



24 February 2021

(21-1597)

Page: 1/3

Committee on Import Licensing

Original: English

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

The following notification dated 2 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	United Kingdom
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	<p><u>Retained EU law<sup>2</sup>:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Regulation (EC) 273/2004 of the European Parliament and Council of 11 February 2004 on drug precursors.</li><li>2. Council Regulation (EC) 111/2005 of 22 December 2004 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Community and third countries in drug precursors.</li><li>3. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1011 of 24 April 2015 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on drug precursors and Council Regulation (EC) No. 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Union and third countries in drug precursors, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1277/2005.</li><li>4. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1013 of 25 June 2015 laying down rules in respect of Regulation (EC) No. 273/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on drug precursors and of Council Regulation (EC) No. 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Union and third countries in drug precursors.</li></ol> <p><u>UK legislation:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. The Controlled Drugs (Drug Precursors) (Intra-Community Trade) Regulations 2008.</li><li>6. The Controlled Drugs (Drug Precursors) (Community External Trade) Regulations 2008.</li><li>7. Law Enforcement and Security (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 – Part 5, Chapter 1, Drug Precursors.</li></ol>
3	Date of Publication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 26 June 2018</li><li>2. 26 June 2018</li><li>3. 26 June 2018</li><li>4. 26 June 2018</li><li>5. 12 February 2008</li><li>6. 11 February 2008</li><li>7. 28 March 2019</li></ol>

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> Some European Union law was retained in UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, with minor modifications to ensure operability.

	Category	Notification details
4	Date of entry into force	1. 31 December 2020 2. 31 December 2020 3. 31 December 2020 4. 31 December 2020 5. 7 March 2008 6. 7 March 2008 7. 31 December 2020
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	1. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2004/273/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2004/273/contents</a> 2. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2005/111/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2005/111/contents</a> 3. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2015/1011/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2015/1011/contents</a> 4. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2015/1013/2015-06-25">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2015/1013/2015-06-25</a> 5. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2008/295/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2008/295/contents/made</a> 6. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2008/296/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2008/296/contents/made</a> 7. <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/742/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/742/made</a>
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>3</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)  <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Full list in the annex and can be found in the following link: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/precursor-chemical-import-and-export-authorisation-wallchart">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/precursor-chemical-import-and-export-authorisation-wallchart</a>
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit Address: 2 Marsham St, LONDON, SW1P 4DF, UK Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/precursor-chemical-licensing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/precursor-chemical-licensing</a> Telephone: 020 7035 6330 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:dflu.ie@homeoffice.gov.uk">dflu.ie@homeoffice.gov.uk</a>
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit Address: 2 Marsham St, LONDON, SW1P 4DF, UK Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/precursor-chemical-licensing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/precursor-chemical-licensing</a> Telephone: 020 7035 6330 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:dflu.ie@homeoffice.gov.uk">dflu.ie@homeoffice.gov.uk</a>
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing.

<sup>3</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

	Category	Notification details
14	<b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>	<p>The Drug Precursors Licensing regime is an established regime which derives from the requirements of wider international obligations under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1988.</p> <p>This will mean that companies trading in drug precursors will be required to apply to the Home Office Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Licences and Registrations – when possessing certain categories of drug precursor chemicals.</li> <li>• Import and Export Licences – when trading in certain categories of chemicals.</li> <li>• Pre-export notification – when trading in certain categories of chemicals.</li> </ul> <p>The full licensing requirements and processes can be found at the following link:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/precursor-chemical-licensing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/precursor-chemical-licensing</a></p>
15	<b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b></p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b></p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
16	<b>Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)</b>	