

SECO – War material

1. General

1.1 Background

In order to meet international obligations and uphold foreign policy principles, the war material legislation regulates the production and transfer of war material. Anyone wishing to import, export or transit with war material requires a licence from [SECO](#).

1.2 Legal basis and information

- War Material Act ([SR 514.51](#))
- War Material Ordinance ([SR 514.511](#))

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items that are relevant from a war material regulation perspective contain the note «Licence requirement: SECO-ESRG».

1.4 Definition

War material	Goods in accordance with Annex 1 of the WMO, especially: - Weapons, weapons systems, munitions and military explosives; - Equipment that has been specifically conceived or modified for use in combat or for the conduct of combat and which is not as a general rule used for civilian purposes. - Individual components and assembly packages, which may also be partially processed, provided it is discernible that such components cannot be used in the same form for civilian purposes.
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2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone who import, exports or transits with war material 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 102 «SECO – War material»
	e-dec: - Licence requirement «yes» - Licensing office «SECO-ESRG»
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 102 «SECO – War material»
Licence exemptions	- SECOBWRP001: War material for foreign troop units and their members who leave the country again after training in Switzerland - SECOBWRP002: War material for Swiss troop units and their members for international operations or for training purposes - SECOBWRP003: War material exported by federal armaments enterprises

¹ Only for declarations in Passar