

When do I need an Export or Trade Control Licence?

What is controlled?

There are two types of controls – technology-driven and end-use driven:

Technology-Driven Controls

Military List: almost anything “specially designed or modified for military use”. The Military List can be viewed at: <http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file52653.pdf>

Dual Use List: a very wide range of goods and technologies originally designed for civil uses, but which also could have potential military applications. It is vital to remember that even seemingly innocuous equipment and technology can ultimately find its way into the military and/or WMD programmes of those to whom we don't wish it to go, even if we all see ourselves as legitimate traders.

The full Control List, including listings of dual-use items and technologies which are specifically export controlled can be viewed at: <http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file52654.pdf>

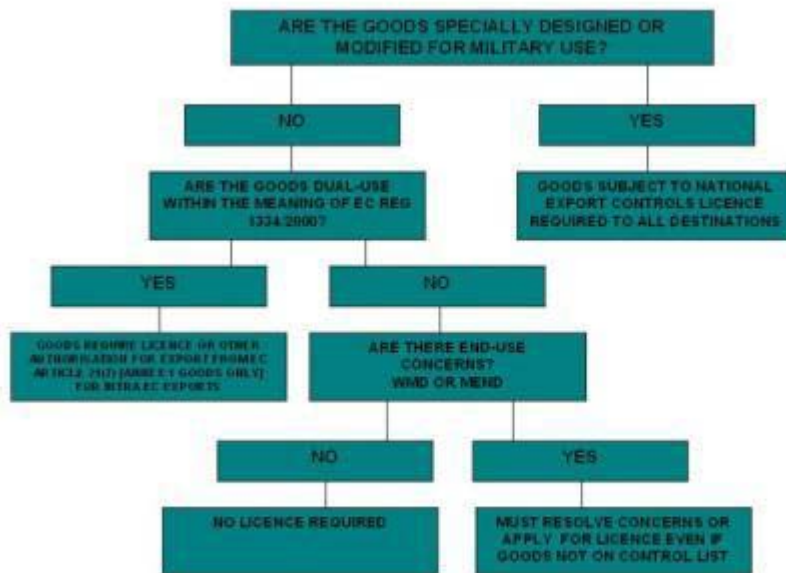
End-Use Driven Controls

Weapons of Mass Destruction: ANY goods or technology for use in connection with the development, production, handling, operation, maintenance, storage, detection, identification or dissemination of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, or the development, production, maintenance or storage of missiles capable of delivering such weapons

Military End-Use: ANY goods or technology intended for use by a military customer in a nation subject to an EU Common Position or Joint Action, OSCE or UN arms embargo. The latest listing is to be found at:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/services-we-deliver/business-services/export-controls-sanctions/country-listing/>

How to assess the possible control status?



The ECO's On-Line “Goods Checker” to Enable Companies to Assess Licensability

The ‘Goods Checker’ tool has been released by the ECO for UK exporters.

- Goods Checker helps exporters assess if their goods, software or technology are controlled by UK or EU strategic export control legislation. By entering keywords that describe their goods, the exporter can search against the current UK Strategic Export Control Lists to find the control list entry(ies) that apply.
- You can look at various aspects of the Good Checker without registering or logging in, e.g. What it's about, How it Works and Quick Help, which is a short version of the user manual that gives guidance on how to use the tool.
- Please also see the ‘Making Effective Searches’ in the ‘Quick Help’ document under the Help/User Manual section of the menu. It is recommended that this document is read before the tool is used.

You can access Goods Checker at <http://www.ecochecker.co.uk/goodsChecker/>

How to apply for a “Rating” to get definitive advice on whether a licence is needed or not?

The Export Control Organisation provides a service to companies who cannot ascertain from themselves from the Control Lists or the end-use controls whether they need a licence or not – this is called the “Ratings” service.

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/europeandtrade/strategic-export-control/rating/index.html>