Chemical Action Task Force (CATF)

The CATF met in 1990-91 to establish a list of chemical precursors that could be used in the production of illicit drugs. In July 1991, at the London Economic Summit, the G-7 countries endorsed the CATF Report which called on participating nations to control the export of certain defined chemical precursors.

Group 8 contains a list of chemical precursors used in the manufacture of illicit drugs. This list is not all-inclusive. Other chemicals used in the production of illicit drugs are controlled by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

GETTING AN EXPORT PERMIT

Export permits are required when the destination is a country on the Area Control List (ACL) or when the goods are on the Export Control List (ECL). There are two types of permits: a General Export Permit (GEP) and an Individual Export Permit (IEP).

General Export Permits

General Export Permits (GEP) were introduced to minimize the administrative burden of export controls on exporters and to streamline export licensing procedures. GEP's enable an exporter to export certain specified goods which are subject to control to eligible destinations without the necessity of submitting an export permit application. GEP's are simple to understand and easy to use. The Export Controls Division can provide you with a complete listing of GEP's.

Individual Export Permits

When an export permit is required and a GEP cannot be used, an Individual Export Permit (IEP) must be obtained. The export permit is requested by completing an "Application for Permit to Export Goods", form No. EXT-1042.

Submission of Applications

Once the application form is completed and the necessary technical and supporting documentation is compiled, forward all documentation together with the application to the address noted on the inside of the front cover of this Guide (except for wild fauna and flora controlled under Item 5000, see next paragraph).

Endangered Wild Fauna and Flora—Applications

Canada is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Controlled fauna and flora are included under Item 5000 of this Guide. Export permits are required and issued by:

The Administrator
Convention on International Trade in
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Canadian Wildlife Service
Environment Canada
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