

## PI - Military items policy - Prohibited and Restricted Items

### <h2>GUIDE.SUMMARY

What is the policy?

 Explosives and military ordnance are not allowed on eBay

whereas body armor and other military surplus items that follow our policy can be sold. Sellers can

list the following items: <ul> <li>Military surplus items such as military-related backpacks,

blankets, canteens, clothing, foot lockers, hats, helmets, and other items that can be found online

and in retail stores</li> </ul> Sellers can list these restricted items: <ul>

<li>Military items that follow all country laws and meet all of the following criteria: <ul>

<li>The item is listed on eBay.com (our US website)</li> <li>The buyer, the seller, and

the item are all located in the United States</li> <li>The seller specifically states that the

item will only be shipped domestically (within the United States)</li> <li>The buyer certifies

that they're a US citizen or permanent resident</li> <li>The item is identified as allowed

in<nbsp><a

href="https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=70e390c181ea17f847fa696c47e31

40a&mc=true&r=PART&n=pt22.1.121">Part 121 of the International Traffic in

Arms Regulations (ITAR)</a> of the United States Munitions List (USML)</li> <li>The

buyer intends to use the item for personal use only and has no intention of exporting the item

outside the US</li> </ul> <li> <li>Body armor is allowed if: <ul> <li>It

isn't military issued</li> <li>It's a level I, II, or III body armor or Small Arms Protection Insert

(SAPI) plate which is included in the listing</li> <li>The listing includes the manufacturer

and model designation with a clear picture that verifies the information</li> <li>The listing

includes the following disclaimer, This model complies with NIJ Standard-0101.06 for Ballistic

Resistance of Body Armor</li> </ul> <li> </ul> The following items are not

allowed: <ul> <li>Explosives of any type including grenades of any kind, land mines,

missiles, rockets, or launchers</li> <li>Military ordnance such as weapons or ammunition,

regardless of whether the item is considered demilitarized or unserviceable

- Most military vehicles, including aircraft and ships, as well as their parts and accessories
- Items for military use only
- Military-issued body armor, level IV body armor, or body armor stamped with US, including Outer Tactical Vests (OTV) or Small Armor Protective Insert (SAPI) plates
- SAPI plates that aren't properly described
- Interceptor Body Armor (IBA), including items manufactured by Point Blank (PBBA), Second Chance (SCBA) and Armor Holdings (AH)
- Interceptor Body Armor (IBA) and Interceptor Outer Tactical Vests (OTV) with or without plates
- Detachable groin armor and neck armor
- Technical data as defined under [https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=86008bdf1fb2e79cc5df41a180750a&node=22:1.0.1.13.57&rgn=div5#se22.1.120\\_110](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=86008bdf1fb2e79cc5df41a180750a&node=22:1.0.1.13.57&rgn=div5#se22.1.120_110)

Part 120 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), including user manuals for military items

- Why does eBay have this policy? This policy helps ensure that important government regulations are followed.

## GUIDE.TALKING\_POINTS

Government request

- We work with several government agencies in the United States, Canada, and many countries around the world.
- If your item was removed at the request of a government agency, you will need to contact them directly for additional information on your item (provide [https://cskb.qa.ebay.com/csKBapp/art?page\\_content&id=GUIDE1189&ViewLocale=en\\_US#externallinks](https://cskb.qa.ebay.com/csKBapp/art?page_content&id=GUIDE1189&ViewLocale=en_US#externallinks) website link).
- These items were removed at the request of the Department of Defense (DoD). Questions about their item should be directed to the Joint Equipment Assessment Program (JEAP) within the DoD, as we have no additional information.
- To contact the JEAP, you can email them at [SMBLOGCOMJEAP@usmc.mil](mailto:SMBLOGCOMJEAP@usmc.mil)

[SMBLOGCOMJEAP@usmc.mil](#) with any questions about items removed at the request of the DoD.

The DoD web site is <http://www.defenselink.mil/>

</ul> Internal Information </ul> <li>If members are concerned about "similar" listings on eBay, they can report them, but we will review the listing(s) based on eBay policy and not necessarily what the DoD was reporting their removed items for.</li> </ul>   ITAR </ul> <li>ITAR stands for International Traffic in Arms Regulation.</li> <li>ITAR deals with military ordnance or technology that cannot be sold outside of the United States.</li> </ul> Notice about ITAR </ul> <li> </ul> <li>Most, if not all, military items are regulated by <a

Part 121</a>  of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations defines what munitions (or military items) the U.S. regulates.</li> <li>Military items regulated by the United States Armed Forces, Department of Defense, or State Department must comply with all applicable regulations in order to be listed on eBay. This can include (but is not limited to): </ul> <li>Items have been properly de-militarized.</li> <li>Items can be restricted to domestic (U.S.) shipping only.</li> <li>Items can be restricted to licensed individuals (issued by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls).</li> <li>Items can be restricted in who can purchase the item.</li> </ul> </li> </li>We work closely with various U.S.

agencies to help provide education to our members about potential violations of U.S. law.</li>  
</li>We are providing this information so that you can do proper research to make sure your  
listing complies with not only eBay policy but also federal law.</li> </li>Items can be  
reported to eBay by the Department of Defense or other government agencies. We will investigate  
these reports and take appropriate action when a violation is found.</li> </li>If you have  
additional questions related to ITAR, you can contact the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls  
Response Team at the following: <ul> </li><a  
href="http://pmddtc.state.gov/response\_team/index.html" target="\_blank"  
title="http://pmddtc.state.gov/response\_team/index.html">http://pmddtc.state.gov/response\_team/  
index.html</a> <ul> </li>Website: </li> </ul> </li> </ul>  
<ul> </li> <ul> </li>Phone: (202) 663-1282</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  
<ul> </li> <a href="mailto:DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov" target="\_blank"  
title="mailto:DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov">DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov</a>  
<ul> </li>Email: </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>  
</ul> Internal Information <ul> </li>Let members know that this is only an educational  
alert to help prevent them from violating policy and that they do not need to do anything  
further.</li> </ul>   Inert grenade <ul> </li>Due to the severity of the law in  
California related to metal grenades, eBay policy does not allow any actual grenades to be  
listed. Actual grenades are those grenades that are/were made or used by the  
military.</li> </li>Regardless of their status as inert or non-explosive, we do not allow actual  
grenades to be listed. Additionally, even if the item cannot be converted back into a working  
grenade, they are not allowed to be listed.</li> </ul> M68 / CCO for CompM2 and CompM4  
scopes <ul> </li>"M68/CCO" indicates it is military issued and cannot be sold to the  
public.</li> </ul> Shipping helmet internationally <ul> </li>Certain military helmets  
may be blocked from international shipping due to export control regulations that prohibit export of  
these items.</li> </ul> Detachable groin/neck armor <ul> </li>The majority of

groin/neck armor is only military and/or law-enforcement issue.

Body armor

Generally, body armor that isn't issued by the military can be listed on eBay. However, if the body armor you are listing has been certified using the performance standard of the [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](http://nij.gov/), then the following must be included in the description:

- The threat level rating of the armor (I, II, IIa, III, IIIa)
- Information about the manufacturer
- The model designation
- A clear picture of the armor that verifies the above information, including a picture of the certification tag

The listing must also include the following disclaimer, word for word, within the description:

"This model complies with NIJ Standard-0101.06 for Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor."

Level IV SAPI plates

Levels I, II, and III of body armor are excluded from ITAR.

Level IV is ITAR controlled and often associated with military uses. Therefore, we restrict the sale of level IV SAPI plates to the public.

Deeper why of policy

Since the sale of many military items is either prohibited or highly regulated by the government, there are certain items that can't be listed on eBay. This policy is in place to make sure everyone is informed about the restrictions before listing any military items on our site.

Military ordnance such as weapons, ammunition, and their related parts is not allowed even if the items are considered demilitarized, demilled, rendered inert, or unserviceable. We can't confirm whether an item has been changed in such a way that makes it safe and legal to sell or transport.

As many of these items remain the property of the United States military or similar agencies, we do not allow them to be sold on eBay.

For safety concerns and in order to follow laws and regulations, we restrict the kinds of weapons and accessories that can be sold on eBay. Be sure to follow all laws and regulations as well as eBay policies before buying or selling these items.