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Open General Export Licence

**Agreement on Defence Export Controls: ‘De-Minimis’
Exports**

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Open General Export Licence (Agreement on Defence Export Controls: ‘De-Minimis’ Exports)

The Secretary of State hereby grants this Open General Export Licence under article 26 of the Export Control Order 2008¹ (“the Order”).

Purpose

1. To permit the export or transfer of certain military goods, software and technology from the United Kingdom to the partner nations of the [Agreement on Defence Export Controls](#) (France, Germany and Spain), for incorporation into an intermediate or final system, where the total value of the items exported from the UK does not exceed 20% of the total value of the final system.

Goods, software and technology you can export or transfer under this licence

2. Subject to the following provisions of this licence, any goods, software or technology specified in Schedule 1 may be exported or transferred from the United Kingdom to any destination listed in Schedule 2 for incorporation into a final system. This includes items exported to partner nations of the Agreement on Defence Export Controls for incorporation into an intermediate system that is subsequently exported for integration into a final system. This licence applies where the final system is exported from a destination listed in Schedule 2 to any final destination other than any destination listed in Schedule 3. It also permits the export of spare parts for use in an intermediate system or a final system.

Who can use this licence

3. This licence can be used by any person established in the UK who is registered to use this licence, provided they can comply with the terms and conditions of this licence and provided the total value of the items exported from the UK does not exceed 20% of the total value of the final system.

To whom can you export or transfer goods, software and technology

4. This licence is only applicable for exports or transfers to partner nations of the Agreement on Defence Export Controls, as specified in Schedule 2 of this licence.

Other restrictions that apply

5. You must make sure that you comply with any relevant Project Security Instructions (PSI).
6. Security classified goods, software and technology
 - a. You must only export or transfer goods, software and technology that has a security classification of OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE or above (including UK material classified RESTRICTED or above, graded prior to 2 April 2014, and

¹ [SI 2008/3231 as amended](#)

internationally security classified material), if you have the correct written approval. The different types of approval are explained below.

- i. If the export is in support of any sub-contracting or collaboration activity which directly contributes towards a United Kingdom Government defence contract, a Ministry of Defence approval has to be provided by one of the following means, and you must keep a record of any written letter of clearance given for inspection as described in paragraphs 14 and 15:

- 1. the 'F1686' (Application to sub-contract or collaborate with an overseas contractor on work involving OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE and above classified information) procedure, obtained from your Ministry of Defence Contracting Authority using the details on the applicable Security Aspects Letter for the work; or
- 2. the UK MOD Contracting Authority for the work that the export relates to under a letter delegating authority up to an OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE level to an identified company Security Controller to approve the export; or
- 3. any written letter of approval as identified in any applicable Project Security Instructions (PSI) approved by collaborating partner nations governments.

or

- ii. If the export is not in support of any sub-contracting or collaboration activity which directly contributes towards a United Kingdom Government defence contract, approval has to be provided by the MOD Form 680 procedure. You may only export these goods, software and technology to the named end-user stated in the MOD Form 680 and you will need to keep a record of that MOD Form 680 approval for inspection as described in paragraphs 14 and 15. You can apply for a MOD Form 680 through this link: [F680 policy and guidance - GOV.UK](#).
- b. For goods, software and technology classified CONFIDENTIAL, for material classified by the UK prior to 2 April 2014 or internationally security classified CONFIDENTIAL-equivalent material, or SECRET or above, you will need a current written approval for a Security Transportation Plan. A Security Transportation Plan approval can be obtained from MOD Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Principal Security Advisor. More information is available from the Principal Security Advisor (please see below for their contact details).

Note: To apply for Security Transportation Plan approval, or F1686 approval for material classified CONFIDENTIAL by the UK prior to 2 April 2014 or internationally security classified CONFIDENTIAL-equivalent material, or SECRET or above, please contact:

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

- c. You must not transfer software or technology electronically that has been classified OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE or above (including UK material classified RESTRICTED or above, graded prior to 2 April 2014, and internationally security classified material) unless:
 - i. the method of transmission is protected by encryption appropriate to the classification of the data; and
 - ii. you hold any necessary clearance from a government accreditation authority and you can make the clearance document available for inspection by any person authorised by the Secretary of State.

7. Weapons of mass destruction (WMD)

- a. You must not export or transfer all or part of goods, software or technology if you are aware or suspect they may be used, in whole or in part, for a WMD purpose. You may become aware of, or suspect, this in the following ways:
 - i. The Secretary of State tells you.
 - ii. You are already aware of this intended use.
 - iii. You have grounds for suspecting that the goods, software or technology may be used for this purpose unless you have made all reasonable enquiries about what the goods or software will be used for, and are satisfied that they will not be used for a WMD purpose.

- 8. Except in the case of an export of technology by telephone, fax or other electronic media, this licence does not authorise export to a destination within a Customs Free Zone.

Actions you must take before exporting or transferring goods, software or technology under this licence

- 9. You must be satisfied that you can meet all the requirements set out in this licence before exporting or transferring the goods, software or technology.
- 10. Before using this licence, you must register to do so, utilising the systems provided by the Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU) for this purpose, presently [SPIRE](#), stating where you will keep records of the exports or transfers and where ECJU may inspect them. You must respond to any request for records without delay otherwise you risk being de-registered and unable to use this licence.

11. By registering for this licence, you agree that ECJU may, if necessary, share information communicated to it under this licence with the French, German and/or Spanish government agencies in order to verify the implementation of the multilateral agreement on which this licence is based.

12. You must:

- a) obtain and keep a copy of a Certificate of Integration from the integrator
- b) have documentary evidence (for example, a purchase order, excerpt of contract) confirming the export is for integration into the final product described on the integration declaration/certificate.

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13. For all physical exports of goods, software or technology, you must ensure that:

- a) official commercial export documentation accompanying items includes a note stating either:
 - i. “these items are being exported under the OGEL (Agreement on Defence Export Controls: ‘De-Minimis’ Exports)”;
 - ii. your licence reference (in the form, for example: ‘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 together with the information and documents listed in paragraphs 6 and 12;

- b) your licence reference (in the form, for example: ‘GBOGE 20XX/XXXXX’) is entered onto the UK’s Customs Declarations System.

Records that you must keep

14. You must keep records of exports or transfers, made under this licence as set out in [article 29](#) of the Order. You must keep these records for four years.

15. You must also keep the following:

- a) The documents described in paragraph 12 above.
- b) The export control classification as set out in Schedule 2 of the Order.
- c) The written approval from the Ministry of Defence, if this is needed to meet the requirements for security classified goods, software and technology in paragraph 6.

Other requirements

16. You must complete, in full, the pre-visit questionnaire (PVQ) which you receive

before an audit visit by the ECJU and return it by the date given in the letter that came with it. You risk being de-registered and unable to use this licence if you fail to respond.

17. You must not export or transfer goods, software or technology if their use would be inconsistent with the terms of a United Nations (UN), Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) or any UK national arms embargo.
18. As well as keeping to the requirements of this licence, you must also keep to any other relevant laws and acts which are in force. There may be restrictions or limits under other laws which apply when exporting these goods, software or technology.
19. Nothing in this licence affects any prohibition or restriction on the export, transfer or trade of any items other than under the Order, and this licence does not confer any licence or permission under, or for the purposes of, any enactment other than the Order.

If you fail to meet the terms and conditions of this licence.

20. If, following an audit visit, ECJU sends you a 'failure to comply' warning letter, you must take the steps set out in that letter and within the timescale given. If you do not do this, ECJU may suspend or withdraw your authorisation to use this licence until you can satisfy ECJU that you are able to meet the terms and conditions of this licence.
21. ECJU may suspend or withdraw this licence if you do not satisfy the requirements of all the terms and conditions of this licence. If this is the case, you may (along with anyone who has exported or transferred goods, software or technology for you) be prosecuted.
22. You must not export or transfer goods, software or technology under this licence at any time once ECJU has suspended or withdrawn your authorisation to use this licence by serving a notice on you under article 32(1) of the Order.

Entry into Force

23. This licence shall come into force on 9 September 2026.
24. The Secretary of State has the power to vary or withdraw export licences at any time.

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

SCHEDULE 1 ITEMS CONCERNED

You may export goods, software or technology specified in Schedule 2 of the Export Control Order 2008 as set out in the first and second column other than those specified in the third column in the table below.

Control Entry	Permitted Export Scope	Restrictions
ML4b	All items in this category.	None apply.
ML5	All items in this category.	None apply.
ML6	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	1. Chassis specially designed for battle tanks. 2. Turrets specially designed for battle tanks.
ML8c	Aircraft fuels	None apply.
ML9	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	Naval Nuclear Propulsion Plant and prototypes
ML10	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	Any items or specially designed components specified by 1. ML10c 2. ML10d
ML11	ML11a, ML11b.	1. Any items relating to goods whose export is not allowed in this table; 2. Guidance sets capable of achieving a system accuracy of 3.33% or less of the range, that can be used in rockets or missiles capable of a range of at least 300 km; or 3. test equipment for MANPAD systems.
ML13	All items in this category.	None apply.
ML14	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	Training equipment for MANPADS.
ML15	All items in this category.	None apply.
ML16	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	Any items relating to goods whose export is not allowed in this table.
ML17	ML17c, ML17f, ML17h, ML17j, ML17l, ML17n, ML17o, ML17p.	ML17.n and specially designed components of these goods, where they are for use in connection with 1. Cluster munitions, explosive sub- munitions and explosive bomblets. 2. Naval Nuclear Propulsion
ML18	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	Production equipment for: 1. MANPAD systems; 2. anti-personnel landmines; or 3. cluster munitions, explosive sub-munitions and explosive bomblets. 4. Naval Nuclear Propulsion

Control Entry	Permitted Export Scope	Restrictions
ML19	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column.	Any items relating to goods whose export is not allowed in this table.
ML20	All items in this category.	None apply.
ML21	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column	1. ML21b.3. Software for: 2. any items relating to goods whose export is not allowed in this table; or 3. developing or updating software embedded in military weapon systems.
ML22	All items in this category, except for those detailed in the "Restrictions" column	ML22b.4. and Technology for: 1. any items relating to goods whose export is not allowed in this table; or 2. source code, if the source code relates to software whose export is not allowed in this table.

SCHEDULE 2 PERMITTED DESTINATIONS

France, Germany, Spain.

SCHEDULE 3 EXCLUDED DESTINATIONS FOR RE-EXPORT AFTER INCORPORATION

Afghanistan	Hong Kong	Russia
Albania	Indonesia	Rwanda
Angola	Iran	Serbia
Argentina	Iraq	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Israel	Somalia
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Sri Lanka
Belarus	Korea, North	Sudan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan, South
Burkina Faso	Lebanon	Syria
Burundi	Libya	Tajikistan
Central African Republic	Macao	Tanzania
China	Mali	Turkey
Colombia	Moldova	Turkmenistan
Congo	Mongolia	Uganda
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Montenegro	Ukraine
Egypt	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Eritrea	Nepal	Venezuela
Ethiopia	Niger	Vietnam
Georgia	Nigeria	Yemen
Guinea, Republic of	Occupied Palestinian Territories	Zimbabwe
Haiti	Peru	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the licence)

1. This Open General Licence permits, without further authority but subject to certain conditions, the export or transfer of military goods, software and technology as specified in Schedule 1 to any destination listed in Schedule 2, for incorporation into an intermediate or final system, where the total value of the items exported from the UK does not exceed 20% of the total value of the final system. This includes cases where the final system is to be exported or transferred from a destination in Schedule 2 to any final destination other than one listed in Schedule 3.

2. 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, Innovation, Science and Trade (BIST). Guidance for registering to use this Open General Licence can be found at: [GCAP OGL guidance note - GOV.UK](#)
- 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.

3. 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.

4. Where 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.

5. The exporter may apply for Standard Individual Export Licences during the period of suspension. Suspension will not automatically prevent them from using another OGL 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.

6. The following terms and acronyms used in this licence have the following

meanings.

- a. Title, the [Agreement on Defence Export Controls](#) is a treaty between Germany, France, Spain, and the UK (the signatory states). The UK acceded to this agreement in December 2025. It aims to reduce the administrative burden for exports or transfers of defence related products and supports industrial partnerships between the signatory states.
- b. “De-minimis” principle is set out in Article 3 of the Agreement on Defence Export Controls. It means that the value of the goods, software or technology exported or transferred from the UK under this licence must not exceed 20% of the total value of the final system into which those items are incorporated, whether directly or through an intermediate system.
- c. “Intermediate system” refers to a system in France, Germany or Spain that will be incorporated into the final system.
- d. “Final system” refers to the final armament system into which the relevant goods are to be integrated and which either remains in France, Germany or Spain or is exported or transferred from there to countries other than France or Spain.
- e. “Integrator”, located in a signatory state to the Agreement on Defence Export Controls is the company/entity that integrates the products into a final system. The recipient and the integrator may be the same.
- f. “Certificate of Integration” refers to the document that sets out the calculation of the de minimis share. It must be completed by the “integrator,” i.e., the French, German or Spanish company that intends to integrate the supplied goods in question into a final system in France, Germany or Spain. Guidance about the Certificate of Integration required for Article 3 of the Agreement on Defence Export Controls can be found at: [Guidance for Certificate of Integration - GOV.UK](#).
- g. A “Customs Free Zone” is a part of the territory of a country where any goods introduced are generally regarded, as far as import duties and taxes are concerned, as being outside the customs territory of that country, and so the usual Customs controls do not apply.

7. Note: Definitions of the goods, software and technology shown below have the same meaning as that given in the Order.

- a. “Cluster munitions” means conventional munitions designed to disperse or release “explosive sub-munitions” (see note below).
- b. “Explosive bomblets” means conventional munitions, weighing less than 20 kilograms each, which are not self-propelled, and which are specially designed to be dispersed or released by a dispenser fixed to an aircraft, and are designed to work by detonating an explosive charge before, on or after impact.
- c. ‘Explosive sub-munitions’ means conventional munitions, weighing less than 20 kilograms each, which are dispersed or released by another conventional munition and are designed to work by detonating an explosive charge before, on or after impact (see note below).
- d. ‘MANPADS’ (Man Portable Air Defence Systems) are surface-to-air missile systems designed to be carried and fired by a single person, and other surface-to-air missile systems designed to be operated and fired by more than one

person acting as a crew.

Note: a and c above do not include the following conventional munitions:

- a munition or sub-munition designed to disperse flares, smoke, pyrotechnics or chaff, or a munition designed for an air-defence role only.
- a munition or sub-munition designed to produce electrical or electronic effects.
- a munition that has all of the following characteristics:
 - a. Each munition contains fewer than 10 explosive sub-munitions.
 - b. Each explosive sub-munition weighs more than 4 kilograms.
 - c. Each explosive sub-munition is designed to detect and engage a target object.
 - d. Each explosive sub-munition has an electronic self-destruction mechanism.
 - e. Each explosive sub-munition has an electronic self-deactivating feature.

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