

SECO – Dual-use goods

1. General

1.1 Background

The export of goods which can be used for both civilian and military purposes, special military goods and goods that are part of a critical infrastructure are subject to export controls.

Anyone wishing to export goods listed in the Annexes to the Goods Control Ordinance or Chemicals Control Ordinance must obtain a licence from [SECO](#).

1.2 Legal basis and information

- Goods Control Act ([SR 946.202](#))
- Goods Control Ordinance ([SR 946.202.1](#))
- Chemicals Control Ordinance ([SR 946.202.21](#))

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items that are relevant from an export control regulation perspective contain the note "Licence requirement: SECO-ESIG".

1.4 Definitions

Goods	Goods, technologies and software
Dual-use goods	Goods in accordance with Annex 2 to the GCO which can be used for both civilian and military purposes.

2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

2.1 Export

Anyone importing dual-use goods must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the regulation requirement and enter the SECO licence.

Identification Regulation	Passar: - Regulation 1 (yes) - Regulation code 101 "SECO – Dual-use goods"
	e-dec: - Licence requirement "yes" - Licensing office "SECO-ESIG"
Additional details	- Licence number - Licence holder¹ - Licence item number - Actual quantity (number) - Actual value of goods¹ (rounded to the nearest franc, without centimes)

Goods that would generally require a licence, but that can nevertheless be brought into the country without a licence due to an exemption from the requirement, must be declared accordingly:

Identification Regulation	Passar: - Regulation 1 (yes) - Regulation code 101 "SECO – Dual-use goods"
Licence exemptions	- SECOBWIP001: Firearms with the ammunition pertaining thereto that are exported by security agents employed by the Swiss authorities for pre-arranged official foreign visits

¹ Only for declarations in Passar; exactly in accordance with the licence

	- SECOBWIP002: Firearms with the ammunition pertaining thereto that are re-exported by security agents employed by foreign states following pre-arranged official visits - SECOBWIP003: Goods that are exported by Swiss troop units and their members for international operations or for training purposes - SECOBWIP005: Hunting and sports weapons with the ammunition pertaining thereto that are credibly shown to be needed by persons for hunting, sports shooting or martial arts abroad - SECOBWIP006: Hunting and sports weapons with the ammunition pertaining thereto that are credibly shown to be needed by persons for hunting, sports shooting or martial arts in Switzerland - SECOBWIP007: Goods in accordance with Annexes 2, 3 and 5 to the GCO that are being returned to the original supplier, provided they have not achieved a technical increase in value.
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2.2 Transit

The transit of goods (see [Annexes 2, 3 and 5](#) to the GCO) is permitted if

- the country of destination is listed in Annex 7 to the GCO; or (if this is not the case)
- proof of lawful dispatch to the new country of destination can be provided.

Copies of the foreign export licence or a negative certificate from the country of origin or supply may be accepted as proof. Proof that the goods have been lawfully dispatched to the new country of destination must be provided upon entry of the relevant goods into Swiss customs territory. The transit of goods that do not meet the criteria for dual-use goods is prohibited.

3. Additional information for assessing the licence requirement and entering "without permit" in the customs and/or goods declaration

Goods which fall under tariff chapters 28 to 29, 30 (only tariff headings 3002.1200/9000), 34, 36 to 40, 54 to 56, 59, 62, 65 (only tariff heading 6506.1000), 68 to 76, 79, 81 to 90 and 93 may require an export licence. In order to assess the licence requirement definitively, the exporter must consult Annexes 2, 3 and 5 to the Goods Control Ordinance ([SR 946.202.1](#)) and/or the Annex to the Chemicals Control Ordinance ([SR 946.202.21](#)).

If an export control number cannot be attributed to the goods, their export is in principle not subject to a licence. In e-dec, the declaration to the FOCBS should be done with authorisation code 2 «without permit according to declarant» and, in Passar, without regulation – «Regulation 0 (none)». If requested by the Export Controls of Industrial Goods Division (ESIG) of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), it must at all times be possible to prove, by means of the appropriate documentation, that the export without a licence was correct.

If an export control number can be attributed to the goods, an export licence must be requested from SECO-ESIG. The provisions on reporting requirements in Article 3 paragraph 4 of the Goods Control Ordinance remain reserved: The planned export of goods that are not subject to the licence requirement must be reported to SECO if the exporter knows that the goods are intended, or could be intended, for the development, production or use of weapons of mass destruction or of delivery systems for such weapons.

Information can be obtained from the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Export Controls of Industrial Goods Division, Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern, Tel. +41 58 462 68 50, [SECO – Export Controls of Industrial Goods](#).