



15 July 2015

To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders, Cargo Agents and Carriers

IMPORT / EXPORT OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING EXPLOSIVE PRECURSORS

This serves as a reminder to all traders, freight forwarders, cargo agents and carriers to ensure that they obtain the requisite licence before any arms, explosives or explosives precursors are imported or exported including transshipment in Singapore.

2. Recently, the authorities detected at checkpoints a few cases of importation of explosives precursors without import licences and also wrongful declaration of the type of explosives precursors in some cases where licences were obtained. As Police view this matter seriously, investigations have been commenced against the importers under the Arms & Explosives Act (AEA), Chapter 13.
3. Under the Arms & Explosives Act, any **import or export** including transshipment of arms, explosives or products containing explosive precursors will require a licence. The said licence is required for every transaction.
4. We would like to highlight that the types of products containing explosive precursors (please see attach Annex A for list of 15 chemical classified as explosive precursors) include cleaning products, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, etc. It is the responsibility of the traders and freight forwarders to check the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) of their products to ensure that their products do not contain any explosive precursors or they are making the correct declaration on the type of explosive precursors. If necessary, they should exercise due diligence by further verifying with the manufacturers/suppliers/sellers they received the goods from on this matter.
5. Please be reminded that persons and cargo are subjected to checks at Immigration Checkpoints. If during the checks, any arms / explosives / explosives precursors are found to be imported / exported without the above said licences, Police will investigate the importer/exporter for contravention of the Arms & Explosives Act. The cargo shall not be allowed for import/export and may also be seized for purposes of investigations by Police.
6. Under the Arms & Explosives Act, any person or corporate body who manufactures, deals in, imports or exports any arms, explosives or explosives precursors without a licence shall be liable on conviction to maximum fines ranging from \$10,000-\$100,000, to maximum imprisonment terms ranging 2-3 years or both.
7. Traders who wish to import or export including transshipment of arms, explosives or products containing any Explosive Precursors shall apply for an import / export licence from Police Licensing and Regulatory Department (PLRD). The trader or his appointed freight forwarder shall submit permit applications for import, export and transshipments online via TradeNet®.



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8 In applications for export/import licences via TradeNet®, the trader or freight forwarder shall ensure that they declare under the correct Harmonised System (HS) Codes and Product Codes. Failure to use the correct codes may result in the requisite licence not being granted by PLRD. This may result in the consignments being rejected. The trader may also be subjected to Police investigations for an offence of importing / exporting without licence under the Arms & Explosives Act. For more information related to TradeNet®, you may visit Customs web-site <http://www.customs.gov.sg/leftNav/trad/TradeNet.html>

9. The average processing time for the above said controlled items that require PLRD's processing via TradeNet is 5 working days, upon PLRD's receipt of all the supporting documents. Applicants may check the status of their applications via TradeNet portal after submission.

10. For more information on the control of Arms, Explosives and Explosive Precursors, please visit PLRD's web-site at http://www.police.gov.sg/licence/frameset_AE.html. For further enquiries, you may contact us at 6835 0000 or email to spf_licensing@spf.gov.sg.

11. Your strict compliance to the licensing regime for arms, explosives and explosives precursors regulated under the Arms & Explosives Act is utmost important in ensuring the security of our country.

Yours faithfully,

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POLICE LICENSING & REGULATORY DEPARTMENT



LIST OF 15 EXPLOSIVE PRECURSORS

The following are the 15 EPs regulated under the Arms & Explosives Act:

<u>Explosive Precursors</u>	<u>Exclusions</u>
1. Ammonium Nitrate	a. aqueous solutions containing less than 60% weight in weight ¹ of ammonium nitrate b. any mixture, including a fertilizer, which contains ammonium nitrate and in which any part of the nitrogen content having a chemically determined ammonium equivalent constitutes, together with that equivalent, less than 28%, by weight of the said mixture
2. Ammonium Perchlorate	-
3. Barium nitrate	Preparations and solutions containing less than 10%, weight in weight, of barium nitrate
4. Guanidine nitrate	-
5. Hydrogen peroxide	Preparations and solutions containing not more than 20%, weight in weight, of hydrogen peroxide
6. Potassium chlorate	-
7. Potassium nitrate	Preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of potassium nitrate or a combination of both potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate
8. Potassium nitrite	Aqueous solutions containing less than 5% weight in weight, of potassium nitrite
9. Potassium perchlorate	-
10. Sodium chlorate	-
11. Sodium nitrate	Preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrate or a combination of both sodium nitrate and potassium



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	nitrate
12. Sodium nitrite	Aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrite
13. Sodium perchlorate	-
14. Perchloric acid	-
15. Tetranitromethane	-

¹ Weight in weight: the concentration levels of the controlled chemicals cannot exceed the stipulated threshold limit.

