

FAQs

Q1) May I know if this item is controlled / requires a licence?

A1) Please refer to our PLUS website at <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services> for the list of items which are regulated by SPF. The link is under **FAQ and FORMS**

Q2) Do I need a licence?

A2) Arms, explosives or explosives precursors are regulated under the Arms and Explosives Act.

“arms” includes firearms, air rifles, air pistols, automatic guns, automatic pistols, stun gun and guns or any other kind of gun from which any shot, bullet or other missiles can be discharged or noxious fumes or noxious substance can be emitted and any component part of any such arms and bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads.

“explosives” means gunpowder, nitroglycerine, gun-cotton, blasting powder, used or manufactured with a view to producing effects by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect.

“explosive precursors” refers to the 15 chemicals in the Explosive Precursors List.

For other controlled items (in FAQ on Permissible, Controlled and Prohibited Items), approval from PLRD will be required.

Q3) How do I apply for a licence?

A3) Please refer to our website at <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services> for instructions on how to apply for a licence.

For import / export/ transshipment of trade consignments, applications have to be submitted via Singapore Custom’s TRADENET Portal. Please refer to Singapore Customs’ Tradenet website for more information: <https://authority.tradenet.gov.sg/intradenet/default.portal>

Q4) What are the type of licences under the Arms & Explosives Act?

A4) PLRD issues 2 types of licences – long term (2 years validity) and short term (14 days validity).

Long Term Licences

- (a) Licence to possess firearms/explosive precursors
- (b) Licence to deal in arms/explosives/explosive precursors
- (c) Licence to manufacture arms/explosives/explosive precursors
- (d) Licence to store arms/explosives/explosive precursors
- (e) Licence to repair arms

Short Term Licences

- (a) Licence to import arms/explosives/explosives precursors
- (b) Licence to export arms/explosives/explosive precursors
- (c) Licence to remove explosives

Q5) How long does it take to process my application submitted via PLUS Website?

A5) Long Term Licences – The normal processing time is about 14 working days from the receipt of the application and the necessary supporting documents.

Short Term Licences – The normal processing time is about 7 working days from the receipt of the application and the necessary supporting documents.

Please refer to our website at <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services> under the various types of licences for the support documents required.

TRADENET DECLARATION

Q6) How long does it take to process my application submitted via TRADENET?

A6) The normal processing time is about 5 working days from the receipt of the declaration (permit application) and the necessary supporting documents.

Q7) I need to declare a permit in TradeNet, what are the requirements?

A7) When declaring TradeNet Permit, the declarant is required to upload the following documents via the TradeNet portal to PLRD to support the application:

- i. For Import – Bill of Lading/Air Waybill, Invoice
- ii. For Export – Bill of Lading/Air Waybill, Invoice, End User Certificate and Import Licence issue from the Authorities of the final destination
- iii. For Transshipment - Bill of Lading/Air Waybill, Invoice, End User Certificate and Import Licence issue from the Authorities of the final destination
- iv. Valid Dealer licence in arms, explosives and explosives precursors issued by PLRD

Kindly note that PLRD no longer accepts submission of supporting documents via fax or email. All permit in TradeNet without supporting documents will be rejected and need to re-declare with uploaded supporting documents.

Q8) I have submitted a declaration in TRADENET, have you received?

A8) All permit applications containing PLRD controlled items will be routed to PLRD for online processing. The normal processing time is about 5 working days from the receipt of the declaration. You are required to check status of approval, rejection or query of their permit application in TradeNet System.

Q9) I have submitted the declaration more than 5 working days ago and it is still not approved.

Please check if there is a query message. You will need to respond to the query message.

If the declaration is rejected, please check if the rejection is by PLRD and rejection message.

Q10) I am submitting a declaration for a product which is not controlled by SPF. However, the HS Code is under SPF. What do I do?

A10) When you are importing, exporting or transshipping non-controlled goods which are classified under PLRD's controlled HS codes, you shall declare the product code as "MISC" for these HS codes.

Q11) Where do I get the licence number for declaration?

A11) The licence number can be found in the the dealer or possession licence issued by PLRD. (refer to A4 above)

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Q12) I do not have a licence (for either “arms”, “explosives” or “explosive precursors”), how do I submit my declaration?

A12) You are required to have a licence before you can import. Please visit our PLUS website <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services> to apply for a licence.

Q13) Who can own firearm?

A13) According to Arms & Explosive (A&E) guideline, only members of a gun club can purchase and own firearm.

Q14) How to own a firearm after joining as a shooting club member?

A14) You will need to clock sufficient practical session and pass the Green Tag and Blue Tag tests. After that the club will interview you and submit the necessary supporting letters to A&E for approval. You have to apply online in PLUS for possession and purchase licences before you can purchase the firearm from the licensed arms licensed.

Q15) Can I share my firearm with other members or my guest?

A15) No, firearm is only licensed to you for practice only.

Q16) How can I transfer or sell my firearm?

A16) You can transfer to any members of the club by applying online and with supporting letter from your shooting club. The application is subjected to assessment by PLRD.

You are NOT allowed to sell your firearm unless you have the license to deal in firearms.

Q17) How old can I shoot live rounds?

A17) 18 years of age.

Q18) How can we purchase ammunition for practices?

A18) You can purchase from the club with a limit of 200 rounds per member. You can also purchase from licensed dealers limited to 500 rounds per caliber per week. However, at all

times the total number of rounds keep by individual should not be more than 500 rounds per caliber. You will need to state the current balance of rounds available.

Q19) Can I share my ammunitions or sell to other members and guests?

A19) No, ammunitions purchased are for individual use only, any guest must purchase their own ammunitions from the club. No selling of ammunition is allowed unless you are licensed to do so.