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Defence Export Controls

Summary Report

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Key Information and Caveats

- The data in this report relates to permits approved by Defence for the export of goods and technologies on the Defence and Strategic Goods List (DSGL). The DSGL is available at: https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2024L01024/asmade/text
- Each export permit has been assessed on a case-by-case basis against the relevant legislated criteria under Australia's export control framework. These criteria are available at: https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2013L00902/latest/text (Defence Trade Controls Regulation 2013 – Section 8).
- The data contained in this report is not representative of the total number of permits approved by Defence.
    - Approved permits may contain multiple destinations. Where two or more destinations appear on the same permit, they are individually counted against each destination.
    - Approved permits under Part 2 of the Defence and Strategic Goods List may cover multiple categories. When two or more categories appear on the same permit, they are individually counted against each category (relevant only to counts by Category of the Defence Strategic Goods List).
- Data in this report is drawn from a live transactional database. It is a point-in-time reference
- Permit approvals should not be conflated with weapons sales. Export permits are required for a wide range of goods and technology, many of which are used for civilian and commercial purposes. This includes where items must return to their original manufacturer for maintenance and repairs.
- Export permits are also required to support the export of controlled goods and technology in support of Commonwealth capabilities, such as the manufacture and sustainment of ADF equipment.
- Permit approvals should also not be conflated with completed exports, as there is no requirement to complete an export once a permit is issued.
- Export permits issued to Australian end-users relate to temporary exports. Temporary exports include but are not limited to demonstration, or repair and return. Not all temporary permits list Australia as an end-user.
- Where there are 1-4 approved permits for a certain type of category, this data is captured as "<5". Specifying small numbers of permits to specific destinations may enable the permit holders to be identified, particularly when other information in the public domain is also considered. Defence does not comment on individual permits owing to legal, privacy and commercial-in-confidence reasons.

Issued Permits – Overview (1 Jul – 30 Sep 2026)

TOTAL ISSUED PERMITS Associated with unique end-user destination and part of the Defence Strategic Goods List	
Defence and Strategic Goods List – Part 1	**474**
Defence and Strategic Goods List – Part 2	**333**

TOTAL ISSUED PERMITS BY DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC GOODS LIST CATEGORY Associated with unique end-user destination and category within Part 2 of the Defence Strategic Goods List	
Category 0 - Nuclear materials, facilities and equipment	-
Category 1 - Materials, chemicals, microorganisms and toxins	45
Category 2 - Materials processing	30
Category 3 - Electronics	5
Category 4 - Computers	-
Category 5 - Telecommunications and information security	125
Category 6 - Sensors and lasers	74
Category 7 - Navigation and avionic	40
Category 8 - Marine	8
Category 9 - Aerospace and propulsion	23

Issued Permits – End-User Destinations (1 Jul – 30 Sep 2026)

Destination	DSGL Part 1	DSGL Part 2
ANGOLA	—	5
ARGENTINA	<5	<5
AUSTRALIA	70	28
AUSTRIA	<5	—
BANGLADESH	—	5
BELGIUM	12	<5
BRAZIL	<5	11
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	<5	—
BULGARIA	<5	—
BURKINA FASO	<5	—
BURUNDI	—	<5
CANADA	26	16
CHILE	<5	<5
CHINA	<5	6
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	<5	<5
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	—	<5
COLOMBIA	<5	<5
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	—	<5
CYPRUS	—	<5
CZECH REPUBLIC	9	<5
DENMARK	17	<5
EGYPT	—	<5
ESTONIA	6	<5
FIJI	—	<5
FINLAND	8	<5
FRANCE	22	16
FRENCH POLYNESIA	—	<5

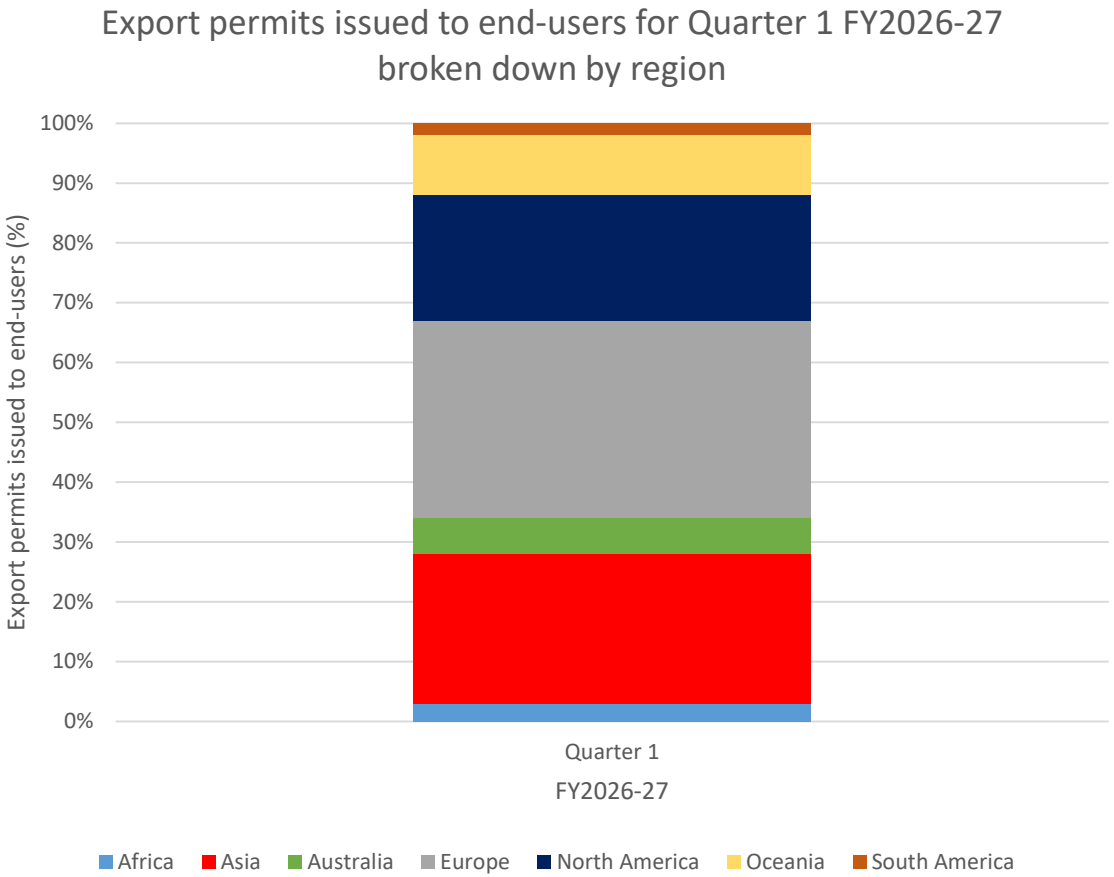
Destination	DSGL Part 1	DSGL Part 2
GERMANY	49	18
GHANA	<5	<5
GREECE	8	—
GUAM	—	<5
GUYANA	—	<5
HONG KONG	—	<5
HUNGARY	7	<5
INDIA	21	22
INDONESIA	7	14
IRAQ	—	<5
IRELAND	<5	10
ITALY	12	<5
JAMAICA	<5	—
JAPAN	22	11
JORDAN	<5	—
KAZAKHSTAN	—	<5
LAOS	—	<5
LATVIA	<5	<5
LITHUANIA	<5	—
LUXEMBOURG	<5	<5
MACAO	—	<5
MALAYSIA	<5	13
MALDIVES	—	<5
MALTA	<5	<5
MAURITANIA	—	<5
MAURITIUS	—	<5
MEXICO	5	9

Destination	DSGL Part 1	DSGL Part 2
MONGOLIA	<5	7
MOROCCO	—	<5
NAMIBIA	—	<5
NEPAL	—	<5
NETHERLANDS	22	19
NEW CALEDONIA	<5	<5
NEW ZEALAND	62	27
NIGERIA	—	<5
NORFOLK ISLAND	<5	—
NORWAY	20	9
OMAN	—	<5
PAKISTAN	<5	<5
PALAU	<5	—
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	<5	13
PERU	—	<5
PHILIPPINES	<5	<5
POLAND	6	6
PORTUGAL	<5	—
QATAR	<5	<5
ROMANIA	<5	<5
SAMOA	—	<5
SAUDI ARABIA	—	<5
SENEGAL	<5	—
SINGAPORE	13	20
SOUTH AFRICA	11	6
SOUTH KOREA	24	8
SPAIN	12	<5

Destination	DSGL Part 1	DSGL Part 2
SRI LANKA	—	<5
SWEDEN	8	<5
SWITZERLAND	6	5
TAIWAN	7	10
TANZANIA	<5	<5
THAILAND	<5	8
TIMOR-LESTE	<5	<5
TUNISIA	—	<5
TURKIYE	<5	<5
TURKMENISTAN	—	<5
UKRAINE	10	7
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	12	10
UNITED KINGDOM	26	8
UNITED STATES	64	13
VANUATU	<5	—
VIET NAM	<5	<5
ZAMBIA	—	<5
ZIMBABWE	—	<5

Caveats on statistics in this section: *Only permits involving the export of goods and supply of technology and/or services beyond the borders of Australia have been included. Export permits issued to Australian end-users relate to temporary exports. Temporary exports include but are not limited to demonstration, or repair and return. Not all temporary permits list Australia as an end-user.*

Issued Permits – End-User Destinations by Region



** Export Permits issued to Australian end users relate to temporary exports. Temporary exports include but not limited to: demonstration or repair and return.*

Export permits issued to end-users by region and financial years

	FY2024-25	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
	Average	**Average**	**1st Quarter**
Africa	3%	4%	3%
Asia	25%	27%	25%
Australia	10%	7%	6%
Europe	30%	36%	33%
North America	16%	14%	21%
Oceania	12%	10%	10%
South America	3%	3%	2%

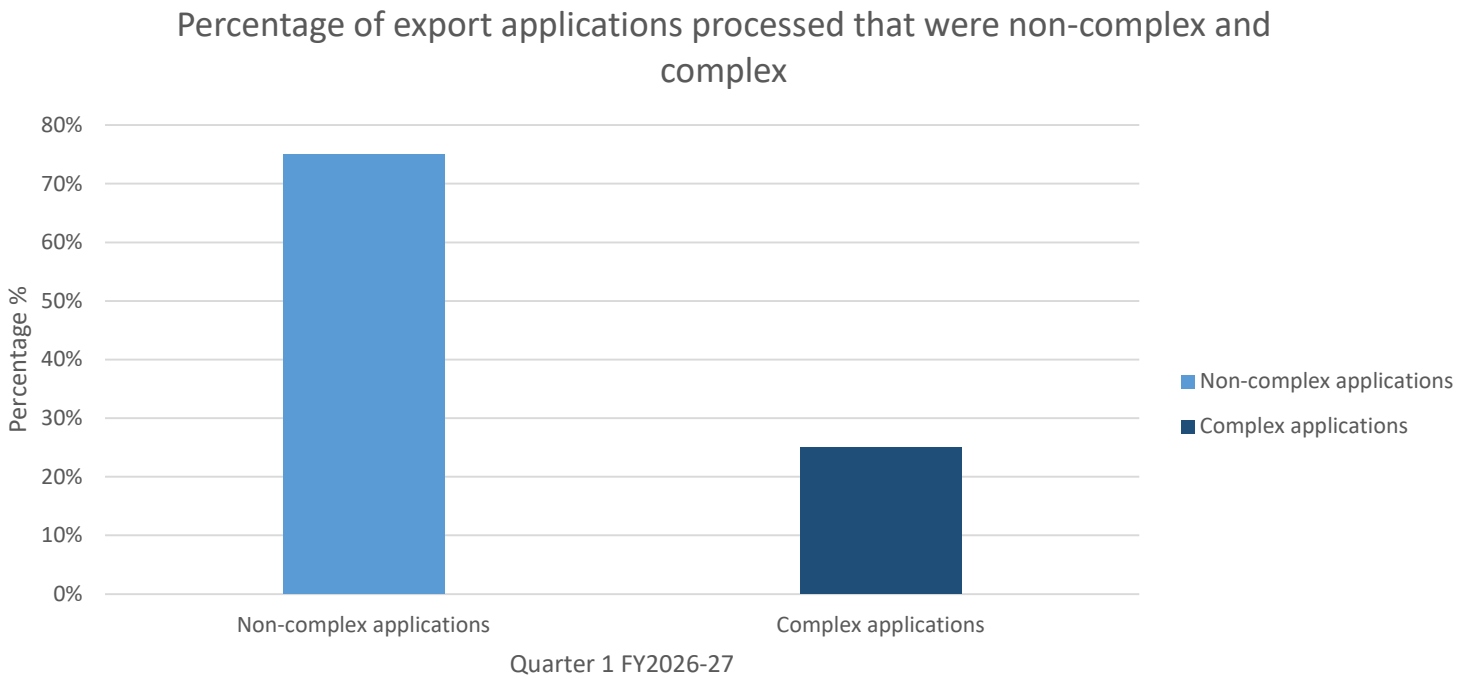
Export Applications – Received and Finalised



Export applications received and finalised

	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Applications received	1038
Applications finalised	1154

Export Applications – Processing



The percentage of export application processed that were non-complex and complex

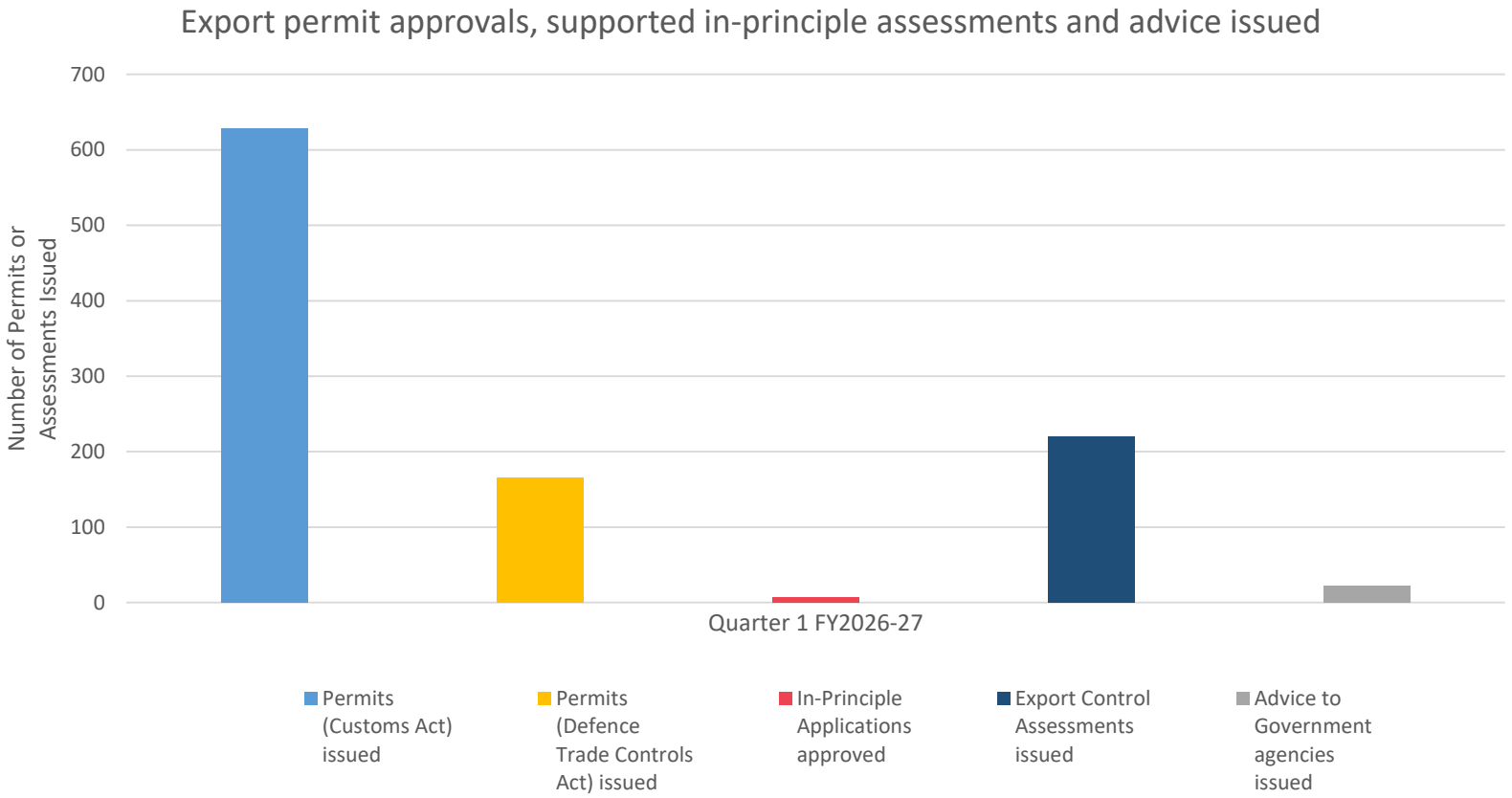
	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Non-complex applications	75%
Complex applications	25%

The percentage of export applications processing times that met benchmark assessment timeframes

	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
% of non-complex applications assessed within 15 days	83%
% of complex applications assessed within 35 days	86%

Caveats on statistics in this section: *During the FY2026-27 Q1 reporting period, Defence identified a data quality issue affecting the categorisation of applications. Defence has identified the cause of the error, and will implement an improved solution for recording application complexity before the end of 2026 to strengthen the accuracy and reliability of its data.*

Export Applications – Approvals and Assessments



Export permit approvals, supported in-principle assessments and advice issued

	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Permits (Customs Act) issued	628
Permits (Defence Trade Controls Act) issued	166
In-Principle Applications approved	7
Export Control Assessments issued	220
Advice to Government agencies issued	23

Export Applications – Prohibitions and Denials

Export denials under Regulations 13E of the *Customs Act 1901*, in-principle assessments not supported, and prohibitions under the *WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) Act* and Military End-Use provision

	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Denials (Customs Act)	0
In-Principle Applications Not Supported	< 5
Prohibition Notices(Defence Trade Controls Act)	0
Prohibition Notices (Weapons of Mass Destruction Act)	< 5
Prohibition Notices (Military End Use)	0

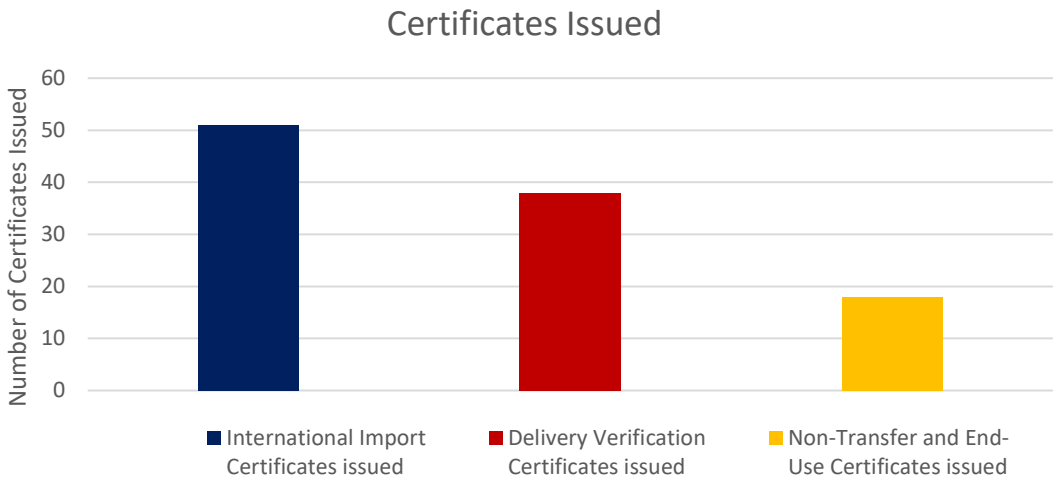
Export Applications – Withdrawn or Lapsed

Withdrawn or lapsed application count

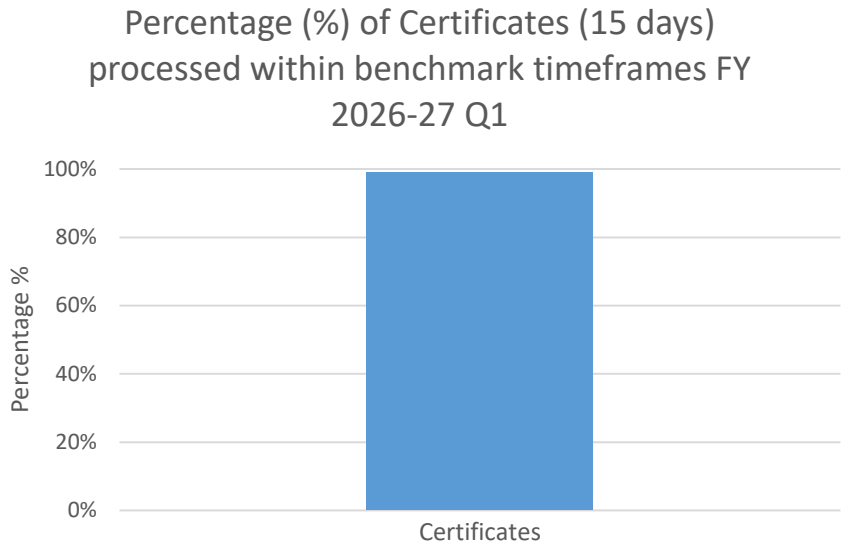
	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Withdrawn or Lapsed	108

Withdrawn – *Applications can be withdrawn upon the applicant's request.*
Lapsed – *An application is lapsed when Defence Export Controls is unable to proceed with an assessment due to a lack of information provide by the applicant or lack of jurisdiction.*

Certificate Statistics



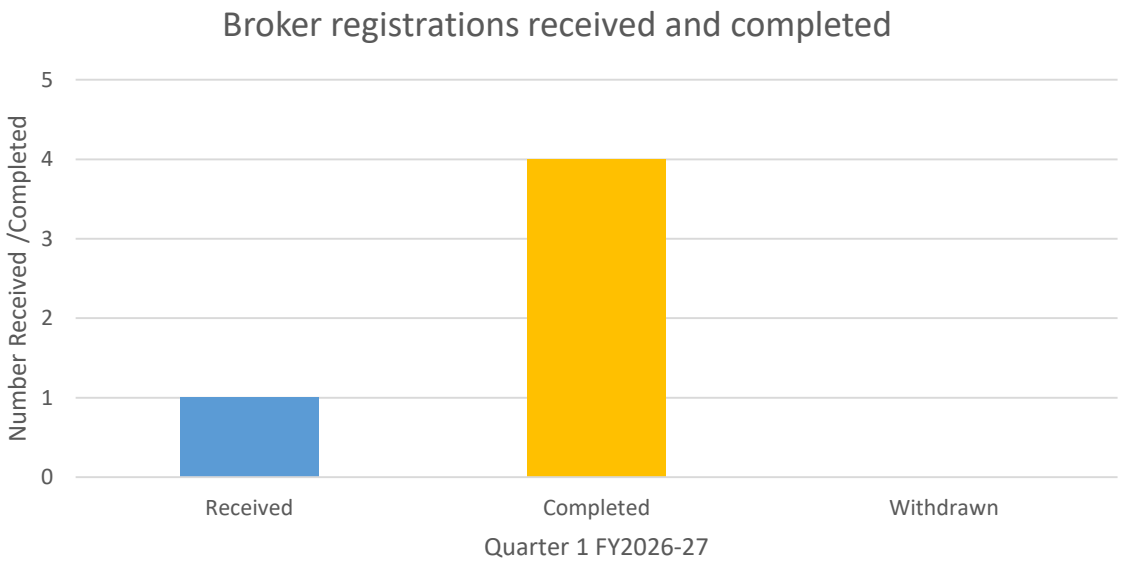
	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
International Import Certificates issued	51
Delivery Verification Certificates issued	38
Non-Transfer and End-Use Certificates issued	18



	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Certificates	99%

Defence issues a variety of import and end-use certificates to facilitate imports of goods that are controlled under foreign export control laws.
For more information, please see https://www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/exporting/applications-pre-notification/import-end-use-certificates

Broker Registration



Broker registrations received and completed

	FY2026-27
	1st Quarter
Received	< 5
Completed	< 5
Withdrawn	0

Brokering occurs when an Australian citizen, acting as an agent or intermediary, arranges the supply of controlled goods, software and technology between two people, and benefits in some way from the supply. For more information, please see https://www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/exporting/applications-pre-notification/broker-registration-permits