

The arms trade in Belgium is regionalised. For the import, export or transit of:

- weapons
- ammunition
- equipment for military or law enforcement use, and
- the technology related to it

you need a licence from the region in which you or the registered office of your company is located:

Flemish Region:

Vlaamse Overheid - Herman Teirlinckgebouw
Departement Buitenlandse Zaken
Dienst Controle Strategische Goederen
Havenlaan 88 bus 80
1000 Brussels
csg@buza.vlaanderen(link sends e-mail)
<https://www.fdfa.be/nl/contact>(link is external)

Walloon Region:

SPW DGO6
Direction Licences Armes
Chaussée de Louvain, 14
5000 NAMUR
http://economie.wallonie.be/Licences_armes/contacts/Contacts.html(link is external)

http://economie.wallonie.be/Licences_armes/Accueil.html(link is external)

Brussels Capital Region:

Gewestelijke Overheidsdienst Brussel - Brussel International
Cel vergunningen wapens en dual-use goederen
City Center (6de verdiep - Bu 6.226)
Kruidtuinlaan 20
1035 Brussels
<http://du-arms.brussels/nl/contacten/>(link is external)

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When importing, exporting or transiting these goods, the Belgian customs authorities will check whether the required licence is available.

'Non-firearms', such as air rifles and side arms (knives and other cutting arms) are not subject to the licensing regime. This is even the case when the 2006 Arms Act does make it compulsory to obtain a licence for possession and use within Belgium.

Some side arms are classified under the category of prohibited weapons. As is the case for all other prohibited weapons, the Regions do not issue licences for this category. Only a limited number of exceptions provided for in the Arms Act 2006 allow the import of prohibited weapons under licence.

Traffic within the Benelux does not require a licence either.