

NOTICE TO EXPORTERS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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The UK's Open General Export Licence (OGEL) permits the export of:

- any musical instrument temporarily exported for a period of less than three months for use in the course of work by a professional musician. The OGEL applies only to objects exported within the European Union (EU).

EU Regulation (EEC) No 3911/92 on the export of cultural goods (as amended) provides that an individual export licence is required on each occasion a musical instrument (over 50 years and valued at or above £30,400) is exported to a destination outside the European Union, even if this is on a temporary basis.

Following an amendment to the Regulation, it is now possible to issue an individual EU Open Specific Export Licence for a musical instrument to enable its temporary export outside the EU for a period of up to three months for use in the course of work by a professional musician. The licence will enable repeated temporary exports over a period of three years after which the licence can be renewed.

An application form for an individual EU Open Specific Export Licence is enclosed and can be downloaded at:

http://www.culture.gov.uk/cultural_property/export_licencing.htm

You can also contact the Export Licensing Unit for an application form, details as follows:

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