
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 3231

The Export Control Order 2008

PART 2

EXPORT AND TRANSFER CONTROLS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Pt. 2 excluded (20.2.2010) by [The Export Control \(Guinea\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/364\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5

Military goods, etc.

3. Subject to articles 13 to 18 and 26, no person shall—
- (a) export military goods; or
 - (b) transfer military software or technology by electronic means.

[^{F1}Movement of UK controlled dual-use goods, etc. to certain destinations

- 4.—(1) Subject to articles 13, 14, 17, 18 and 26, no person shall—
- (a) export UK controlled dual-use goods; or
 - (b) transfer UK controlled dual-use software or technology by electronic means

if paragraph (2) or (3) applies.

(2) This paragraph applies where the destination is one specified in Schedule 3 as a prohibited destination in relation to the goods, software or technology in question (“a prohibited destination”).

(3) This paragraph applies where the destination is not a prohibited destination but the exporter or transferor knows—

- (a) that the final destination of the goods, software or technology in question is a prohibited destination; and
- (b) that no processing or working is to be performed on the goods, software or technology in question before they are exported or transferred to that final destination.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Art. 4 substituted for arts. 4, 5 (27.1.2010) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), 2(2)

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[F2] Movement of certain medicinal products to the United States of America

4A.—(1) Subject to articles 17 and 26, no person shall export a human or veterinary medicinal product containing the active ingredient thiopental sodium, pancuronium bromide, potassium chloride concentrate or sodium pentobarbital where—

- (a) the product is in a form suitable for injection or for preparation of an injection; and
- (b) paragraph (2) or (3) applies.

(2) This paragraph applies where the destination of the product is the United States of America.

(3) This paragraph applies where the destination is not the United States of America but the exporter knows that the final destination of the product is the United States of America.

[Note: This article ceases to have effect on 13th April 2012: see article 1(3) of The Export Control (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2011]]

Textual Amendments

F2 Art. 4A inserted (temp.) (16.4.2011) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1127\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(2)**

[F3] Movement of Libyan bank notes and coins

4B. Subject to article 26, no person shall export unissued Libyan bank notes or unissued Libyan coins.]

Textual Amendments

F3 Art. 4B inserted (temp.) (2.3.2011 at 7 p.m. until it expires on 1.3.2012 by virtue of art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/580\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(2)**

Movement of UK controlled dual-use goods, etc. within the customs territory

F15.

Textual Amendments

F1 Art. 4 substituted for arts. 4, 5 (27.1.2010) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(2)**

WMD purposes end-use control supplementing the dual-use Regulation

6.—(1) This article applies where—

- (a) a person (“the enquirer”) has grounds for suspecting that dual-use goods, software or technology are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for WMD purposes; and
- (b) the goods, software or technology in question are not specified in Annex I to the dual-use Regulation.

(2) Subject to article 26, the enquirer shall not—

- (a) export the goods in question; or

(b) transfer the software or technology in question by electronic means to a destination outside the customs territory unless, having made all reasonable enquiries as to the proposed use of the goods, software or technology in question, the enquirer is satisfied that they will not be used for WMD purposes.

Control on transfers within the customs territory supplementing the dual-use Regulation

7.—(1) This article applies where—

(a) a person (“the relevant person”) knows—

- (i) that the final destination of dual-use goods, software or technology is outside the customs territory; and
- (ii) that no processing or working is to be performed on the goods, software or technology in question within the customs territory;

(b) the relevant person would only be permitted to export or transfer the goods, software or technology in question to a destination outside the customs territory to the extent authorised to do so under Article 3 (controls on listed goods) or 4 (end-use controls) of the dual-use Regulation; and

(c) the goods, software or technology in question are not specified in Annex IV to the dual-use Regulation.

(2) Subject to articles 17 and 26, the relevant person shall not—

- (a) export the goods in question; or
- (b) transfer the software or technology in question by electronic means

to a destination within the customs territory.

Transit controls supplementing the dual-use Regulation

[^{F4}8.—(1) Subject to articles 17 and 26, no person shall export goods listed in Annex I to the dual-use Regulation where the goods in question are non-community goods which are entering and passing through the customs territory with a final destination outside the customs territory.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies where a person (“the exporter”)—

- (a) has been informed by a competent authority that dual-use goods are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for purposes referred to in Article 4(1) of that Regulation (WMD purposes end-use control); or
- (b) is aware that dual-use goods specified are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for purposes referred to in Article 4(1) of that Regulation (WMD purposes end-use control);

and the dual-use goods in question are non-community goods which are not listed in Annex I to the dual-use Regulation and which are entering and passing through the customs territory with a final destination outside the customs territory.

(3) Subject to article 26, the exporter shall not export the goods in question.]

Textual Amendments

F4 Art. 8 substituted (27.8.2009) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2151\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 2](#)

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Provisions supplementing the torture Regulation

9.—(1) This article applies to—

- (a) gangchains and leg-irons specially designed for restraining human beings;
- (b) goods within item 2.1 in Annex II to the torture Regulation (electric-shock belts); and
- (c) goods within item 2.1 in Annex III to the torture Regulation (portable electric shock devices).

(2) Subject to article 26, no person shall export goods to which this article applies to a destination within the customs territory.

(3) Subject to article 26, no person shall export goods within paragraph (1)(a) or (c) in relation to which there is no export authorisation requirement under Article 5 (export authorisation requirement) of the torture Regulation because the goods are in transit.

[^{F5}General prohibition

9A. To the extent that, pursuant to any of articles 3 to 9 of this Order, a person may not export goods, the exportation of the goods in question is prohibited.]

Textual Amendments

F5 Art. 9A inserted (14.7.2009) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1852\)](#), arts. 1, 2

Transfers within the United Kingdom for WMD purposes

10.—(1) This article applies where a person (“the transferor”)—

- (a) has been informed by the Secretary of State that software or technology is or may be intended, in its entirety or in part, for WMD purposes; or
- (b) is aware that software or technology is intended, in its entirety or in part, for WMD purposes

and knows that it may be or is intended to be used outside the customs territory or has been informed by the Secretary of State that it may be or is intended to be so used.

(2) Subject to articles 18 and 26, the transferor shall not transfer the software or technology in question to a person or place within the United Kingdom.

Transfers from outside the customs territory for WMD purposes

11.—(1) This article applies where a United Kingdom person (“the transferor”)—

- (a) has been informed by a competent authority that software or technology is or may be intended, in its entirety or in part, for WMD purposes; or
- (b) is aware that software or technology is intended, in its entirety or in part, for WMD purposes.

(2) Subject to articles 18 and 26, the transferor shall not transfer the software or technology in question from a place outside the customs territory to—

- (a) a destination outside the customs territory; or
- (b) a destination within the customs territory if the transferor—
 - (i) knows that the final destination of the software or technology is outside the customs territory; and

- (ii) knows that no processing or working is to be performed on the software or technology within the customs territory,
- or, if the destination is the United Kingdom, knows that the software or technology may be or is intended to be used outside the customs territory or has been informed by the Secretary of State that it may be or is intended to be so used.

Transfers by non-electronic means from the United Kingdom for WMD purposes

- 12.**—(1) This article applies where a person (“the transferor”)—
- (a) has been informed by the Secretary of State that software or technology is or may be intended, in its entirety or part, for WMD purposes; or
 - (b) is aware that software or technology is intended, in its entirety or in part, for WMD purposes.
- (2) Subject to articles 18 and 26, the transferor shall not transfer the software or technology in question by non-electronic means to—
- (a) a destination outside the customs territory; or
 - (b) a destination within the customs territory if the transferor—
 - (i) knows that the final destination of the software or technology is outside the customs territory; and
 - (ii) knows that no processing or working is to be performed on the software or technology within the customs territory.

Exceptions for aircraft

- 13.**—(1) Nothing in article 4 ^{F6}... shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any aircraft the immediately preceding importation of which was on a scheduled journey and which is intended for further scheduled journeys.
- (2) Nothing in article 3 shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any aircraft which is being exported (except to a country or destination specified in Part 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 4) after temporary importation into the United Kingdom provided that—
- (a) there has been no change of ownership or registration since such importation; and
 - (b) no military goods have been incorporated into the aircraft since such importation other than by way of replacement for a component essential for the departure of the aircraft.
- (3) Nothing in article 4 ^{F7}... shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any aircraft on a scheduled journey.
- (4) Nothing in article 3 [^{F8}or 4] shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any aircraft which is departing temporarily from the United Kingdom on trials.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in art. 13(1) omitted (27.1.2010) by virtue of [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(3)(a)**
- F7** Words in art. 13(3) omitted (27.1.2010) by virtue of [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(3)(a)**
- F8** Words in art. 13(4) substituted (27.1.2010) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(3)(b)**

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Exceptions for vessels

14.—(1) Nothing in article 3 shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any vessel registered or constructed outside the United Kingdom which is being exported (except to a country or destination specified in Part 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 4) after temporary importation into the United Kingdom provided that no military goods have been incorporated into the vessel since such importation other than by way of replacement for a component essential for the departure of the vessel.

(2) Nothing in article 4 ^{F9}... shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any vessel proceeding on a journey providing transport services in the ordinary course of business.

(3) Nothing in article 3 [^{F10} or 4] shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any vessel which is departing temporarily from the United Kingdom on trials.

Textual Amendments

F9 Words in art. 14(2) omitted (27.1.2010) by virtue of [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(4)(a)**

F10 Words in art. 14(3) substituted (27.1.2010) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(4)(b)**

Exception for firearms – European firearms pass

15.—(1) Nothing in article 3 shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any firearm falling within category B, C or D of Annex I to the firearms Directive, related ammunition and sight using non-electronic image enhancement for use with such a firearm to any destination in a member State if paragraphs (2) and (3) apply.

(2) This paragraph applies if the firearm, ammunition and sight using non-electronic image enhancement form part of the personal effects of a person (“the holder”) who is in possession of—

- (a) a European firearms pass which has been issued to the holder under section 32A of the Firearms Act 1968 ^{M1}; or
- (b) a document which has been issued to the holder under the provisions of the law of a member State corresponding to the provisions of that section,

which, in either case, relates to the firearm.

(3) This paragraph applies if either—

- (a) the pass or document referred to in paragraph (2) contains authorisation for the possession of the firearm from the member State of destination and any other member State through which the holder intends that the firearm will pass on its way to that destination; or
- (b) the holder on request satisfies the proper officer of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs at the place of exportation that—
 - (i) the exportation of the firearm is necessary to enable the holder to participate in one of the activities specified in Article 12(2) (hunters and marksmen) of the firearms Directive;
 - (ii) the firearm falls within the category appropriate to that activity in accordance with that Article; and
 - (iii) the exportation or passage of the firearm is not to or through a member State which prohibits or requires an authorisation for the acquisition or possession of the firearm.

Marginal Citations

M1 1968 c. 27; section 32A was inserted by the Firearms Acts (Amendment) Regulations (S.I. 1992/2823), regulation 5(1) and amended by the [Firearms Amendment Act 1997 \(c. 5\)](#), [Schedule 2](#), paragraph 6.

Exception for firearms – firearm or shot gun certificate or permit

16.—(1) This article applies to firearms authorised to be possessed or, as the case may be, purchased or acquired by—

- (a) a firearm certificate or shot gun certificate granted under the Firearms Act 1968;
- (b) a visitor's firearm or shot gun permit granted under section 17 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 ^{M2};
- (c) a firearm certificate granted under the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 ^{M3}; or
- (d) a firearm certificate granted under the Firearms Act 1947 (an Act of Tynwald) ^{M4} as amended by the Firearms Act 1968 (an Act of Tynwald) ^{M5} and the Air Guns and Shot Guns, etc Act 1968 (an Act of Tynwald) ^{M6}.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), nothing in article 3 shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any firearm to which this article applies, related ammunition and sight using non-electronic image enhancement for use with such a firearm to—

- (a) any destination in a member State by—
 - (i) any person or body specified in Article 2(2) (Directive not to apply in relation to armed forces, police, public authorities, collectors, etc.) of the firearms Directive; or
 - (ii) the holder of a firearm certificate within paragraph (1)(d); or
- (b) any other destination other than a country or destination specified in Part 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 4.

(3) The exception in this article only applies if the firearm, related ammunition and sight using non-electronic image enhancement form part of the personal effects of the holder of the relevant certificate or permit and, in a case to which paragraph (2)(b) applies, the certificate or permit is produced by the holder, or the holder's duly authorised agent, with the firearm and, if carried, ammunition and sight to the proper officer of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs at the place of exportation.

Marginal Citations

M2 1988 c. 45; section 17 was amended by the Firearms Acts (Amendment) Regulations, regulations 6(1) and 7(1) and the Firearms Amendment Act 1997, Schedule 2, paragraph 19.

M3 S.I. 1981/155 (N.I. 2); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/1338 (N.I. 10), 1992/1723 (N.I. 14).

M4 Acts of Tynwald 1947, p586.

M5 Acts of Tynwald 1968, p464.

M6 Acts of Tynwald 1968, p509.

Transit or transshipment exception

17.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), nothing in articles 3, 4 ^{F11} ... , ^[F124A,] 7 or 8(1) shall be taken to prohibit the exportation of any goods which are goods in transit provided that the conditions in paragraph (4) are met.

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- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to—
- (a) anti-personnel landmines and components specially designed for them;
 - (b) category A goods;
 - (c) equipment, software or technology falling within entry ML18, ML21 or ML22 in Schedule 2, specifically related to anti-personnel landmines or Category A goods;
 - (d) goods being exported to a destination specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4;
 - (e) military goods being exported to any country or destination specified in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 4;
 - (f) category B goods being exported to any country or destination specified in Part 4 of Schedule 4.
- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the extent that—
- (a) the exporter (or, if the exporter is not within the United Kingdom, any agent of the exporter within the United Kingdom concerned in the exportation or intended exportation) has been informed by a competent authority that the goods are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for WMD purposes;
 - (b) the exporter is aware that the goods are intended, in their entirety or in part, for WMD purposes; or
 - (c) the exporter has grounds for suspecting that the goods are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for WMD purposes, unless the exporter has made all reasonable enquiries as to their proposed use and is satisfied that they will not be so used.
- (4) The conditions are that—
- (a) the goods in question remain on board a vessel or aircraft for the entire period that they remain in the United Kingdom or are goods on a through bill of lading or through air waybill and in any event are exported before the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the date of their importation;
 - (b) the destination of the goods in question following exportation from the United Kingdom has been determined in the country from which they were originally exported prior to their original exportation in connection with the transaction which has given rise to transit or transshipment and has not been changed prior to their exportation from the United Kingdom, or the goods are being returned to that country; and
 - (c) the goods in question were exported from that country in accordance with any laws or regulations relating to the exportation of goods applying there at the time of exportation of the goods.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Word in art. 17(1) omitted (27.1.2010) by virtue of [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), 2(5)
- F12** Word in art. 17(1) inserted (16.4.2011) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1127\)](#), arts. 1(2), 3(3)

Software and technology exceptions

- 18.**—(1) Nothing in article 3 [^{F13} or 4] shall be taken to prohibit the transfer of technology—
- (a) that is in the public domain;
 - (b) that is the minimum technology required for—

- (i) the installation, operation, maintenance or repair of goods or software that are not military goods or software or UK controlled dual-use goods or software; or
 - (ii) a patent application; or
 - (c) in the course of basic scientific research.
- (2) Nothing in article 10, 11 or 12 shall be taken to prohibit the transfer of software or technology in the public domain.
- (3) In this article, “basic scientific research” means experimental or theoretical work undertaken principally to acquire new knowledge of the fundamental principles of phenomena or observable facts and not primarily directed towards a specific practical aim or objective.

Textual Amendments

F13 Words in art. 18(1) substituted (27.1.2010) by [The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(6)**

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