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ECJU Amends Export Control Order 2008 and Publishes Firearms Export Guidance

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The export control joint unit (ECJU) has amended the Export Control Order 2008 with effect from September 14, 2018. The [new Order](#) extends the controls on firearms to include devices capable of being converted to firearms. The ECJU has also updated the consolidated control list of strategic military and dual-use items that require export authorization.

The additional devices include the following that are capable of being converted to a “firearm”:

- Devices for firing blanks, irritants or other substances
- Devices for firing pyrotechnic rounds; devices for salute and acoustic applications that are capable of being converted to a “firearm”

The change comes about following the use of these converted devices for criminal purposes and acts of terrorism.

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