

OGEL UPDATE - Following discussions on facebook and elsewhere regarding the requirement for OGELS (Export Licences), the MVT approached the Government to get a definitive answer on this issue.

I am glad to say that the Export Control Joint Unit has responded to the MVT's request. The lengthy answer is below. In short you MUST have an OGEL if you are taking a military vehicle to France, regardless of the vehicles age. A copy of the e-mail response is below (some aspects regarding the MVT have been removed)

Thank you for your email. Please see below the advice from Compliance.

In response to your enquiry as to whether military vehicles require an OGEL, or does one group, the simple answer is that all items specifically designed for military use require an export licence, irrespective of the age of the platforms. The reason for this is the what may be considered as 'old' technologies in some destinations, may still be above that readily available in others. We are unable to provide licences that would cover individual scenarios as this would significantly increase the number of open licences available and increase the likelihood of errors arising.

There are two licences which may be applicable to your members:

a) For platforms 50 years or older (from date of export):

<https://www.gov.uk/.../open-general-export-licence-historic-m...>

The extract may below may be of worth, although your members will need to ensure they are able to meet all the conditions:

2. Vehicles falling within entry ML6 as follows;

(a) manufactured more than 50 years before the date of export and specially designed or modified components necessary for maintaining the road worthiness of an accompanied vehicle;

(b) manufactured less than 50 years before the date of export that has been registered with DVLA as "private" or "historic", and specially designed or modified components necessary for maintaining the road worthiness of an accompanied vehicle;

(c) vehicles in 2(a) or (b) above, transported in complete knock down kit form.

N.B1: ML6 includes civilian vehicles modified for military purposes. A modification includes a structural, electrical or mechanical change involving one or more specially designed military components.

N.B2: For the purposes of ML6 vehicles include trailers.

b) For platforms less than 50 years old (from date of export):

<https://www.gov.uk/.../open-general-export-licence-military-s...>

The extract may below may be of worth, although your members will need to ensure they are able to meet all the conditions:

SCHEDULE 1

GOODS CONCERNED

Goods falling within entry ML6 a. in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order, except:

a. Tanks and self-propelled guns;

b. Armed, armoured vehicles and vehicles fitted with mounting for arms;

c. Half-tracks;

- d. Gun-carriers, tractors and trailers specially designed for towing or transporting ammunition or weapons systems and related load handling equipment;
- e. Components specially designed or modified for military use for goods specified in heads a. to do. above.

Given there have been a number of such anniversaries over the years, one being in June 2014, I believe that many of your members should already hold the relevant licences? Those who have previously registered for the licence(s) need not re-register as there is no time limitation on Open Licences, although your members should check to ensure the licence still covers their activities as licences do change from time to time .

I would advise that, for all new registrations, that under 'additional information', showing in the registration process, that you ask your members state that the "licence is being registered for personal use for my vehicle" [*or whatever it is your member wishes to temporarily export] to attend re-enactments/events overseas and returned to the UK". By adding this wording to the registration will assist the ECJU Compliance Team assess the risk associated to the temporary export and more than likely avert the need for an inspection, thus reducing the burden to your members. They will however need to make 'Open Licence Returns' for such temporary exports (for Military surplus vehicles licence only)

Information on how to register on SPIRE below:

Creating a SPIRE logon account and company registration -
<https://www.spire.trade.gov.uk/docs/CompanyRegistration.pdf>

How to register and de-register to use Open General Licences ... - SPIRE -
<https://www.spire.trade.gov.uk/docs/RegisterOGLs.pdf>

I hope this has answered your questions. Please do come back to us if you required any additional advice

Yours sincerely