All goods originating outside Canada that are identified in the ECL require an export permit to be re-exported from Canada to any destination with the exception, in most cases, of the United States. Any such goods that are in transit in bond on a through journey and accompanied by a billing or other documentation which clearly indicates the ultimate destination are exempted from the requirements to have an export permit.

Section 7 of the Act provides that:

"The Minister may issue to any resident of Canada applying therefor a permit to export goods included in an Export Control List or to a country included in an Area Control List, in such quantity and of such quality, by such persons, to such places or persons and subject to such other terms and conditions as are described in the permit or in the regulations."

Authority is provided under section 12 of the Act for regulations prescribing the information and undertakings to be furnished by applicants for permits, procedures to be followed in applying for and issuing permits, and requirements for carrying out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

Section 6 of the Export Permit Regulations (C.R.C., c.602) provides for the issuance of general permits authorizing the export of certain named goods to all destinations or to specified destinations.

The Regulations Respecting Trans-shipment (C.R.C., c.606) enable Canada to cooperate in a system agreed upon by a number of countries to prevent the diversion of strategic materials in transit.