



Bundesamt
für Wirtschaft und
Ausfuhrkontrolle

Information Leaflet on the return shipment of goods exhibited at the IWA OutdoorClassics 2026 and the Enforce Tac 2026

Foreword

The Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) is in charge for the approval of exports out of German territory.

Due to the character of the goods exhibited at the IWA OutdoorClassics-Fair and the specialist exhibition for security equipment and products ENFORCE TAC in advance of IWA OutdoorClassics it could be necessary for you to apply for an export license, although the exhibited goods will just be brought back to the destination where they originally came from.

Please note that an export license might also be needed, if you just intend to transport the goods, you exhibited at the above-mentioned fairs, back to your business location (return shipment).

A. Firearms and other military equipment (described in the Common Military List of the European Union)

If you are exhibiting firearms, their parts and essential components or ammunition the following checklist will help you to know, whether an export license is needed, and if so, how you can apply for it.

Are you exhibiting firearms, their parts and essential components or ammunition mentioned in:

- Annex I of (EU) Regulation No 258/2012* solely and
 - ✓ would you like to return them to another member state of the EU? → you do not need a license.
 - ✓ would you like to return them to a country outside the EU (except for embargo-countries and others)? → you are allowed to use the Global License.
- both, Annex I of (EU) Regulation No 258/2012 and the Common Military List of the European Union (EU) ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020XG0313\(07\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020XG0313(07)&from=EN))
- or in the Common Military List of the EU solely and
 - ✓ would you like to return them to another member state of the EU? → you are allowed to use the General License No 25.
 - ✓ would you like to return them to a country outside the EU (except for embargo-countries and others)? → you are allowed to use the General License No 25.

To use the General License or Global License mentioned above:

- 1) the exhibited goods are not allowed to stay longer than twentyfour months (in case of the General License) or until 31. July 2026 (in case of the Global License) within German territory and they are not allowed to be modified during their stay;
- 2) you have to refer to the General License No.25 or the Global License when filling out the freight and customs documents. If you have assigned a freight forwarder with the transport, he can do that for you.

Please note that neither General License No. 25 nor the Global License can be used for the export to embargo-countries as defined by Article 2 Section 19 of (EU) Regulation No 2021/821 (Dual-use-Regulation) (e.g. Russia, Lebanon or Belarus) or to Egypt, China, Eritrea, Ivory Coast, Yemen, Liberia, Lebanon, Mozambique, Ruanda, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates or Uzbekistan. For exports to these countries an individual export license is required.

* Regulation (EU) No 258/2012 of the European Parliament and of the council of 14 March 2012 implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UN Firearms Protocol), and establishing export authorization, and import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition (OJ L 94, 30.03.2012, p.1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32012R0258>).

To apply for an individual export license to the BAFA the following documents are needed:

- **Application Form**

In the application form you have to fill in the basic data of your intended export (e.g. your name, the address of your firm, the address of the consignee and end-user).

If you want to export the exhibited goods back to your business location (return shipment), please fill in your name and address in the field for consignee (field 5) and end-user (field 10).

To apply for an export license out of Germany an agent located in the European Union is needed. The NürnbergMesse GmbH agreed to act as your agent. Therefore please fill NürnbergMesse GmbH, Messezentrum, 90471 Nürnberg into field 7 of the application form.

- **Certificate of authority**

As already stated, you need an agent/representative located in the European Union to apply for an individual export license. The NürnbergMesse GmbH agreed to act as your agent. Please sign a certificate of authority to allow NürnbergMesse GmbH to act as your agent in the application procedure.

The form has to be signed personally by a member of the general management of your company.

- **Confirmation about the return shipment of exhibits (Annex A1)**

If your export is a return shipment of goods you exhibited at the ENFORCE TAC-Fair and/or at the IWA OutdoorClassics 2026-Exhibition, please fill out and sign the confirmation-form in Annex A1.

The form has to be signed personally by a member of the general management of your company.

- **Technical Documents**

Please enclose all the necessary technical documents with your application, e.g. brochures and data sheets, to permit a technical assessment of the export items on the basis of the German Export List.

B. Goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

According to Council Regulation (EC) No 2019/125 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (**Anti-Torture-Regulation** – OJ L 30, 31.01.2019, p.1

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2019.030.01.0001.01.DEU&toc=OJ:L:2019:030:TOC) an individual export license is needed, if you want to export these goods to a country outside of the European Union. Please note that the export of items listed in Annex II of this regulation is strictly prohibited.

Therefore, if you exhibit goods, which are covered by Annex III or IV of the Anti-Torture, you might have to apply for an individual export license.

An individual export license is not needed:

- If your goods are not covered by Annex III or IV of the Anti-Torture-Regulation
- If you want to export goods covered by Annex III or IV of the Anti-Torture Regulation to another EU member state.

An individual export license is needed:

- If the goods you exhibit are covered by Annex III or IV of the Anti-Torture-Regulation
- and**
- If you would like to export these goods to a country outside of the European Union.

To apply for an individual export license to the BAFA the following documents are needed:

- **Application Form:**

In the application form you have to fill in the basic data of your intended export (e.g. your name, the address of your firm, the address of the consignee and end-user).

If you want to export the exhibited goods back to your business location, please fill in your name and address in the field of consignee (field 2) and end-user (field 9).

To apply for an export license out of Germany an agent located in the European Union is needed. The NürnbergMesse GmbH agreed to act as your agent. Therefore please fill NürnbergMesse GmbH, Messezentrum, 90471 Nürnberg into field 5 of the application form.

Please, pay attention to the explanatory notes to the application form.

- **Certificate of authority:**

As already stated above, you need an agent/representative located in the European Union to apply for an individual export license. The NürnbergMesse GmbH agreed to act as your agent. Please sign the certificate of authority in Annex B3 to allow NürnbergMesse GmbH to act as your agent in the application procedure.

The form has to be signed personally by a member of the general management of your company.

- **Confirmation about the return shipment of exhibits (Annex C3)**

If your export is a return shipment of goods you exhibited at the ENFORCE TAC-Fair and/or the IWA OutdoorClassics 2025-Exhibition, please fill in and sign the confirmation-form in Annex C4.

The form has to be signed personally by a member of the general management of your company.

- **Technical Documents**

Please enclose all the necessary technical documents (e.g. data sheets) to permit a technical assessment of the export items on the basis of Annex III or IV of the Anti-Torture-Regulation.

C. Application Procedure

- Please fill in the appropriate application form(s).
- Please print out the Annexes, sign them and send them via e-mail-attachment to the following e-mail-address:

iwa@nuernbergmesse.de

Additionally, please send the original documents via mail to:

NuernbergMesse GmbH
IWA Outdoor Classics
Messezentrum
90471 Nürnberg
Germany

If you plan to export both, firearms or other military goods (Part A of this leaflet) and goods as defined by the Anti-Torture-Regulation (Part B of this leaflet), please send the particular applications in **separate files**.

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