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The UK leaves the EU on 31 January 2020. Current export licensing arrangements will continue to apply until the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.

Strategic items are regulated through a system of export and trade controls. The following items are subject to strategic control:

- military items
- firearms
- dual-use items (items with both civil and military uses)
- items that can be used for torture or capital punishment
- radioactive sources
- other items controlled under international sanctions

The Export Control Joint Unit (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/export-control-organisation>) ([ECJU](#)) is responsible for the control and licensing of the trade of these items.

The current export licensing arrangements will continue to apply during the transition period. This includes the arrangements for exporting all strategic items.

The open general export licence (export of dual-use items to EU member states) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-general-export-licence-export-of-dual-use-items-to-eu-member-states>) is not required to export dual-use items to the EU during the transition period.

For more information on the current regulations and requirements, see:

- export controls: military goods, software and technology (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-controls-military-goods-software-and-technology>)
- export controls: dual-use items, software and technology, goods for torture and radioactive sources (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-controls-dual-use-items-software-and-technology-goods-for-torture-and-radioactive-sources>)
- firearms and export control forms (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/firearms-and-export-control-forms>)
- export controls: torture goods (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controls-on-torture-goods>)
- current trade sanctions, including arms embargoes and other restrictions (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/current-arms-embargoes-and-other-restrictions>)
- UK sanctions guidance for information on other types of sanctions (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-sanctions>)

Contact [ECJU](#)

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Contact for general queries about strategic export licensing.

More information on export controls is available on the [ECJU](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-military-or-dual-use-goods-services-or-technology-special-rules) pages (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-military-or-dual-use-goods-services-or-technology-special-rules>) of the GOV.UK website, also the SPIRE (<https://www.spire.trade.gov.uk/spire/fox/espire/LOGIN/login>) export licensing database.

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