

Introduction

A. Do I Need An Export Permit?

This is the first question facing an exporter. Some goods, and some destinations of goods, require that an exporter first receive a Federal export permit from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) before the goods are exported. To help understand the decision process involved, please refer to the flow-chart on the opposite page.

Export permits are required if goods are:

- destined for a country on Canada's Area Control List;
- on Canada's Export Control List; *or*
- of U.S. origin.

Step 1: Destination of the Goods

Regardless of the product, any goods going to a country on the Area Control List (ACL) require a permit before they can be exported. At time of publication, the ACL included Angola and Libya. Similarly, any nation that is embargoed by the United Nations may require additional approvals over and above any export permit which may be required (e.g., Iraq).

Step 2: The Type of Goods

Some specific goods require permits for export, regardless of their destination. The list of these goods is contained in Canada's Export Control List (ECL) which is contained in this Guide. The ECL is quite detailed, covering many products that Canada wishes to control for various reasons. Section L, "How do I Use the ECL and Find Information in the Guide?", on page xiv, provides some practical information in using the ECL.

Step 3: U.S. Origin Goods

Exporters should note that the export of all goods of U.S. origin, as defined in ECL Item 5400, and regardless of their nature and destination, require permits (see Section D.2.).

If goods are not destined for a nation on the ACL (Step 1), are not listed on the ECL (Step 2), and are not of U.S. origin (Step 3), then there are no (DFAIT) controls over the export of the good. **An export permit from DFAIT is not required.**

Step 4: Other Possible Export Controls

Exporters should note that even if DFAIT controls do not exist, other controls may still apply. Some listed and non-listed goods may require approval for export by, for example, the Atomic Energy Control Board (nuclear/atomic items). For more information about exporting requirements, please contact your local Canada Customs office or the responsible Government Department or Agency. These can be found in the blue pages of your local telephone book under "Government of Canada".