



# APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE EXPORT PERMISSIONS

Exports of uranium oxide concentrates (UOC) are subject to control under Regulation 9 of the [Customs \(Prohibited Exports\) Regulations 1958](#) and can only occur with the permission of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.

Australian uranium is only supplied to countries with which Australia has concluded a bilateral nuclear safeguards agreement. Recipient countries must also have in force an additional protocol with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Further information on Australia's uranium export policy and the list of countries eligible to receive Australian uranium is available from the [Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office \(ASNO\)](#).

Any company wishing to export UOC should contact the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in the first instance to discuss its export proposal and ensure applications satisfy the information requirements below. Companies are encouraged to contact the Department as early as possible to avoid any potential delays in the export permission process impacting on commercial arrangements.

Prior to lodging applications, companies should also ensure they have obtained relevant permissions from ASNO to possess and/or transport nuclear material, pursuant to the [Nuclear Non Proliferation \(Safeguards\) Act 1987](#).

Information that must be included in applications includes:

- background on the exporting company, including information on benefits arising from current/future operations and export opportunity;
- description of project from where the UOC is sourced, including supporting documentation (e.g. copy of mining lease);
- status of key Commonwealth and State approval processes, including environmental and safeguards;
- conditions already imposed on the mining project by other Commonwealth and State legislation;
- countries UOC is proposed to be exported to, noting it must comply with Australian Government policy; and
- justification of period of time export permission sought for (note: export permissions usually granted for 10 years).

Please note there is no standard application form for this type of permission. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and all information provided is treated as commercial-in-confidence. Hardcopy applications should be lodged with:

*Senator the Hon Matt Canavan MP*  
*Minister for Resources & Northern Australia*  
*PO BOX 6100*  
*PARLIAMENT HOUSE*  
*CANBERRA ACT 2600*

Should an export permission be granted, companies will be required to obtain approval for each and every shipment of UOC from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and adhere to strict safeguards, reporting and other conditions as determined by the Minister on an ongoing basis.

Administrative arrangements for shipment approvals are discussed with companies upon issue of export permissions.

Companies should be aware that any proposed changes to mining projects should be promptly brought to the attention of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science as the proposal may require changes to existing export permission conditions. In these circumstances, export permissions can be surrendered in exchange for new permissions and the Minister can alter and/or impose additional conditions as necessary.

All information provided, from the initial discussions with the Department, through to approval and reporting of individual shipments, is treated as commercial-in-confidence.

For additional information on export permissions or the application process please contact the Uranium & Tax Section of the Department via email at [uranium@industry.gov.au](mailto:uranium@industry.gov.au).