

Guideline on Prohibited, Controlled and Non-Regulated Items

This guideline is for:

- **Travellers** bringing items into Singapore
- **Online shoppers** purchasing items from overseas or local websites
- **Members of the public** who own or are considering acquiring certain items

Read this **before** you travel to Singapore, make online purchases, or acquire items that may be regulated.

Why These Controls Exist

Singapore maintains strict controls on certain items to ensure public safety and security. These items include guns, firearms, weapons, explosives, explosive precursors, noxious substances etc. The Police Regulatory Department (PRD) is the authority responsible for regulating such controlled items.

These regulations help prevent misuse of dangerous items, ensure responsible and legitimate use, and maintain a safe and secure environment for the community. Any import, possession or handling of such items without necessarily approval may constitute an offence.

Important: Online Availability Does Not Mean Legal to Import or Possess

Just because an item is available for purchase online does not mean it is legal to import into or possess in Singapore.

Many overseas and local websites sell items that are prohibited or controlled under Singapore law.

Before purchasing any item that may be regulated:

1. Check this guideline and the attached annexes
2. Visit PRD's website for more information and FAQ
3. Verify requirements with the PRD if unsure
4. Obtain necessary approvals before importing

You are responsible for ensuring compliance with Singapore's regulations.

Quick Reference: Is My Item Regulated?

Step 1: Check the attached annexes

- Found in **Annex A**? → **PROHIBITED** - Cannot import or possess
- Found in **Annex B**? → **CONTROLLED** - Need PRD approval before import
- Not listed? → Proceed to Step 2

Step 2: Even if not listed, consider:

- Could this item be used as a weapon?
- Do I have a legitimate reason to possess the item?
- Could the item cause public alarm?

If unsure, contact PRD at <https://www.go.gov.sg/spf-prd> before importing or purchasing an item.



Category 1: Prohibited Items - See *Annex A* for the complete list.

What Are They?

Items that **cannot be imported into or possessed in Singapore under any circumstances**. They are considered prohibited weapons or are otherwise banned under Singapore law.

Legal Consequences

Possession without lawful authority is a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment, fines, or both.

What to Do

- **If you already own one:** Surrender to the Police immediately
- **If travelling with one:** Declare it immediately to Customs/ICA officers upon arrival

Category 2: Controlled Items - See *Annex B* for the complete list.

What Are They?

Items that **require prior approval from PRD before import** into Singapore.

Legal Requirement

You must obtain approval (import licence, permit, authorisation or approval letter) from PRD **before importing**.

Importing without approval is an offence and may result in seizure, prosecution, fines and/or imprisonment.

How to Apply

Submit application to PRD before purchasing or importing:

- Visit PRD's website for application procedures: <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Overview-of-Gun-Explosive-Weapon-Licences>
- Processing time: Typically 2- 3 weeks
- Only proceed with purchase/import after receiving written approval

Licensing Requirements

PRD evaluates applications based on:

- Legitimate need for the item
- Proposed security measures
- Intended use
- Applicant's background and suitability

Different requirements apply:

For Businesses/Entities:

- Licences issued for business operations involving controlled items
- Restricted to scope of approved business activities

For Individuals:

- Approvals granted on a case-by-case basis for specific approved activities only
- Must demonstrate clear legitimate need

Key Points for Online Shoppers

- Check ***Annex B*** before purchasing
- Apply for PRD approval first
- Only complete purchase after receiving approval from PRD
- Provide approval document to shipping company/courier
- Present approval to Singapore Customs / Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) upon arrival

Key Points for Travellers

- Apply for approval at least 2 weeks before travel
- Declare items to Customs/ICA upon arrival
- Present approval document when requested
- Items without approval will be seized

Category 3: Class Licensing under GEWCA

What Is It?

A simplified regulatory approach for certain controlled items used for specific approved purposes. It reduces administrative burden by allowing automatic licensing when you comply with all requirements. There is no need to apply licence or inform PRD.

How It Works

You are automatically considered licensed when you:

1. Import, Export or Use controlled items only for authorised purposes specified in the Class Licence Orders
2. Comply with all conditions in the relevant Class Licence Order
3. Meet all security and safety requirements

You can begin activities immediately without submitting applications, paying fees, or waiting for a licence.

Check the full details on specific Class Licence Orders under the GEWCA at:

<https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/GEWCA2021?ViewType=SI>

For Type 2 Weapon Guidelines and Papercut test video guide, check under 1.4 Application Guidelines on: <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Weapon-and-or-Noxious-Substance-Licence>

When You Need a Regular Licence

If your use does not fall within Class Licence conditions, you must apply for a regular licence from PRD.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Breaching Class Licence conditions may result in:

- Revocation of Class Licence privileges
- Requirement to obtain regular licence
- Seizure of items
- Prosecution

When in doubt, apply for a regular licence.

Category 4: Non-Controlled Items - See Annex C for the examples

What Are They?

Items that are not regulated and do not require PRD approval for import. However, possession is not unrestricted.

Requirements

You must:

1. **Have a legitimate reason** for possessing them
 - Examples: Professional use, sporting activities, household use, recreational activities
2. **Not use or intend to use them to cause harm or public alarm**

Police May Investigate If:

- You cannot explain why you possess the item
- Circumstances suggest potential misuse
- Item is carried in public without legitimate purpose or cause public alarm
- There are concerns about your intent

Best Practices:

- Keep items secured when not in use
- Transport items securely and discreetly
- Be prepared to explain legitimate purpose if questioned
- Don't carry items in public unnecessarily

Summary Checklist**Before You Buy an Item or Travel:**

- ✓ Check this guideline and the attached Annexes
- ✓ Check PRD's website on GEWCA and its FAQ
- ✓ Verify regulatory requirements with PRD if unsure
- ✓ Apply for necessary approvals before purchasing or travelling
- ✓ Declare items to Customs/ICA when entering Singapore
- ✓ Keep approval documents accessible during import

Don't:

- ✗ Assume online availability means legal to import
- ✗ Rely on sellers to handle compliance
- ✗ Import without proper approval for controlled items
- ✗ Attempt to bring in prohibited items under any circumstances

Contact Information**Police Regulatory Department (PRD)**

- Website For GEWCA information and application procedures:
<https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Overview-of-Gun-Explosive-Weapon-Licences>
- For Enquiries, submit FormSG at: <https://www.go.gov.sg/spf-prd>
- Office hours contact: 6835 0000

This guideline is for general information only and does not constitute legal advice. For specific situations, please check with PRD or seek independent legal advice. Current as of 1 May 2026 and subject to change.

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Annex A - List of Prohibited Items

Refer to **Annex E** for illustrative photo examples of these items.

S/N	Prohibited Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses / Entities	Individual
1.	Concealed Weapons	Offensive Weapon	No	Not allowed	
2.	Catapult/ Slingshot	Offensive Weapon	No		

Annex B - List of Controlled Items

✓ Only for approved activities, such as for supply to government agencies or legitimate purposes. Licence is subject to compliance with all licensing requirements, including meeting the fit and proper criteria and approval by the Licensing Officer.

Refer to **Annex E** for illustrative photo examples of selected controlled items.

S/N	Controlled Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses and Entities	Individual
1.	Revolvers	Gun	Yes	✓	Allowed only for Sports Shooting activities in a licensed shooting club and with guns kept at approved armouries only.
2.	Pistol	Gun	Yes	✓	
3.	Shotgun	Gun	Yes	✓	
4.	Rifle	Gun	Yes	✓	
5.	Machine Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
6.	Sub-Machine Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
7.	Starting Pistol (for sporting event)	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
8.	Howitzer	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
9.	Mortar	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
10.	Bazooka	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
11.	Tear Gas Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
12.	Air Rifle	Gun	Yes	✓	Allowed only for Sports Shooting activities in a licensed shooting club and with guns kept at approved armouries only.
13.	Air Pistol	Gun	Yes	✓	

S/N	Controlled Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses and Entities	Individual
14.	Airsoft Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
15.	Gun Component Parts (e.g Gun Barrel, trigger, frame, magazine)	Gun	Yes	✓	Gun parts are allowed only for repair of licensed guns
16.	Gun Flash Suppressor	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
17.	Gun Silencer	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
18.	Paintball Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Allow for participating in local competitions
19.	Taser Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
20.	Stun Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
21.	Tranquilizer Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
22.	Electronics Dart Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
23.	Ballistic Knife	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
24.	Spear Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	✓
25.	Digital Gun Blueprint for 3D Printer or Electronic Milling Machine	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
26.	Musket Gun	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
27.	Deactivated Guns	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
28.	Blank Firing Guns	Gun	Yes	✓	Not allowed
29.	All types of Explosives	Explosives	Yes	✓	Not allowed
30.	All types of Ammunition	Explosives	Yes	✓	Not allowed
31.	Marine Pyrotechnics	Explosives	Yes	✓	Not allowed

S/N	Controlled Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses and Entities	Individual
32.	All Forms of Fireworks, including Firecrackers, Tube-sparklers, "Pop-Pop" and Sparklers with 3% or more Potassium Perchlorate in composition	Explosives	Yes	✓	Not allowed
33.	Desensitized Explosives (DE) [Refer to Annex B1]	Explosives	Yes	✓	Not allowed
34.	Wire Sparklers [must be no longer than 40 cm in total (including the handle when straightened, regardless of shape/design) and contain less than 3% potassium perchlorate]	Explosives	Class Licence	<p>Allowed under Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control (Dealing in Certain Lower-Risk Explosives — Class Licence) Order 2025</p> <p>Must meet Class Licence requirements and comply with all conditions.</p> <p>Any deviation will require a licence.</p> <p>Class Licence does not apply to activity of Manufacture.</p>	
35.	Airbags	Explosives	Class Licence		
36.	Seatbelt Pretensioner	Explosives	Class Licence		
37.	Fire Extinguishers Igniters	Explosives	Class Licence		
38.	Explosives Powered Industrial Tools	Explosives	Class Licence		
39.	Power Cartridges	Explosives	Class Licence		
40.	Party Explosives: Party Poppers, Confetti Poppers, Christmas Crackers (explosives content less than 20mg)	Explosives	Exemption	<p>Allowed under Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control (Explosives - Exemption) Order 2025</p> <p>Must meet Exemption criteria. Any deviation will require a licence.</p>	
41.	Chlorobenzylidene Malonontrite (CS) Spray	Noxious Substance	Yes	✓	Not allowed
42.	Pepper Spray, Tear Gas, or similar for personal safety	Noxious Substance	Yes	✓	Not allowed

S/N	Controlled Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses and Entities	Individual
43.	Explosive Precursors [Refer to Annex B2]	Explosive Precursors	Yes	✓	Not allowed
44.	Arbalest	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
45.	Crossbow	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
46.	Bow With a Draw Weight of More Than 27.215 Kilograms (60 pounds)	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
47.	Hunting Arrow or Any Arrow That, If Used in The Way for Which It Is Designed or Adapted, Is Capable Causing Hurt or Injury	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
48.	Throwing Knife ¹	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
49.	Butterfly/Gravity Knife ²	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
50.	Flick Knife / Switchblade ¹	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
51.	Wasp Knife ¹	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
52.	Throwing Stars / Shuriken	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
53.	Knuckledusters ¹ including weighted or studded gloves for self-defence	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
54.	Shoge ¹	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
55.	Nanchaku	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
56.	Kasari-Fundo, Kusari-Fundo Manrikigusari	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
57.	Karambit ¹	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
58.	Sai / Jitte ¹	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed

¹ The blade condition (sharp or blunt) is immaterial and does not affect its classification as Controlled Item.

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59.	Blow Pipe & Dart	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	Not allowed
60.	Bayonet	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Must meet licensing requirements and assessed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>These weapons if blunted are under Type 2 Weapon, Class Licence.</p>
61.	Sword (including Kukri)	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	
62.	Spear	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	
63.	Dagger (including Dirks, Kirpans and Kris)	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	
64.	Chinese Whip/ Whip Spear	Type 1 Weapon	Yes	✓	
65.	Blunted Bayonet	Type 2 Weapon	Class Licence	<p>Allowed under Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control (Manufacture, Trading, Supply, Carriage and Disposal of Type 2 Weapons — Class Licence) Order 2025</p> <p>Must meet Class Licence requirements and comply with all conditions. Any deviation will require a licence.</p>	
66.	Blunted Sword (including Kukri)	Type 2 Weapon	Class Licence		
67.	Blunted Spear /spearhead	Type 2 Weapon	Class Licence		
68.	Blunted Dagger (including Dirks, Kirpans and Kris)	Type 2 Weapon	Class Licence		
69.	Blunted Chinese Whip / Whip Spear	Type 2 Weapon	Class Licence		
70.	Bow & Arrow (for sporting use according to World Archery Federation international standards)	Type 2 Weapon	Class Licence		
71.	Machete / Parang	Type 3 Weapon	Exemption		<p>Allowed under Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control (Type 3 Weapons - Exemption) Order 2025</p> <p>Must meet Exemption criteria.</p>
72.	Diving / Hunting/ Survival Knife	Type 3 Weapon	Exemption		
73.	Scythe / Sickle Shaped Article	Type 3 Weapon	Exemption		
74.	Axe, including Tomahawk, Mountaineering Axe	Type 3 Weapon	Exemption		

S/N	Controlled Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses and Entities	Individual
75.	Articles of clothing intended as protection against attack, including bullet proof vests	Controlled Item under RIER ²	Approval Required for Import / Export	For supply to Government Entities only	Not allowed
76.	Helmets intended as protection in military combat	Controlled Item under RIER ²	Approval Required for Import / Export	For supply to Government Entities only	Not allowed
77.	Toy or Replica Guns ³	Controlled Item under RIER ²	Approval Required for Import / Export	Allowed only for legitimate purposes ⁴	Not allowed
78.	Cap Gun ⁵	Controlled Item under RIER ²	Approval Required for Import / Export	Not allowed	Not allowed
79.	Toy or Replica Explosives ⁶ , Grenades, Ammunitions or Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) ⁷	Controlled Item under RIER ²	Approval Required for Import / Export	For supply to Government Entities only	Allowed only for legitimate purposes.
80.	Handcuffs ⁸	Controlled Item under RIER ²	Approval Required for Import / Export	For supply to Government Entities only	Not allowed
81.	Batons, T-Batons, Nightsticks, Truncheons	Controlled Item under MOA ⁹	Approval Required for Import / Export	For supply to Government Entities only	Not allowed

² RIER - Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations, Regulation of Imports and Exports Act 1995

³ Items that closely resemble real gun or can be modified to look realistic are not allowed. Please visit our [website](https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Guide-for-Import-Toy-and-Replica-Gun) at <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Guide-for-Import-Toy-and-Replica-Gun> for the photo samples of Approved and Disallowed/Rejected toy gun models. This list is updated periodically.

⁴ Reasons such as for personal collection or self-defence are not legitimate purposes.

⁵ Please note that the cap rolls of Cap Guns are regulated as Explosives.

⁶ Empty cartridges which could be in the form of accessories (eg. pendent, bracelet, earring, necklace, key chain etc), belt bucket, magnet, thumbtack pin, ear plug, wind chime, thumb drive, pen, stylus, etc are regulated as Replica Explosives and not allowed for importation.

⁷ Items that closely resemble real explosive device or can be modified to look realistic will not be approved.

⁸ Individual possession is not allowed. Handcuffs with release lever are not deemed as handcuffs and do not require approval from PRD.

⁹ MOA - Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act 1906

S/N	Controlled Items	Regulated Type	Licensable	Businesses and Entities	Individual
82.	Night Vision / Infra-Red Goggles and Binoculars	Controlled Item under PSIA ¹⁰	Licence not required for personal use	Security Equipment Service Provider Licence required for businesses providing security services for reward, which is regulated under PSIA	

¹⁰ PSIA - Private Security Industry Act 2007

Annex B1 – List of Desensitised Explosives (DE)

S/No.	Desensitised Explosives	UN Number	HS Code	Product Code
1	Nitroglycerin, Solution In Alcohol , With Not More Than 1 Percent Nitroglycerin	UN1204	29209000	ANEXDE009D
2	Ammonium Picrate, Wetted With Not Less Than 10 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1310	29089900	ANEXDE007F
3	Dinitrophenol, Wetted With Not Less Than 15 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1320	29089900	ANEXDE007A
4	Dinitrophenolates, Wetted With Not Less Than 15 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1321	29089900	ANEXDE007B
5	Dinitroresorcinol, Wetted With Not Less Than 15 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1322	29089900	ANEXDE007C
6	Nitroguanidine, Wetted Or Picrite, Wetted With Not Less Than 20 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1336	29299090	ANEXDE013
7	Nitrostarch, Wetted With Not Less Than 20 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1337	35051090	ANEXDE016
8	Trinitrophenol, Wetted With Not Less Than 30 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1344	29089900	ANEXDE007D
9	Silver Picrate, Wetted With Not Less Than 30 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1347	28432900	ANEXDE001
10	Sodium Dinitro-O-Cresolate, Wetted With Not Less Than 15 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1348	29089200	ANEXDE006B
11	Sodium Picramate, Wetted With Not Less Than 20 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1349	29222900	ANEXDE010A
12	Trinitrobenzene, Wetted With Not Less Than 30 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1354	29042090	ANEXDE004B
13	Trinitrobenzoic Acid, Wetted With Not Less Than 30 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1355	29163990	ANEXDE008B
14	Trinitrotoluene Wetted With Not Less Than 30 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1356	29042010	ANEXDE003B
15	Urea Nitrate, Wetted With Not Less Than 20 Percent Water, By Mass	UN1357	29241990	ANEXDE011A
16	Zirconium Picramate, Wetted With Not Less Than 20% Water, By Mass	UN1517	29222900	ANEXDE010B
17	Barium Azide, Wetted With Not Less Than 50% Water, By Mass	UN1571	28500000	ANEXDE002
18	Nitrocellulose Solution, Flammable With Not More Than 12.6% Nitrogen, By Dry Mass, And Not More Than 55% Nitrocellulose	UN2059	39122011	ANEXDE018B
19	Nitrocellulose With Water (Not Less Than 25% Water, By Mass)	UN2555	39122011	ANEXDE018A
20	Nitrocellulose With Water (Non-Plasticised)	UN2555	39122011	ANEXDE018A

21	Nitrocellulose With Water (Plasticised)	UN2555	39122020	ANEXDE020B
22	Nitrocellulose With Alcohol (Not Less Than 25% Alcohol, By Mass, And Not More Than 12.6% Nitrogen, By Dry Mass)	UN2556	39122012	ANEXDE019A
23	Nitrocellulose, With Not More Than 12.6% Nitrogen, By Dry Mass, Mixture With Plasticizer, With Pigment	UN2557	39122020	ANEXDE020A
24	Dipicryl Sulphide, Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN2852	29319090	ANEXDE014
25	Nitroglycerin, Solution In Alcohol With More Than 1% But Not More Than 5% Nitroglycerin	UN3064	29209000	ANEXDE009C
26	2-Amino-4,6-Dinitrophenol, Wetted With Not Less Than 20% Water, By Mass	UN3317	29222900	ANEXDE010C
27	Nitroglycerin Mixture, Desensitized, Solid, N.O.S ¹¹ . With More Than 2% But Not More Than 10% Nitroglycerin, By Mass	UN3319	29209000	ANEXDE009A
28	Nitroglycerin Mixture, Desensitized, Liquid, Flammable, N.O.S. With Not More Than 30% Nitroglycerin, By Mass	UN3343	29209000	ANEXDE009B
29	Pentaerythrite Tetranitrate Mixture, Desensitized, Solid, N.O.S. With More Than 10% But Not More Than 20% Petn, By Mass	UN3344	36020000	ANEXDE017B
30	Nitroglycerin Mixture, Desensitized, Liquid, N.O.S. With Not More Than 30% Nitroglycerin, By Mass	UN3357	29209000	ANEXDE009B
31	Trinitrophenol Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3364	29089900	ANEXDE007E
32	Trinitrochlorobenzene Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3365	29049900	ANEXDE005
33	Trinitrotoluene, Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3366	29042010	ANEXDE003A
34	Trinitrobenzene, Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3367	29042090	ANEXDE004A
35	Trinitrobenzoic Acid, Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3368	29163990	ANEXDE008A
36	Sodium Dinitro-O-Cresolate, Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3369	29089200	ANEXDE006A
37	Urea Nitrate, Wetted With Not Less Than 10% Water, By Mass	UN3370	29241990	ANEXDE011B
38	4-Nitrophenyl-Hydrazine, With Not Less Than 30% Water, By Mass	UN3376	29280090	ANEXDE012
39	Desensitized Explosive, Liquid, N.O.S.	UN3379	36020000	ANEXDE017C
40	Desensitized Explosive, Solid, N.O.S.	UN3380	36020000	ANEXDE017D
41	1-Hydroxybenzotriazole Monohydrate	UN3474	29339990	ANEXDE015

¹¹ N.O.S – Not Otherwise Specified

Annex B2 – List of 15 Explosive Precursors

S/No.	Explosive Precursors	Exclusions ¹²
1.	Ammonium Nitrate	a. aqueous solutions containing less than 60% weight in weight of ammonium nitrate b. any material in solid form comprising a mixture of components, one of which is ammonium nitrate, where the nitrogen content derived from ammonium nitrate is 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 nitrate
12.	Sodium Nitrite	Aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrite
13.	Sodium Perchlorate	-
14.	Perchloric Acid	-
15.	Tetranitromethane	-

¹² Only these EPs under exclusions will not require a licence.

Annex C - List of Non-Regulated Items (This is not an exhaustive list)

The items listed below are not meant to be exhaustive. Some of these items may also be deemed as offensive weapons depending on the circumstances they are found. For example, if a traveller is found to have a knife hidden around his ankle and is unable to provide a reasonable explanation, then he may have committed an offence under the CESOW or the MOA.

Examples of Non-Regulated Items	
1.	Domestic / Culinary / Kitchen Knife
2.	Bomb Bags/ Magic Popping Bomb Bags ¹³
3.	Manual Foldable Knife / Swiss Army Knife
4.	Children's Toy Guns ¹⁴
5.	Tile Checker
6.	Butterfly Trainer (no blade within)
7.	Ornamental Model ¹⁵ made from empty bullet cartridges ¹⁶ which is permanently assembled and do not cause public alarm. The model is non-functional, and its individual components cannot be removed or dismantled.
8.	Magician Handcuffs (with release lever)
9.	Gun Tripods / Gun Slings
10.	Gun Sights / Scopes

Not regulated by Police

¹³ Bomb bag does not contain explosives composition and works by a harmless acid-base reaction (usually using baking soda with citric acid / vinegar) that creates gas to expand and burst the outer sachet. When the inner bag is squeezed, the sachet is expanded till the sachet pops.

¹⁴ Please visit our [website](https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Guide-for-Import-Toy-and-Replica-Gun) at <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Guide-for-Import-Toy-and-Replica-Gun> for the samples of Approved and Disallowed/Rejected toy gun models. This list is updated periodically.

¹⁵ Ornamental models are for display and resemble recognisable objects eg. a car, an airplane etc.

¹⁶ It is traveller's onus of responsibility to show proof that the models are made of empty or inert cartridges. Simply claiming that the cartridges are empty or inert is not enough. If authorities cannot be convinced that the items are safe, importation will be treated as controlled item under Explosives which will result in seizure and investigation. If in doubt, travellers should refrain from importing the item.

Annex D - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General Questions

Q1: I bought a foldable knife online. What should I do?

Manual foldable knives are not regulated. There is no requirement to seek approval for the import or possession.

Q2: An item is legal in other countries. Can I bring it to Singapore?

No. Each country has its own laws. Items legal elsewhere may be prohibited or controlled in Singapore. Always check Singapore's regulations first.

Q3: I'm transiting through Singapore with Firearms and Ammunitions. Do these rules apply?

Yes, the exemption criteria for transiting with firearms and ammunitions are covered under the Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control (Aviation Industry — Exemption) Order 2025. You must declare to the airline that you are travelling with firearms (and/or ammunition) in advance. If the airline permits the traveller to travel with firearms, the airline will engage the ground handling services in Changi Airport to deploy armed Auxiliary Police Officers (fees applies) to carry out the transit of the firearms in Singapore.

You must not carry in person or place the firearms into the check-in and carry-on board baggage. The firearms and ammunition must be tagged as security items and handled separately by the airline.

Q4: Can I ship items to Singapore as gifts?

Yes, but the recipient is responsible for compliance. Prohibited items will be seized. Controlled items require the recipient to have prior PRD's approval.

Q5: What happens if Customs seizes my item?

Prohibited items are permanently seized and you may face prosecution.

Controlled items without approval are seized and you may face prosecution. Re-export may be possible in some cases, subject to approval.

For Online Shoppers

Q6: I already ordered a controlled item without approval. What should I do now?

Contact PRD immediately to explain and apply for approval. Provide order and tracking details. Don't accept delivery until you receive PRD guidance.

Q7: The seller says they'll handle import requirements. Can I rely on this?

No. You as the importer are responsible for compliance. Many overseas sellers don't know Singapore's regulations. Always verify with the requirements yourself.

Q8: I bought from a local Singapore website or online platforms/app. Is it legal?

Not necessarily. Some local sellers may operate illegally or have business licences but cannot transfer items to unlicensed individuals. Verify before purchasing.

Q9: Can I buy controlled items if I have a valid reason?

Possibly. Apply to PRD and demonstrate legitimate need. Approval is case-by-case. Reasons like "self-defence" or "personal collection" or "historical or cultural preservation" are generally insufficient for individuals.

Q10: How can I determine the chemical composition of a substance or an item?

The chemical composition can be determined by referring to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) provided for the substance or item. The SDS contained verified information about the chemical ingredients and their properties. You should obtain from the seller or manufacturer.

For Travellers

Q11: I'm bringing sports equipment for a competition. Do I need approval?

Check **Annex B**. Some sports equipment may be controlled. If controlled, apply before travelling and bring supporting documents (competition invitation, club membership).

Q12: I forgot I had a controlled item in my luggage. What should I do?

Declare it immediately to Customs/ICA upon arrival. Voluntary declaration may be viewed favourably. Attempting to bring it through without declaration results in more serious consequences.

Q13: Can I bring replica/toy guns for my children?

Replica firearms are controlled and require PRD's approval. Replica or Toy guns resembling real firearms will not be approved for import and may be seized. Check the sample list of approved and disallowed toy gun models at <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Guide-for-Import-Toy-and-Replica-Gun>. If in doubt, it is safest to refrain from importing the item.

Q14: I'm moving to Singapore permanently. How do I bring controlled personal items?

Apply for PRD's approval well in advance (at least 3 weeks). Provide relocation documentation and explain legitimate purpose for each item. Some items may not be approved even for personal use.

Q15: Does it mean that I can bring non-regulated items on a flight/vessel/vehicle?

No. An item not regulated by PRD does not automatically mean it is allowed. Operator of an aircraft/vessel/vehicle may not allow passengers to take certain items (e.g. knife, scissors) onboard. The operator reserves the right to bar the passenger from boarding if he does not comply with the instructions (e.g. dispose or surrender the items). In this situation, whether the item is class licensed, exempted or unregulated under existing law is immaterial.

About Licensing and Applications

Q16: How long does approval take?

Generally, 2 – 3 weeks from application and submission of all necessary and completed set of supporting documents. Complex cases and incomplete submissions take longer. Apply early and don't make purchases or travel arrangements until approved.

Q17: Where can I find application procedures?

Visit PRD's website on GEWCA: <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Overview-of-Gun-Explosive-Weapon-Licences>

Q18: I was approved for a specific purpose. Can I use the item for other purposes?

No. Approvals are granted for specific purposes only. Using items outside approved scope breaches licence conditions and may result in revocation and prosecution.

Q19: My business has a licence. Can employees take items home?

Generally no, unless specifically approved by Licensing Officer. Business licences typically restrict items to business premises and authorised personnel. Check your licence conditions or contact PRD.

Q20: How do I know if I qualify for Class Licensing?

Review the relevant Class Licence Order at <https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/GEWCA2021?ViewType=SI>. If your situation matches all conditions precisely, you qualify. Any deviation requires a licence.

Q21: I operate under Class Licensing. Do I need to notify PRD?

You don't need to apply for a licence but must comply with all Class Licence Order conditions. Some Orders may require record-keeping or activity notifications. Check your specific Order.

About Enforcement

Q22: What are the penalties for importing prohibited items?

Penalties vary but may include imprisonment, fines, or both. Refer to relevant legislation under the Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Act 2021.

Q23: I saw someone selling controlled items online without mentioning licensing. Should I report this?

Yes. Provide as many details as possible (what, where, when, who) to aid investigations when report the illegal activity in Singapore.

Emergency	:	Call 999
Non-urgent matters	:	Call Police Hotline 1800-255 0000
		Use the SGSecure App
		SMS 70999
		Submit online via the I-Witness e-Service

Q24: Can I surrender an item I no longer want?

Owners are responsible for the disposal of licensed or non-regulated items in their possession.

For non-regulated items:

There is no need to surrender non-regulated items to the Police for disposal. Owners may dispose of these items themselves, but must ensure safe disposal practices:

- Wrap sharp objects securely to prevent injury to waste handlers
- Package items to avoid causing public alarm (e.g. conceal weapon-like shapes)
- Dispose at designated rubbish collection centres or through licensed disposal companies
- For large or hazardous items (e.g. metal weapons), consider engaging metal recycling companies
- Ensure disposal methods comply with NEA guidelines

For controlled items (items for which licences have been issued):

Approval from PRD is required before disposal. Licensees must:

1. Notify PRD on the intent to dispose
2. Obtain approval and disposal instructions from the licensing officer
3. Dispose of the item according to the requirements and conditions specified by PRD
4. Provide proof of disposal if required

Do not dispose of licensed items without prior PRD's approval, as this may breach licence conditions.

Getting Help

Q25: I am still unsure if my item is regulated. Who can I ask?






Check Police Regulatory Department (PRD) website or contact us.

- Website For GEWCA information and application procedures: <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/Overview-of-Gun-Explosive-Weapon-Licences>
- Website for FAQ: <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Gun-Licence/FAQ-for-GEWCA-Regulatory-Regime>
- Submit enquiry via FormSG at: <https://www.go.gov.sg/spf-prd>

Provide clear photographs and detailed descriptions, including dimensions, materials, and intended use. We aim to respond within 5 working days. However, for complex enquiries or where further clarification is needed, the response time may exceed this period.



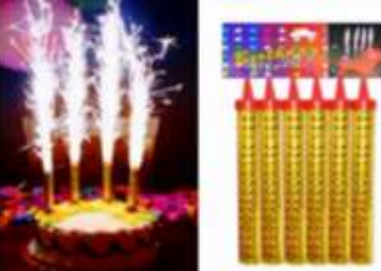



If you are overseas and unsure whether an item is permissible, it is safest to refrain from importing it. Please note that you remain fully responsible for the import of any item. If an imported item breaches Singapore's regulations, the relevant authorities may investigate and take enforcement actions.






Annex E – Illustrative Photo Examples of Selected Regulated Items in Annex A and Annex B (Not Exhaustive)








Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)	
S/N. 1 of Annex A	Concealed Weapons (weapons disguised as common items)	<p>Sword hidden within an Umbrella</p> 	<p>Knife disguised as Belt Buckle</p> 
		<p>Sword hidden within a cane or walking stick</p> 	<p>Knife hidden inside a Lipstick holder</p> 
S/N. 2 of Annex A	Catapult / Slingshot		





Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)
S/N. 15 of Annex B	Gun Parts (barrel, trigger, frame, receiver, slide, etc)	
S/N. 16 of Annex B	Gun accessories (magazine adapter, flash suppressor, silencer, etc)	
S/N. 25 of Annex B	Digital Gun Blueprint on a 3D printer or on an electronic milling machine	

Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)
S/N. 26 of Annex B	All kinds of Explosives	
S/N. 27 of Annex B	All kinds of Ammunition	
S/N. 31 of Annex B	Marine Pyrotechnics	<p data-bbox="686 1093 1165 1164">Red Hand Flares/ Rocket Parachute Flares/ Smoke Signals</p> 

Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)	
<p>S/N. 32 of Annex B</p>	<p>All forms of Fireworks, including firecrackers, tube sparklers, 'pop-pop' crackers, sparklers with more than 3% potassium perchlorate in composition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Firecracker</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pop Pop Crackers</p> 
		<p style="text-align: center;">Candle/Tube Sparklers</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Single-Shot Tubes</p> 
<p>S/N. 42 of Annex B</p>	<p>Pepper Spray, Tear Gas or similar for personal safety</p>		
<p>S/N. 49 of Annex B</p>	<p>Gravity Knife/ Butterfly knife/ Balisong</p>		

Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)	
S/N. 53 of Annex B	Knuckleduster	<p data-bbox="683 264 963 338">Knife with Knuckleduster Handle</p> 	<p data-bbox="1050 277 1485 313">Umbrella with Knuckle Handle</p>  <p data-bbox="703 752 1289 788">Knuckledusters (regardless of ring holes)</p>  <p data-bbox="922 1173 1129 1209">Knuckle Rings</p>  <p data-bbox="1066 1487 1501 1552">Ring jewellery which transformed into a knuckle duster</p>
S/N. 48 of Annex B	Throwing Knife		

Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)	
S/N. 52 of Annex B	Throwing Stars/ Shuriken	  	
S/N. 57 of Annex B	Karambit	 	
S/N. 78 of Annex B	Cap Gun	 	

Reference	Regulated Items	Illustrative Photo Examples (Not Exhaustive)		
S/N. 79 of Annex B	Toy or Replica Explosives, Grenades, Ammunitions or Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)	<p data-bbox="692 264 954 297">IED-looking Alarm</p> 	<p data-bbox="1102 264 1490 297">Grenade-shaped Keychain</p> 	
		<p data-bbox="692 589 954 689">Flash Bang-looking Electronic Distraction Device</p> 	<p data-bbox="1018 595 1219 667">Bullet-shaped Lighter</p> 	<p data-bbox="1294 584 1497 651">Bullet-shaped Pendant</p> 