

Controlled and Prohibited Goods

Take note of these goods before importing



01. Identify Your Goods

Before importing, identify:

- What the goods are
- How they are used
- Where they come from
- Who they are for



If unsure whether your good is controlled or prohibited, always check before importing them.

[Check if your goods are controlled or prohibited](#) →

03. Prohibited Goods Not Allowed to Import

Common examples include:



Counterfeit goods



Obscene publications



Certain weapons and explosives



Endangered wildlife products



Items banned under Singapore Law

Do not import prohibited goods.

05. Obtain Permit If Required

If your goods are controlled:

- Obtain relevant CA's approval
- Prepare required trade documents
- Obtain import permit



Valid permits must be obtained prior to importation.

[Apply for an import permit](#) →

07. Common Questions from AskGov

Q1: How do I know if my goods are controlled or prohibited?

Self-check using the HS/CA Product Code Checker.

Q2: Can I import first and apply for approval later?

No. Valid permits (including CA's approval) must be obtained prior to importation.

Q3: What happens if I import prohibited goods?

Goods may be seized and enforcement action may be taken.

Q4: Do UN sanctions apply to businesses?

Yes. All importers must comply with UNSC sanctions.

 [Related AskGov questions here](#) →

02. Controlled Goods Allowed to Import with Approval

Controlled goods are allowed, but only with approval from the relevant Competent Authority (CA).

Common examples include:



Medicines and health products



Food items



Plants and animals



Drones



Telecommunications equipment



Weapons and replicas

Approval must be obtained before import.

04. United Nations Security Council Sanctions

Some goods, persons, or countries are subject to United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Sanctions.

These restrictions may apply even if goods are otherwise allowed.

Sanctions may cover:

- Specific goods
- Named individuals or entities
- Certain countries or regions

Importing sanctioned items is an offence.

[Check UNSC sanctions](#) →

06. Clearance of Goods

When goods arrive:

- Declarations are checked
- Permits and approvals are verified
- Goods may be inspected

Consequences of non-compliance:

- Delays
- Seizure of goods
- Penalties or enforcement action

[Prepare documents for clearance](#) →

