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**Amendments to Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958 - Precursor Chemicals**

As part of Australia's commitment to the *United Nations Convention Against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1988*, the following substances have now been included in the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958*.

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| **Chemical** | **AHECC** |
| Acetic Anhydride \* | 2915.24 |
| Acetone | 2914.11 |
| Ethyl ether | 2909.11 |
| Hydrochloric Acid | 2806.10 |
| Methyl ethyl ketone | 2914.12 |
| Piperidine | 2933.32 |
| Potassium Permanganate \* | 2841.61 |
| Sulphuric Acid | 2807.00 |
| Toluene | 2902.30 |

As of 01 September 2002 the export of these substances, in excess of 100 litres, will need to be accompanied by a licence issued by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Additionally, where any of these substances, in excess of 100 litres, are to be exported to any of the countries listed below, a pre-export notification must be submitted to the TGA at least 5 days prior to the export of each consignment.

***Note:****The exporter of Acetic Anhydride and Potassium Permanganate must be licensed and must provide pre-export notification for all exports regardless of quantity or destination country.*

# Pre-notification countries:

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| Antigua and | Czech Republic | Peru |
| Barbuda | Ecuador | Philippines |
| Benin | Ethiopia | Republic of Moldova |
| Bolivia | India | Romania |
| Brazil | Jordan | Saudi Arabia |
| Cayman Islands | Malaysia | Tajikistan Turkey |
| Columbia | Nigeria Paraguay | United Arab Emirates |
|  |  | Venezuela |

Exporters should contact the TGA as soon as possible to ensure they have completed the licence application process before 01 September 2002. All enquiries regarding the issuing of licences should be directed to:

Precursor Export Officer Ph: 02 6270 4328

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