permits issued	7,144
permits rejected	
permits cancelled	311

Area Control List

Section 4 of the Act provides for the control of "any goods to any country included in an Area Control List" (ACL). Angola was removed from the ACL in 2003 leaving only one country, Myanmar (Burma), on the ACL at year's end.

Automatic Firearms Country Control List

The Act provides for the establishment of an Automatic Firearms Country Control List (AFCCL). Only countries on this list are eligible to receive automatic firearms as defined in ECL Item 5500.

They are:

Australia

Norway

Belgium

Botswana

Saudi Arabia

Denmark

Spain

France

Sweden

Germany

Greece

United Kingdom

Italy

United States

Netherlands

New Zealand

Issuance of Export Permits

An export permit is required before any item included in the ECL may be exported from Canada to any destination, with the exception (in most cases) of the United States. This requirement enables Canada to meet international commitments, such as its commitment to prevent the proliferation of missile technology and biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. Nuclear material and equipment, logs, automatic firearms, pulpwood, roe herring and red cedar bolts and blocks are among the goods requiring permits for export to the United States. Permits are also required to export any goods to countries on the ACL, unless exempted.

In 2004, 7,176 individual permits were issued, up from 5,605 in 2001. 24 permits were denied, 377 applications were withdrawn, and 12 permits were cancelled.

General Export Permits (GEPs)

The Act provides for the issuance of general permits authorizing the export of certain designated goods to all destinations or to specified destinations. GEPs are intended to facilitate exports by enabling exporters to export selected goods without applying for individual permits. They also provide a means of identifying goods for which exports to countries on the ACL are restricted. The GEPs in effect during 2004 included: