 March 2026.
- 7. The Open General Export Licence (Military Goods: Collaborative Project Typhoon) dated 30 September 2022 is revoked.

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

## **SCHEDULE 1 GOODS CONCERNED**

**Any of the following goods, software or technology (excluding complete aircraft), specified in Schedule 2 to the Order:**

1. **ML2.a:** 27mm Cannon for Typhoon;
2. **ML4.b:** Aircraft armament role equipment (including missile release units, eject release units and missile launchers), specially designed for military use, used on the Typhoon;
3. **ML5:** Fire control equipment, specially designed for Typhoon, and specially designed components therefor;
4. **ML10.a:** Typhoon components;
5. **ML10.d:** Typhoon engines and specially designed components therefor;
6. **ML10.e:** Typhoon airborne equipment and components therefor;
7. **ML10.f:** Ground-based equipment specially designed for the operation, handling, maintenance, checking, repair, overhaul and refurbishment of aircraft and aero engines and test equipment to support the Typhoon;
8. **ML10.g:** Equipment for Typhoon;
9. **ML10.h:** Parachutes for Typhoon;
10. **ML11.a:** Electronic equipment for Typhoon;
11. **ML14:** Typhoon training simulators and specially designed components therefor;
12. **ML15:** Imaging or countermeasure equipment, for Typhoon, and specially designed components therefor;
13. **ML16:** Castings, forgings and other unfinished products for use on the Typhoon;
14. **ML17.c:** Fittings, coatings and treatments for signature suppression, for Typhoon;

15. **ML17.f:** Libraries (parametric databases) specially designed for Typhoon and related ground equipment;
16. **ML17.h:** Goods and material, coated, treated or prepared to provide signature suppression for Typhoon;
17. **ML17.i:** Containers for Typhoon equipment;
18. **ML18.a:** Typhoon production equipment and specially designed components therefor;
19. **ML18.b:** Typhoon environmental test facilities and specially designed equipment therefor;
20. **ML21:** Software for the above equipment;
21. **ML22.a:** Technology for the above equipment;
22. **ML22.b.1:** Technology for production installations for the above equipment.

## **SCHEDULE 2 DESTINATIONS CONCERNED**

**This export authorization is only valid for the following destinations:**

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, USA

and

**In relation to exports for maintenance purposes only:**

Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Note is not part of the Licence)

1. This Open General Export Licence has been updated to add Turkey as a permitted destination.
2. This Open General Export Licence permits, without further authority but subject to certain conditions, the export of goods specified in the Schedule 1 to the licence, in support of collaborative Project Typhoon to the countries specified in Schedule 2.
3. The goods may only be exported under this Licence if they satisfy certain conditions. These include that they are intended for end- use by the Governments involved in collaborative project Typhoon (Germany, Italy , Spain or the UK) or the Permitted Export Customer end-users (Austria, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia or Turkey) and exported for work in pursuance of the project to a company or maintenance in an eligible destination; that the export is eligible under that project – see para 3(2) of licence; and for final exports to Permitted Export Customers, if classified NATO RESTRICTED or above, MOD Form 680 approval must have been obtained.
4. For reference only, the current contractors (members of the Typhoon consortium), as of May 2016 are:
  - Eurofighter GmbH whose members are: Leonardo Aircraft (Italy), BAE Systems (UK) and Airbus Defence & Space (Spain) and (Germany); or
  - Eurojet Turbo GmbH whose members are: Avio Aero (Italy), ITP (Spain), MTU Aero Engines (Germany) and Rolls- Royce (UK).

This list of companies is subject to change, due to company consolidation, renaming or restructuring.

5. Confirmation of eligible status can be obtained from:

Export Control Joint Unit - MOD Team  
Old Admiralty Building  
Admiralty Place  
London  
SW1A 2DY  
United Kingdom

Email: [ecju-modteam@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ecju-modteam@mod.gov.uk)

6. **(a) MOD Form 680 applications** can be made via the electronic Licensing System, SPIRE, at:

<https://www.spire.businessandtrade.gov.uk>

**(b) Security Transportation Plan** for material classified

CONFIDENTIAL, or SECRET or above, **can be obtained from:**

Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Principal Security Advisor  
Security Advice Centre  
Poplar - 1 MOD Abbey Wood Bristol, BS34 8JH  
Tel: 030 67934378  
Fax: 030 67934925  
e-mail: [ISAC-Group@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ISAC-Group@mod.gov.uk)

7. An exporter who exports goods under the authority of this Licence must, before their first exportation under the Licence, inform the Secretary of State of their intention to export goods under this Licence and of the address where copies of the said records may be inspected.

**This notification must be made via the Export Control Joint Units electronic licensing system, SPIRE, at**

<https://www.spire.businessandtrade.gov.uk>

8. 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.
9. The Secretary of State has the power to suspend or revoke licences at any time and in such circumstances and on such terms as they think fit. If an exporter receives written notice to this effect, they 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(11)).
10. Where, the ECJU identifies failures in compliance with licence conditions or the legislation during a compliance visit, ECJU 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 for a period of time.
11. The exporter may apply for Standard Individual Export Licences during the period of suspension. Suspension will not automatically prevent them from using another OGEL so long as they meet all its terms and conditions and that they have not received a letter suspending or revoking their ability to use that licence.
12. The provisions of this Licence only apply for the purposes of the Export Control Order 2008. They do not affect the need to obtain other consents that may be required for the export of particular technology, whether under other statutory provisions (such as the Official Secrets Act 1989) or otherwise (such as under contractual obligations). In addition, this Licence does not extend to prohibitions in other legislation implementing United Nations sanctions.

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