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**GUIDE TO  
CUSTOMS  
FORMALITIES  
AND  
SENSITIVE  
GOODS  
CONTROL**

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# CUSTOMS FORMALITIES APPLICABLE TO ALL PRODUCTS

Customs formalities **are the responsibility of exhibitors** and their freight forwarders.

Exhibitors in possession of customs documents must have those documents stamped by the customs authorities before accessing the EUROSATORY 2026 exhibition. The customs office responsible for the Villepinte Exhibition Centre is located in Aulnay-sous-Bois.

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All persons, vehicles and equipment operating within the Exhibition Center **must comply with customs regulations**.

The exhibition organiser, COGES, **cannot be held responsible** for any difficulties that may arise during these customs formalities.

For products **coming from a country outside the customs territory of the European Union (TDUE)**, temporary admission must be requested by the freight forwarder on behalf of the exhibitor:

- **either when filing a customs declaration,**
- **or by using an ATA carnet<sup>1</sup>.**

Goods are transported from the point of entry into the European Union under a transit regime to the exhibition venue.

The exhibitor is responsible for informing their freight forwarder in advance of the date and place of arrival of the materials, and for providing them with the shipment details (truck number, flight number, ship name, etc.), the packing list and the proforma invoice.

**The documents to be completed are listed in the table page 8** : Customs procedures, documents to be provided.

The choice of freight forwarder is left to the exhibitor's discretion.

<sup>1</sup>Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission.

# TEMPORARY IMPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND RELATED MATERIALS

## THE IMPORTATION OF WAR MATERIALS

When imported, military equipment and similar equipment are the items listed in **category A2** of Article R. 311-2 of the Internal Security Code.

Imports of military equipment and similar equipment generally require an authorisation to import military equipment (AIMG) (Article R. 2335-1, I of the Defence Code).

However, the regulations provide for an **exemption from the requirement to obtain authorisation to import military equipment** when the equipment is temporarily admitted for exhibition (Article 1(1) of the amended decree of 8 July 2015 on exemptions from the requirement to obtain an import licence for military equipment [...] pursuant to Article R. 2335-4 of the Defence Code). The COGES has requested **an exemption from the security deposit** requirement from the French authorities.

These exemptions from authorisation and security deposits do not remove the requirements relating to declaration formalities (customs declaration or ATA carnet).

## THE RE-EXPORT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

For export purposes, military equipment and related equipment are the items listed in the amended decree of 27 June 2012 on the list of military equipment and similar items subject to prior export authorisation [...].

Exports of military equipment and related items generally require a military equipment export licence (LEMG) (Article R. 2335-9, 6° of the Defence Code).

However, importation under **the temporary admission regime**, requested when filing the customs import declaration or by using an ATA carnet, allows any exhibitor registered at the EUROSATORY to benefit from an exemption of the requirement to obtain an export licence for military equipment in the event of re-export to a country outside the European Union in accordance with Article 1, I, c of the amended decree of 2 June 2014 on exemptions from the obligation to obtain an export licence outside the territory of the European Union for military equipment, weapons and ammunition and similar equipment [...] taken on the basis of Article R. 2335-14 of the Defence Code.

Temporary importation also allows for exemption from the requirement to obtain a transfer licence when the equipment exhibited at the trade fair is to be shipped to another EU Member State for the same purpose (exhibition or demonstration) pursuant to Article 2(7) of the amended Order of 2 June 2014.

Exhibitors **are responsible for complying with the regulations in effect in their countries** of origin concerning the export and return of military equipment.

## RULES APPLYING TO SPECIFIC COUNTRIES

**Potential exhibitors from countries outside the European Union subject to embargoes or restrictions are not eligible to benefit from the above-mentioned authorisation exemption schemes** cités ci-dessus (Decision of 12 September 2019 suspending exemptions from the prior authorisation requirement provided for in Article L. 2335-2 of the Defence Code for exports of military equipment and similar equipment to certain non-EU Member States).

Equipment must be subject to **AIMG applications** for import and **LEMG applications** for re-export.

Therefore, exhibitors from these countries, or exhibitors importing equipment from these countries, **must contact COGES** as soon as they register in order to assess the feasibility of the planned import and re-export.

# TEMPORARY IMPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION OF "CIVILIAN" WEAPONS

"Civil" weapons are those in categories A1, B, C and D as defined by Article R. 311-2 of the Internal Security Code, as opposed to weapons in category A2 (weapons classified as military equipment).

## IMPORTATION OF "CIVILIAN" WEAPONS

Article R. 316-29 of the Internal Security Code makes the importation of weapons, their elements and ammunition in categories A1, B, C and a), b) and c) of category D subject to obtaining an AIMG.

However, the regulations provide for **an exemption from the import authorisation requirement for "civilian" weapons** when they have been temporarily admitted for exhibition (Article 1, 1° of the above-mentioned decree of 8 July 2015, based on Article R. 316-32 of the Internal Security Code). COGES has requested an exemption from the security deposit requirement from the French authorities.

These exemptions from authorisation and security deposit requirements do not abolish the requirements relating to declaration formalities (customs declaration or ATA carnet).

## RE-EXPORT OF SO-CALLED "CIVILIAN" WEAPONS

### FIREARMS

Exports of firearms, their components and ammunition referred to Article R. 316-40 of the Internal Security Code **must be covered by a firearms export licence** (LEAF).

By derogation, firearms re-exported following temporary admission for exhibition without sale are exempt from LEAF (Article R. 316-47, I, 1° of the Internal Security Code).

### NON-FIREARMS

Non-firearms do not fall within the application of Article R. 316-40 of the Internal Security Code. They are therefore **exempt from any authorisation** for re-export.

However, electric pulse weapons and incapacitating or tear gas aerosol generators falling under 6°, 7°, 8° of category B and b) and c) of category D of Article R. 311-2 of the Internal Security Code may fall within the scope of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 2019/125, as amended, on trade in certain goods that could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

In such cases, they are subject to the regime defined in §Temporary importation and re-exportation of goods that could be used for capital punishment or torture. (see below).

### PROVISIONS COMMON TO ALL SO-CALLED "CIVILIAN" WEAPONS

Exhibitors are responsible for complying with the regulations in force in their countries of origin concerning the export and return of weapons.

## RULES APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC COUNTRIES

**Potential exhibitors from third countries subject to embargoes or import/export restrictions are not eligible for the authorisation exemption schemes mentioned above** (decision of 12 September 2019 cited above).

Consequently, exhibitors from these countries, or exhibitors importing arms from these countries, **must contact COGES** as soon as they register in order to examine the feasibility of importing and re-exporting their equipment.

# TEMPORARY IMPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION OF DUAL-USE GOODS

Some of goods on display at EUROSATORY 2026 may be subject to Regulation (EU) 2021/821, as amended, establishing a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfers of dual-use items.

Dual-use goods may be imported free of restrictions into France. However, their export from the customs territory of the European Union (CTEU), and from French territory, to a country outside the Union **requires an export licence**.

For Eurosatory, COGES has applied to the French authorities for **a general export licence for dual-use goods** (see the decree of 31 July 2014 on the general licence for "Trade fairs and exhibitions" - "Exports and transfers within the European Union of dual-use goods imported for trade fairs and exhibitions under the temporary admission customs procedure"). It doesn't remove the requirements for customs declaration and clearance of this equipment. **In addition, it requires exhibitors to complete a standard declaration (available on request) for the goods on display prior to importation.**

Potential exhibitors from certain countries listed in **Annex C of the above-mentioned general licence** or subject to **an embargo** are not eligible for this licence. Exhibitors from these countries **must contact the organiser COGES** as soon as they register in order to examine the feasibility of importing and re-exporting their equipment.

During the customs clearance phase for the re-export of dual-use goods, **an export authorisation** must be included with the customs declaration or ATA carnet. **In addition, exhibitors are required to complete a standard declaration (available on request) for the controlled equipment on display prior to importation.**

Potential exhibitors from countries listed in **Appendix C of the decree of 31 July 2014** or from countries subject to **an embargo must contact COGES** as soon as they register in order to examine the feasibility of importing and re-exporting their equipment.

# TEMPORARY IMPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION OF GOODS THAT COULD BE USED FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OR TORTURE

The products listed in **Annex II** of European Regulation 2019/125 (products designed to inflict capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment) **are not permitted in France**<sup>2</sup>.

The products listed in **Annex III** of the same regulation, in particular weapons that discharge electricity or disperse incapacitating or irritant agents, **must be covered by an export licence for each exhibitor**. These goods may therefore only be exhibited if COGES has obtained prior authorisation from the authorities for their re-export. **Potential exhibitors of these products must submit a request to COGES.**

<sup>2</sup>For example: gallows, guillotines and guillotine blades, electric chairs designed for the execution of human beings, shields fitted with metal spikes.

# CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED			
ORIGIN	EUROPEAN UNION	OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION	
→		Country open to ATA Carnet <sup>1</sup>	Country not open to ATA Carnet <sup>1</sup>
<b>War material, arms and ammunition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> <li>• ATA Carnet<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Copies of the AIMG/LEMG/LEAF for certain countries (D. 12/09/2019)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> <li>• Customs declaration</li> <li>• Copies of the AIMG/LEMG/LEAF for certain countries (D. 12/09/2019)</li> </ul>
<b>Dual-use goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> <li>• ATA Carnet<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Copy of the general or individual export licence (available on request from COGES)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> <li>• Customs declaration</li> <li>• Copy of the general or individual export licence (available on request from COGES)</li> </ul>
<b>Other products that may be covered by Regulation 2019/125</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> <li>• ATA Carnet<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Copy of the export licence (Annex III products)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs declaration</li> <li>• Packing list</li> <li>• Pro forma invoice</li> <li>• Copy of the export licence (Annex III products)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission.

## DISPLAY AND PROMOTION OF STRICTLY PROHIBITED MATERIALS

It should be noted that **the display or promotion** of materials listed in international conventions signed by France **is strictly prohibited**. This includes **blinding laser weapons, anti-personnel mines and cluster munitions**.



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