

TRANS-SHIPMENT OF EXPLOSIVE PRECURSORS

Would a licence be required for trans-shipment of explosive precursors?

Yes. An import as well as export licence from Police would be required for the trans-shipment of explosive precursors. The Shipping Agent is required to make and submit a Trans-shipment Declaration through the TradeNet System which can be accessed via <http://www.tradexchange.gov.sg>.

Along with making the Trans-shipment Declaration, the declarant will also be required to submit the relevant supporting documents such as the packing list and End User Certificate to support their declaration. In instances where the End User Certificate is not available, the declarant can submit the Bill of Lading, invoices or purchase orders instead. Police will insist on the End User Certificate to be produced unless the designated country does not regulate explosive precursors.

Following the submission of the Trans-shipment Declaration, Police will assess the declaration. Upon approval, Police will issue the import and export licences for the trans-shipment to proceed. If approval is not granted, the goods will have to be returned to the country of origin.

Why should explosive precursors be stored in the Free Trade Zone?

Explosive precursors should be stored in the Free Trade Zone pending trans-shipment as per practice with arms and explosives. This is because explosive precursors, like arms and explosives, are items which pose a high security risk if they fall into the hands of criminals or terrorists. Thus, their placement in the Free Trade Zone would afford greater security against theft. This would save businesses the worry of having to account for their stock of explosive precursors meant for trans-shipment if any of these materials were to be stolen.