

Issuance of Import Permits

Section 14 of the Act stipulates that:

"No person shall import or attempt to import any goods included in an Import Control List except under the authority of and in accordance with an import permit issued under this Act."

Section 8(1) authorizes the Minister to:

"...issue to any resident of Canada applying therefor a permit to import goods included in an Import Control List, in such quantity and of such quality, by such persons, from 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 the making of regulations prescribing the information and undertakings to be furnished by applicants for permits, the procedure to be followed in applying for and issuing permits, and the requirements for carrying out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

Section 5 of the Import Permit Regulations (C.R.C., c. 605) provides for the issuance of general permits authorizing the import of specific goods up to specified limits or subject to specified conditions.

The following is a statistical summary of applications for import permits processed in 2003:

permits issued	882,681
permits denied	7,676
permits cancelled	24,935

Import certificates and delivery verification certificates

The issuance of import certificates and delivery verification certificates is provided for under section 9 of the Act and under the Import Certificate Regulations (C.R.C., c. 603). Import certificates enable an importer to describe goods in detail and to certify that he/she will not assist in their disposal or diversion during transit. Such assurances may be required by the country of export before permitting the shipment of certain goods, most notably munitions and strategic goods. An import certificate is not an import permit and does not entitle the holder to import the goods described on the certificate into Canada. Delivery verification certificates may be issued following arrival of the goods in Canada to enable an exporter of goods to Canada to comply with requirements of the exporting country.

In 2003, the Department issued 2,554 import certificates and 274 delivery verification certificates.

2. EXPORT CONTROL

Section 3 of the Act provides that the Governor in Council may establish a list of goods, to be called an **Export Control List (ECL)**, including therein any article the export of which the Governor in Council deems it necessary to control for any of the following purposes:

- to ensure that arms, ammunition, implements or munitions of war, naval, army or air stores or any articles deemed capable of being converted thereinto or made useful in the production