



# Defence Export Controls Guidance for Team Defence Australia Industry Delegates

Are you registered with Defence Export Controls?

All companies wishing to participate in a Team Defence Australia (TDA) industry delegation must be registered with Defence Export Controls (DEC). Companies must provide their DEC Client Reference Number (DCRN) with their TDA expression of interest. If you do not have a DCRN, register with DEC to obtain one.

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Are you taking goods, software or technology to the tradeshow?

DEC regulates the physical export and intangible supply (by electronic means) of military and dual-use goods and technology.

Is what I am taking to the tradeshow export controlled?

For tradeshows, DEC are typically asked to assess “marketing material”, “goods” and “models” – a brief summary of these description is provided below.

The temporary export of controlled goods, software and technology for the purposes of exhibition and demonstration will require a permit.

If your goods are controlled, or if you are unsure, please submit an export application with DEC.

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## *Marketing Material*

Generally, marketing material is not controlled and therefore does not require a permit. The export of marketing material will required a permit if it contains information that meets the “technology” threshold as defined in the Defence and Strategic Goods List (DSGL). “Technology” is defined in the DSGL as specific information “required” for the “development”, “production”, or “use” of a product. For example, if the marketing material contains geometric or assembly information, i.e. as shown on an engineering drawing, it may meet the control threshold for technology and you should seek advice from DEC.

Please consult the DSGL ([Defence and Strategic Goods List 2024](#)) for additional information regarding how “technology” is defined.



### *Goods, software and technology*

DEC regulates a wide variety of items – see **Annex A** for broad descriptions of what is captured within each DSGL category.

For specific details within each category, please consult the DSGL ([Defence and Strategic Goods List 2024](#)).

### *Models of controlled goods*

In some instances, models representing goods controlled in the DSGL will require a permit to export.

Your models may be controlled if any of the following are true:

- The model is of a firearm or man-portable weapon.
- The model has parts or components from the genuine article.
- The model is made from the same materials as the genuine article.
- The model is used for simulating military scenarios or training.
- The model could be used in the reverse engineering, or use of a controlled good.

If you believe the model you are taking meets any of the conditions above, or you are unsure, please submit a permit application to DEC.

### *Do I need a permit if I am travelling with DSGL controlled technology?*

If you travel overseas with a laptop and/or storage device containing DSGL controlled technology, or if you have access to DSGL technology while overseas via a cloud server, you do not require a permit unless your intention is to show the DSGL technology to another person, who is not an Australian citizen or resident, whilst overseas. Supply occurs when Australian DSGL software or technology is sent to or accessed by a non-Australian citizen or resident (regardless if that person is in Australia or overseas).

Please consult the DEC website or utilise the self-assessment tool on the MADE portal if you are unsure whether a permit is required.

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## Annex A: Broad descriptions of Defence and Strategic Goods List (DSGL) categories

These can be found on the Defence website [Defence and Strategic Goods List page](#)

### PART 1: MUNITIONS LIST

<b>ML 1</b>	Smooth bore weapons calibre <20mm; Other weapons calibre ≤ 12.7mm (calibre 0.50 inches); Components and accessories.
<b>ML2</b>	Smooth bore weapons >20mm; Other weapons calibre > 12.7mm (calibre 0.50 inches); Components and accessories
<b>ML3</b>	Ammunition and components for ML1, ML2 & ML12, Fuze settings for ML3
<b>ML4</b>	Bombs, torpedoes, rockets, missiles, other explosive devices and charges, components and accessories; Equipment for launching, deploying, decoying, disruption, detection and jamming
<b>ML5</b>	Fire control systems, components and accessories and their countermeasure equipment; Radar, surveillance, tracking systems, and their countermeasure equipment
<b>ML6</b>	Ground vehicles and components
<b>ML7</b>	Chemical or biological toxic agents, "riot control agents", radioactive materials, related equipment, components and materials
<b>ML8</b>	"Energetic materials" (explosives & chemicals) and related substances
<b>ML9</b>	Vessels of war, special naval equipment, accessories, components and other surface vessels
<b>ML10</b>	Aircraft, unmanned airborne vehicles, aero-engines and aircraft equipment, and related equipment and components
<b>ML11</b>	Electronic equipment not specified elsewhere on the Munitions List specially designed for military use and components
<b>ML12</b>	High velocity kinetic energy weapon systems and related equipment and components
<b>ML13</b>	Armour plate, helmets, body armour and components
<b>ML14</b>	Simulators and training equipment; Components and accessories
<b>ML15</b>	Imaging or countermeasure equipment, infrared, thermal imaging, image intensifier equipment and cameras; Components and accessories
<b>ML16</b>	Forgings, castings and other unfinished products specially designed for any items specified by ML1 - ML4, ML6, ML9, ML10, ML12 or ML19
<b>ML17</b>	Miscellaneous goods, including diving equipment, robots, ferries, containers specially designed or modified for military use, goods treated for or providing signature suppression
<b>ML18</b>	Production and test equipment and components



<b>ML19</b>	Directed energy weapon systems, countermeasure and related equipment and test models (e.g. lasers and particle beam systems)
<b>ML20</b>	Cryogenic and superconductive equipment and specially designed components and accessories
<b>ML21</b>	Software associated with any item listed in the Munitions List
<b>ML22</b>	Technology associated with any item listed in the Munitions List
<b>ML901-910</b>	Specific Australian only controls on firearms and explosives not covered elsewhere

## PART 2: DUAL-USE LIST

<b>Cat 0</b>	<b>Nuclear Materials, Facilities and Equipment</b> (e.g. Nuclear reactors, gas centrifuges, high-strength metals, equipment and materials especially designed for nuclear use).
<b>Cat 1</b>	<b>Materials, Chemicals, Microorganisms and Toxins</b> (e.g. Protective and detection equipment, body armour, precursor chemicals, toxins, casings, pump bodies, impellers and rotors, viruses, bacteria, protective and detection equipment, radiation shielding windows and metal powder production equipment).
<b>Cat 2</b>	<b>Materials Processing</b> (e.g. Machine tools for milling, computer numerical controlled machines and components; reaction vessels or reactors, agitators, storage tanks, containers, distillation or absorption columns, valves, multi-walled piping, multiple seal or seal-less pumps, crucibles, robots, vibration test systems, vacuum pumps, chemical processing and handling equipment).
<b>Cat 3</b>	<b>Electronics</b> (e.g. Microwave components, acoustic wave devices, high-energy devices, switching devices, detonators, certain integrated circuits, spectrometers electronic detonators, integrated circuits, microwave power modules and mass spectrometers).
<b>Cat 4</b>	<b>Computers</b> (e.g. High-performance computers, related electronic assemblies and other specially-designed components, radiation hardened computers, neural and optical computers and related equipment).
<b>Cat 5</b>	<b>Telecommunications and 'Information Security'</b> (Part 1 – Telecommunications. Telecommunications systems, optical fibre cables, radio equipment, jamming equipment, and telemetry and telecontrol equipment. Part 2 – Information Security (Cryptography). Cryptographic equipment and communications cables systems).
<b>Cat 6</b>	<b>Sensors and Lasers</b> (e.g. Marine acoustic systems, hydrophones, high-speed cameras, optical mirrors and lasers, imaging cameras and magnetometers).
<b>Cat 7</b>	<b>Navigation and Avionics</b> (e.g. Gyros, accelerometers, inertial navigation systems, flight control systems, equipment used in oceanographic and hydrographic surveying, encrypted global positioning systems).



**Cat 8 Marine** (e.g. Submersible vehicles, underwater vision systems, photographic still cameras, remotely controlled manipulators, noise reduction systems and air independent power systems).

**Cat 9 Aerospace and Propulsion** (e.g. Aero and marine gas turbine engines, liquid rocket propulsion systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, hybrid rocket motors, missiles, re-entry vehicles, UAVs, rocket motors, ramjet engines, sounding rockets and acoustic vibration test equipment).

Note: Certain items (goods, equipment, software and technology) may be captured under multiple Dual-use categories.

Within the 10 Dual-Use categories (0-9), there are 5 sub-categorisations: A. Goods; B. Test, Inspection, and Production Equipment; C. Materials; D. Software; E. Technology.