



Australian Government
Department of Defence

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST NO. 361/19/20

Export permits issued for military and dual-use equipment during 2019	
Country	Number of Permits
Sri Lanka	10
United Arab Emirates	24
Saudi Arabia	18
Democratic Republic of Congo	3
Myanmar	0
Iran	1
Iraq	2
South Sudan	0
Sudan	4
Mali	16
Central African Republic	2
Somalia	5
Syria	0
Libya	1

NOTE

Defence issues different types of permits to allow the export of both military and dual-use goods, including permits for permanent sales and permits where the goods can be exported temporarily but must be returned to Australia (for example for demonstration purposes).

Military items, as defined by the Defence and Strategic Goods List, could include items such as armour, simulators and training equipment, explosives and munitions amongst others. Military items do not necessarily indicate that the goods will be used for a military purpose, for example military export permits may include firearms to shooting competitions, explosive devices to mining operations, or retired Australian Defence Force vehicles to museum displays.

Dual use items are commercial items and technologies that are generally used for civilian purposes but may also be used or adapted for use in a military program or contribute to the development and production of chemical, biological or nuclear weapon systems. Dual use items could include items such as chemicals for mineral processing, sensors and lasers for university research and development programs, or computers and electronics for aviation companies amongst others.