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Export Controls

In accordance with the *Export and Import Permits Act*, the Trade Controls Bureau is responsible for issuing permits and certificates for various products included on the *Export Control List (ECL)*.

Arms Export Statistics

There are two different sets of statistics on arms exports published by the Government of Canada. The two sets of statistics are collected from different databases, are used for different purposes, and are not compatible.

Global Affairs Canada compiles and releases an annual "Report on the Export of Military Goods from Canada," which provides statistics on the export of goods and technology identified on the "Munitions List" section of Canada's Export Control List (ECL). Items on the "Munitions List" are used mostly by military and police forces for reasons of defence and security.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Statistics Canada collect information on ALL items exported from Canada, and classify these items using categories negotiated by the World Customs Organization (WCO). The WCO chapter on "Arms and Ammunition" includes some items that appear on the "Munitions List." However, it also includes items not on the "Munitions List" (for example, paintballs, ammunition used to frighten birds at airports, flare guns, and certain equipment for oil and gas exploration). CBSA and Statistics Canada information is made available on Industry Canada's website as "Trade Data Online" and on Statistics Canada's website as the "Canadian International Merchandise Trade Database."

Key Information and Services

- [Canada prepares to join the Arms Trade Treaty](#): Find information related to proposed changes to Export Controls to enhance rigour and transparency and accede to the Arms Trade Treaty.
- [Export Controls Handbook](#): The main reference tool to assist exporters with questions about the administration of Canada's export controls (except export of logs). Includes how to obtain the necessary permits for the export or transfer of controlled items and how to comply with the requirements of the *Export and Import Permits Act* and its related regulations.
- [A Guide to Canada's Export Control List](#): Detailed list of military and strategic goods and technology that are subject to export controls, including dual-use, munitions, nuclear non-proliferation, nuclear-related dual-use, miscellaneous goods and technology, missile technology control regime, and chemical and biological weapons non-proliferation lists.
- [Advisory Opinions](#): Find out how to apply for an advisory opinion in order to determine the control classification of your product against the Export Control List
- [Export Controls Online \(EXCOL\)](#): Web-based application for submitting online applications for export permits and international import and delivery verification certificates, as well as to request amendments, submit online quarterly utilization reports for military goods, and print selected permits in your office.
- [Export and Import Controls System \(EICS\)](#): Secure web interface and an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) interface to support the application, approval, and processing of import/export permits. The system also features import/export quota management functionality.
- [Destination Considerations](#): This includes the Area Control List, Export Controls to Certain Destinations, Prohibitions on Military Exports and Canadian Economic Sanctions.

Controlled Products

Products subject to export controls include the following - further information may be obtained by selecting one of these:

- [Military and Strategic Goods and Technology \(including cryptographic items\)](#)
- [Softwood Lumber](#)
- [Firearms](#)
- [Sugar and Sugar Containing Products](#)
- [Peanut Butter](#)
- [Logs](#)
- [United States Origin Goods and Technologies](#)

Recent Updates to Regulations and Notices

Important Information

- [Information Update: Exports to Iran](#)
- [Report on Exports of Military Goods from Canada - 2016](#)

Statistics relating to the export of military goods and technology, including conventional arms and ammunition, can be found in the "Report on

Exports of Military Goods from Canada" published by Global Affairs Canada. These statistics are based on the export of military goods and technology as identified in the Munitions List (Group 2) of Canada's Export Control List, which reflect commitments made in the multilateral Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies and commitments made in the Organization of American States, as well as certain additional unilateral controls implemented by Canada. Canada's export control regime, including the Export Control List, is established and administered under the authority of Canada's Export and Import Permits Act.

Other statistics regarding the export of arms and ammunitions can be found on other government sites such as Industry Canada and Statistics Canada's "Trade Data On-Line". This data is compiled based on categories of items negotiated at the World Customs Organization for the purpose of applying global customs tariff codes. The "arms and ammunitions" category of items negotiated via the World Customs Organization does not, in many cases, reflect what many countries would consider conventional arms and ammunition. (For example, goods such as flare guns used in oil and gas drilling, ammunition to frighten birds at airports, etc. may be listed under some harmonized coding). The Canadian Commercial Corporation also generates their own export data based on contracts between Canadian suppliers and military end-users. Again, these statistics may include items which are not strictly military in nature, such as storage containers.

Regulations

- [Regulation – Order amending the Export Control List – June 2017](#)
- [Regulation – Order issuing General Export Permit No. 41 – August 2015](#)
- [Amendment to the Automatic Firearms Country Control List - January 2015](#)
- [Amendment to the Automatic Firearms Country Control List - January 2015](#)
- [Regulation - Order amending the *Export Control List* - November 2014](#)
- [Amendment to the Automatic Firearms Country Control List - November 2014](#)
- [Regulation – Order amending the *Export Control List* - April 2014](#)
- [Amendment to the Automatic Firearms Country Control List - April 2014](#)
- [Proposed Regulation: General Export Permit No. 41 – *Dual-use Goods and Technology to Certain Destinations* - November 2013](#)
- [Regulation – Order amending the *Export Control List* - January 2013](#)
- [Regulation - Order issuing General Export Permit No. 46 - January 2013](#)
- [Amendment to the Automatic Firearms Country Control List - December 2012](#)
- [Regulation - Order amending the *Import Control List* - November 2012](#)
- [Regulation - Orders issuing General Export Permit No. 43 and General Export Permit No. 44 - May 2012](#)
- [Regulation - Order amending the *Area Control List* - April 2012](#)

Notices

- [Notice to Exporters No. 212 - Amendment to the *Area Control List* \(removal of Belarus\)](#)
- [Notice to Exporters No. 196 - Exports of items listed on the *Export Control List* to Iran - February 2016](#)
- [Notice to Exporters No. 194 - *Dual-use Goods and Technology to Certain Destinations* - August 2015](#)
- [Notice to Exporters No. 182 - *Cryptography for the Development of Production of a Product* - December 2014](#)
- [Notice to Exporters No. 186 - *Cryptography for Use by Certain Consignees* - January 2013](#)
- [Notice to Exporters No. 181 - Orders issuing General Export Permit No. 43 and General Export Permit No. 44 - May 2012](#)
- [Complete List of Notices to Exporters](#)

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On June 20, 2017, the Government of Canada finalized the regulatory process to amend the *Export Control List*. This amendment serves to add controls, clarify controls and remove controls over specific items as agreed upon in the various multilateral export control regimes.

The current December 2013 version of “*A Guide to Canada’s Export Controls*” remains in effect until August 10, 2017. On August 11, 2017, the December 2015 version of the “*A Guide to Canada’s Export Controls List*” (*Guide*) will formally come into effect. The December 2015 version of the *Guide* will be available on the Export Controls Division [website](#) as of July 12, 2017.

The new version of the *Guide* will incorporate Canadian commitments and obligations to the various multilateral export control regimes up to December 31, 2015. A table identifying the date of Canadian commitments to each regime appears below.

Export Control Regime	Latest Controls Incorporated into ECL
Wassenaar Arrangement	December 2015
Nuclear Suppliers Group	June 2015
Missile Technology Control Regime	October 2015
Australia Group	June 2015

A brief overview of [key changes](#) are provided on the Export Controls Division website.

The regulation and the Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement were published on the [Canada Gazette](#) website on July 12, 2017. Please contact the Export Controls Division for more details.

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