

TRANSHIPMENT LICENCE (SPORTING GUNS)

Open General Transhipment Licence (Sporting Guns) dated

28th September 2005 granted by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by Article 2 and 5(1) of the Import of Goods (Control) Order 1954^(a) ("the Imports Order"), and now vested in him^(b), and of his powers under Articles 12 of the Export of Goods, Transfer of Technology and Provision of Technical Assistance Control) Order 2003^(c) ("the Exports Order") hereby grants the following Open General Transhipment Licence:

Interpretation

1. In this Licence, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "the holder" has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 3(a) hereof;
 - (b) "importation" and "exportation" mean respectively importation into and exportation from the United Kingdom;
 - (c) "transhipment" means transit through the United Kingdom or transhipment of imported goods with a view to their re-exportation, whether or not they remain on board an aircraft or ship for the period that they remain in the United Kingdom; and
 - (d) any other expression used in this Licence shall have the meaning it bears in the Export Control Act 2002^(d) or in the Exports Order.

^(a) S.I. 1954/23; the relevant amending Order is S.I.1978/806

^(b) See S.I. 1970/1537.

^(c) S.I. 2003/2764; to which there are amendments not relevant to this licence.

^(d) 2002 c.28.

Importation of goods with a view to transshipment and subsequent exportation

2. Subject to the following provisions of this Licence, goods specified in Schedule 1 hereto may be imported for transshipment and subsequently exported to any destination except a destination in any country specified in Schedule 2 hereto.

Limitations of licence

3. Nothing in this Licence shall authorise the importation of goods originating in Iraq.

Conditions

4. The authority in paragraph 2 above to import or export any goods is subject to the conditions that:

- (a) the goods are, on importation and exportation, accompanied by an individual ("the holder") and form part of his personal effects;
- (b) if the holder passes through UK immigration controls the goods are presented by the holder to the proper officer of Customs and Excise at the place of importation or exportation, and the holder presents to that officer a valid firearm or shotgun certificate or visitor's firearm or shotgun permit;
- (c) the goods have been temporarily exported from another country for use by the holder for sporting or recreational purposes; and
- (d) the holder does not intend, and is aware of no intention, that the goods will be subsequently delivered to a destination in any country specified in Schedule 2 hereto to any person for use in any such country; and
- (e) the goods are exported within 30 days of the date of importation.

5. The requirements of Article 13 of the Exports Order shall not apply to any export under this Licence.

Prohibitions not affected by this Licence

6. Nothing in this Licence shall affect any prohibition or restriction on the importation or exportation or the carrying out of any other act with respect of the importation and exportation of any goods concerned under, or by virtue of, any enactment other than a prohibition or restriction in the legislation under which this licence was issued, as set out in the licence itself.

Entry into force

7. This Licence shall come into force on 3rd October 2005.

Revocation

8. The Open General Transshipment Licence (Sporting Guns) dated 24 January 2005 is hereby revoked.

**An Official of the Department of
Trade and Industry authorised to
act on behalf of the Secretary of State**

SCHEDULE 1
GOODS CONCERNED

Rifles, pistols and smooth bore weapons specified in ML1 head(a) and ML1 head (b), in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Exports Order, related ammunition specified in entry ML3 and telescopic sights specified in entry ML1 head (d) (other than those specially designed for military use) for use therewith.

SCHEDULE 2

DESTINATIONS CONCERNED

All destinations other than in:

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burma(Myanmar), Burundi, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Nigeria, People's Republic of China (including Macau Special Administrative Region but excluding Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), Rwanda, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Licence)

1. This licence has been amended by adding Nepal and Uzbekistan to the list of excluded destinations in Schedule 2. This follows a review of the country coverage of the licence.

2. This Open General Transshipment Licence permits the importation of those rifles and pistols, related ammunition and telescopic sights for use with them transshipment and subsequent exportation where they are to be used for sporting or recreational purposes. The authorisation is subject to certain conditions and does not permit exportation to a country specified in Schedule 2 to the Licence.