



Department for
Business & Trade

Open General Export Licence

Export of Dual-Use items

This licence permits exports to a wide range of dual-use listed items to a variety of destinations, including EU Member States, the United States, and others.

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Authorisation

1. This licence authorises the export, to the destinations listed in Schedule 1, of the Dual-Use items specified in Schedule 2, subject to the provisions and exceptions listed below, including the country-specific exclusions table.
2. Exports from Northern Ireland to EU Member States do not require an export licence, and, as such, these exports are not covered by this licence.
3. This licence may be used alongside other licences issued by the Secretary of State, including where this licence is used for part of an export journey and a separate licence authorises onward export to the final destination.

Exclusions

4. This licence does not authorise the export of items;
 1. where an authorisation is required under Article 4 of the Regulation or articles 6 and 12A of the Order. This includes circumstances where:
 - (a) the exporter has been informed by the Secretary of State that the items are or may be intended, in whole or in part, for a prohibited end-use (including use in connection with chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, missiles capable of delivering such weapons, or certain military end-uses)
 - (b) the exporter is aware that the items are intended for such an end-use; or
 - (c) the exporter has grounds for suspecting such an end-use, unless they have made all reasonable enquiries and are satisfied that the items will not be used for such purposes.
 2. to a destination within a Customs Free Zone (except in the case of an export of technology by telephone, fax or other electronic media);
 3. if the exporter knows the items' final destination is outside the permitted destinations, and no processing or working is to be performed in a permitted destination before onward export, unless the export journey to the final destination would be allowed under another valid licence; or
 4. where the exporter has, at the time of export, been served with a notice which suspends or revokes their ability to use this licence pursuant to article 32(1) of the Export Control Order 2008, unless the period of suspension or revocation has expired.

Conditions and Requirements

5. The authorisation in paragraph 1 is subject to the following conditions:
 1. except in the case of an export of technology by telephone, fax or other electronic media
 - (a) official and commercial export documentation accompanying the items shall include a note stating either:
 - i. "These items are being exported under the OGEL (Export of Dual-Use items)"; or
 - ii. the SPIRE reference (in the form 'GBOGE 20XX/XXXXX') of the exporter's registration in respect of this licence, which shall be presented to officials of HMRC and 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.
 2. You must keep records of each export or transfer made under this licence as set out in [article 29](#) of the Order.
 3. You must complete, in full, the pre-visit questionnaire (PVQ) which you receive before an audit visit by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) and return it by the date given in the letter that came with it.
 4. 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 DBT. 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 DBT, the period of suspension or revocation may be extended. The exporter will be notified of such an extension in writing.
 5. The UK is obligated under the Wassenaar Arrangement to report exports of certain items to non-Wassenaar member states. When utilising this open licence for permanent exports of this nature, you must notify: wassenaar.reports@businessandtrade.gov.uk. The specific items and destinations to which this applies are detailed in Schedules 3.

Registration

6. Before their first use of this licence, an exporter must register to do so, utilising the systems provided by ECJU for this purpose, presently SPIRE.

Prohibitions not affected by this licence

7. Nothing in this licence affects any prohibition or restriction on the export of any items other than under the Regulation or Order, and this licence does not confer any licence or permission under, or for the purposes of, any enactment other than the Regulation and the Order. For example, you must still obtain any required security clearances before exporting, such as where items are subject to security classification and require F680 or other MOD clearances. Further advice on applicable processes can be obtained from: ECJU-MODTeam@modgov.uk

Legal Basis

This Open General Export Licence is granted by the Secretary of State under article 26(4) of the Export Control Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3231, as amended) (“the Order”) and –

- (a) in relation to England and Wales and Scotland, Article 9(2) and (4) of [assimilated Council Regulation \(EC\) No 428/2009](#) of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items (EUR 2009/428, as amended).
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, Article 12(1) and (6) of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/821 of 20 May 2021](#) setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items (OJ L 206, 11.6.2021, p. 1–461) as it has effect by virtue of the Windsor Framework.

In this licence where there is reference to “the Regulation”, in respect of items located in England, Wales or Scotland it means (a) above and in respect of items located in Northern Ireland it means (b) above.

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

SCHEDULE 1: DESTINATIONS INCLUDED

This export authorisation is valid for exports to the following destinations:

- [EU Member States](#) (where applicable): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.
- Wider destinations: Australia, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, United States of America, Uruguay.
- The following British Overseas Territories: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St Helena and Dependencies, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.
- The following Crown Dependencies: The Channel Islands (Jersey and Guernsey) and Isle of Man (where applicable).

Note 1: the EU Member States are only included for exports from GB, a licence is not required to export items from Northern Ireland to EU Member States.

Note 2: the Isle of Man is included only for exports from Northern Ireland, a licence is not required to export items from GB to Isle of Man.

SCHEDULE 2: ITEMS CONCERNED

- This licence authorises the export of items specified by Annex I of the Regulation , **except** the following exclusions:
 - For exports from England and Wales and Scotland, all entries specified by Annex IIg of the Regulation
 - For exports from Northern Ireland, all entries specified by Section I of Annex II of the Regulation.
 - Exports of 0CO03 items
 - Destination specific exclusions in the table below:

Note 3: for exports from England and Wales and Scotland, the items are summarised in the [Consolidated List of Military and Dual Use Items](#)

Destination Specific Exclusions

Destination	Additional items excluded from the scope of this licence
Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories (as listed)	1A004a; 1A004b; 1A005; 4D004; 4E001c; 5A001f; 5A001j; 5A004; 6A002c; 6A003b
Chile	1A004a; 1A004b; 1A005; 4D004; 4E001c; 5A001f; 5A001j; 5A004; 6A002c; 6A003b
Singapore	1A004a; 1A004b; 1A005; 4D004; 4E001c; 5A001f; 5A001j; 5A004; 6A002c; 6A003b
South Korea	1A004a; 1A004b; 1A005; 4D004; 4E001c; 5A001f; 5A001j; 5A004; 6A002c; 6A003b
Uruguay	1A004a; 1A004b; 1A005; 4D004; 4E001c; 5A001f; 5A001j; 5A004; 6A002c; 6A003b

SCHEDULE 3: WASSENAAR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Exports to non-Wassenaar destinations of the items specifically listed in the [Sensitive List](#) (page 171-178) and [Very Sensitive List](#) (page 179-181), must be notified to the Secretary of State.

For any other destinations, or items not included on these lists, there are no relevant reporting requirements.

Such notifications must include the destination, control entry classification, date of export, and quantity of items transferred, and must be submitted in accordance with instructions published by ECJU. The exporter is required to report this information to: wassenaar.reports@businessandtrade.gov.uk

Non-Wassenaar Destinations:

Chile; Cyprus; Iceland; Singapore; Uruguay.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the licence)

1. The Export Control Order 2008 (“the Order”) contains certain registration and record keeping requirements which apply to persons using this licence.
 - (a) Under Article 28 of the Order, an exporter who exports items under the authority of this licence must before the first occasion they make use of the licence, provide details to the Secretary of State of their name and the address where copies of the records referred to above may be inspected. This notification must be made via the Department for Business and Trade (DBT). Guidance for registering to use an Open General Licence can be found on gov.uk. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/open-general-export-licences-ogels>.
 - (b) Persons who register to use this licence do not need to re-register for future versions. Registrations are carried over to the current in force version of this licence.
 - (c) Under Article 29 of the Order, any person who carries out an act under the authority of this licence must maintain and retain certain records relating to the act. It is a condition of this licence that these records are kept for at least four years from the end of the calendar year in which the act takes place and must permit such records to be inspected and copied by any person authorised by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has the power to suspend, vary or revoke licences at any time and in such circumstances and on such terms as he/she thinks 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 either in addition or as an alternative to criminal prosecution. 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 4(4)).
2. Where DBT identifies failures in compliance with licence conditions or the legislation during a compliance visit DBT 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.
3. The exporter may apply for Standard Individual Export Licences during the period of suspension. Suspension will not automatically prevent the exporter 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.

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