



Explanatory notes concerning export notifications and the form for “Export notification under the PIC Ordinance”

1. Export notification

In accordance with Article 3 of the PIC Ordinance, anyone who exports a substance that is listed in Annex 1 or 2, or a preparation that contains that substance, is required to submit an export notification for the substance or preparation concerned to the FOEN, for the first export per year and importing Party, at least 30 days prior to the first export.

The following items are exempt from the export notification requirement:

- Substances and preparations for analysis and research, or for personal use by a single individual in quantities less than 10 kilograms.
- Preparations that contain one or more substances listed in Annex 1 or 2 in such a low concentration that the preparations is not classified as hazardous.
- Plant protection products and their active ingredients that are not subject to the PIC procedure. The export of these chemicals necessitates an authorization in accordance with Section 4.2 of Annex 2.5 of the Ordinance on the Reduction of Risks relating to the Use of Certain Particularly Dangerous Substances, Preparations and Articles (ORRChem).
- Pharmaceutical products, food and food additives, narcotics and psychotropic substances, radioactive material, waste material, chemical weapons.

Language to be used for export notification:

Please note that the details concerning the name of the manufacturer, the chemical name or brand name, description of risks and preventive measures, as well as the safety data sheet, must be provided in at least an official language of the importing country. If this is not possible without undue effort, please use the most common foreign language in the importing country.

Notification of export to the European Union (EU):

Please note that a separate notification is required for each export to an EU member state. A standard notification for the EU is not sufficient.

Explanations concerning information required for customs declaration:

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Anyone who exports chemicals according to Annex 1 or 2 is required to enter the non-customs regulation code "1 NZE Yes" and the non-customs regulation type code 030 "PIC" in the customs declaration (cf. [explanatory notes on non-customs regulatory codes](#)).

The code number issued by the FOEN, which is valid for the calendar year in which the first annual export takes place, must be entered in the customs declaration under "Special remarks" or "Documentation" (cf. [explanatory notes concerning customs declaration for chemicals listed in Annex 1 or 2](#)):

2. Form

Number 1.

No information is required here if a preparation is to be exported.

Number 1.2.

Please specify the chemical name according to an internationally recognised nomenclature.

Number 1.3.

Please indicate the trade name of the substance, if available.

Number 1.4.

Code according to the **European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances (EINECS)**, if available.

Number 1.5.

Number according to Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS).

Number 1.6.

Customs tariff code or harmonised system customs code according to the World Customs Organisation, if available (cf. e.g. t@res, Federal Office for Customs and Border Security).

Number 2.

If a preparation is to be exported, please indicate the name of the preparation under 2.1. No information is required if a pure substance is to be exported.

Number 2.3.

Add more lines if required.

Number 3.4.

Please indicate the probable utilisation category and application.

Number 3.5.

If a preparation is to be exported that contains one or more substances listed in Annex 1 or 2, please indicate the export quantity of the preparation.

Numbers 4 and 5.

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Please enter the information in the form and add more pages if necessary. If the information is available in another form (e.g. a safety data sheet), you may attach this: in this case, completing numbers 4 and 5 is no longer necessary.

Number 6.

Please provide the information if available. If necessary, this section will be completed by the FOEN.

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