

## **LIST OF PROHIBITED AND CONTROLLED ITEMS BY POLICE LICENSING & REGULATORY DEPARTMENT/SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE**

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

1. A prohibited item is defined as an item of which the possession may contravenes existing laws in Singapore. Please refer to Annex A1 for the list of such items.

### **CONTROLLED ITEMS**

2. A controlled item is defined as one that requires approval from PLRD before the item can be brought into Singapore. The approval can be in the form of an import licence, permit, authorisation, or approval letter from PLRD/SPF. Please refer to Annex A2 for the list of such items.





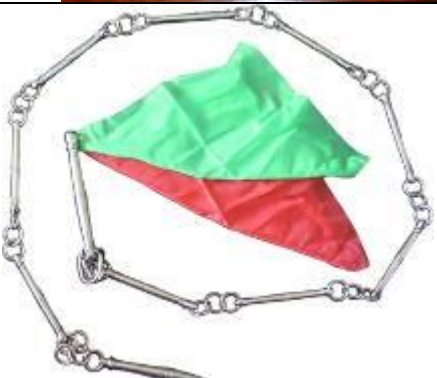
### **ITEMS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE LICENCE / PERMIT / AUTHORISATION OR APPROVAL FROM SPF**






3. Items with legitimate uses and are not prohibited nor controlled under current legislations, may be brought into Singapore without the need for a licence, permit, authorisation or approval from SPF. However, some of these items may be deemed as offensive weapons depending on the circumstances they are found. **If the person carrying the item is unable to provide a reasonable explanation, then he may have committed an offence under the Corrosive and Explosives Substances and Offensive Weapons Act (CESOW) or the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order & Nuisance) Act (MOA).** Please refer to Annex A3 for examples of such items which are commonly brought in by travelers.
4. The list of examples in Annex A1 to A3 are not meant to be exhaustive. When in doubt, a person may refer to the relevant laws to check whether an item is controlled. A person may also seek clarifications from Police Licensing & Regulatory Department (PLRD) / Singapore Police Force (SPF) by emailing to [spf\\_licensing\\_feedback@spf.gov.sg](mailto:spf_licensing_feedback@spf.gov.sg).

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**PROHIBITED ITEMS (NOT ALLOWED)**

S/N	Items	Description	Photo
1.	Flick Knife	A flick knife is a knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife.	
2.	Gravity Knife (Butterfly knife)	A gravity knife, commonly known as butterfly knife, is a knife with a blade contained in its handle, and which opens its blade by the force of inertia or gravity. As the gravity knife requires gravity or inertia to propel the blade out of the handle, it differs fundamentally from the switchblade, which opens its spring-propelled blade automatically upon the push of a button, switch, or fulcrum lever.	
3.	Knuckleduster	Weapons used in hand-to-hand combat shaped to fit around the knuckles.	
4.	Nanchaku (Nunchaku)	A martial art tool using two sticks / metal rods connected at their ends with a short chain or rope.	
5.	Chain Whip	Consists of several metal rods, which are joined end-to-end by rings to form a flexible chain. Generally, the whip has a handle at one end and a metal dart, used for slashing or piercing an opponent, at the other.	







6.	Concealed Weapons	Illegal act to conceal or disguise a weapon as another object of common use.	
7.	Wasp Knife	A wasp knife is a knife which is capable of injecting a ball of compressed gas that freezes both human and animal tissues and organs surrounding the point of injection.	
8.	Throwing Knife	Throwing knives are knives that are specially designed and weighted so that they can be thrown effectively.	
9.	Ninja Star (Shuriken)	Concealed weapon that was generally used for throwing, and sometimes stabbing or slashing.	
10.	Catapult / Slingshot	Catapult or slingshot is made up of a Y-shaped frame held in the off hand, with two rubber strips attached to the uprights. The other ends of the strips lead back to a pocket which holds the projectile. The pocket is grasped by the dominant hand and drawn back to the desired extent to provide power for the projectile.	




**CONTROLLED ITEMS**  
**(APPROVAL, AUTHORISATION, LICENCE OR PERMIT REQUIRED FROM PLRD)**

<b>Arms and Explosives Act, Chapter 13</b>													
Arms	<p>"arms" means —</p> <p>(a) firearms, air-guns, air-pistols, stun guns, electronic dart guns, automatic guns, automatic pistols, guns or any other kind of gun from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or noxious fumes or noxious substance can be emitted, and any component part of any such arms;</p> <p>(b) bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads; and</p> <p>(c) such weapon, accessory, or other article or thing, as the Minister may, by notification in the <i>Gazette</i>, specify to be arms for the purposes of this Act or any part thereof;</p>												
Explosives	<p>"explosive" —</p> <p>(a) means gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, blasting powder, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires and every other substance, whether similar to those abovementioned or not, used or manufactured with a view to producing a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect;</p> <p>(b) includes fog signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion-caps, detonators, cartridges and ammunition of all descriptions, and every adaptation or preparation of an explosive as above defined; and</p> <p>(c) includes sand crackers, and any substance declared to be deemed an explosive by notification under section 10 (1) (a);</p>												
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6.	Potassium chlorate	-
7.	Potassium nitrate	Preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of potassium nitrate or a combination of both potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate
8.	Potassium nitrite	Aqueous solutions containing less than 5% weight in weight, of potassium nitrite
9.	Potassium perchlorate	-
10.	Sodium chlorate	-
11.	Sodium nitrate	Preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrate or a combination of both sodium nitrate and potassium nitrate
12.	Sodium nitrite	Aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrite
13.	Sodium perchlorate	-
14.	Perchloric acid	-
15.	Tetranitromethane	-






S/n	Items	Description	Photo
1.	Firearm	A firearm is a weapon that launches one, or many, projectile(s) at high velocity through confined burning of a propellant.	
2.	Air Gun	An air gun is a rifle (air rifle) or pistol (air pistol) that fires projectiles by means of compressed air or other gases, in contrast to a firearm, which burns a propellant. Most air guns use metallic projectiles as ammunition. Air guns that use plastic projectiles are classified as airsoft guns.	
3.	Airsoft Gun And Paintball markers	<p>Airsoft guns are replica firearms that propel pellets (also known as BBs) by way of compressed gas, electric motors driven or coil spring driven piston air pumps.</p> <p>Paintball gun shoots paintball pellets by way of compressed gas.</p>	
4.	Musket Gun	Musket Guns are loosely said as firearms designed and manufactured prior to the beginning of the 20th century. Usually collected because of their historical interest.	





5.	Spear Gun	A spear gun is an underwater fishing implement designed to fire a spear at fish.	
6.	Taser and Stun Gun (Electroshock Weapon)	An incapacitate weapon used for subduing a person by administering electric shock aimed at disrupting superficial muscle functions.	 
7.	Sword	A sword is a bladed weapon (edged weapon) used primarily for cutting or thrusting. In summary, a sword consists of a blade with two edges, a hilt, and a crossguard. But in some cases, the term may also refer to weapons without crossguard, or with only a single edge (backsword).	 
8.	Spear and Spear head	A spear is a pole weapon consisting of a shaft, usually of wood, with a pointed head.	






			
9.	Bayonet	A bayonet is a knife, dagger, sword, or spike-shaped weapon designed to fit in, on, over or underneath the muzzle of a rifle, musket or similar weapon, effectively turning the gun into a spear.	
10.	Dagger	The dagger is a fighting knife with a sharp point designed or capable of being used as a thrusting or stabbing weapon.	
11.	All kinds of explosives	An explosive material, also called an explosive, is a reactive substance that contains a great amount of potential energy that can produce an explosion if released suddenly, usually accompanied by the production of light, heat, sound, and pressure.	
12.	All kinds of ammunition	The collective term for all types of ammunition is munitions. In the widest sense of the word it covers anything that can be used in combat that includes bombs, missiles, warheads & mines.	
13.	Empty Cartridges with <u>percussion caps</u> attached	A cartridge, also called a round, packages the bullet, gunpowder and primer into a single metallic case precisely made to fit the firing chamber of a firearm. A cartridge without a bullet is called a blank; one that is completely inert is called a dummy. The percussion cap is a	



		small cylinder of copper or brass with one closed end.	
14.	CS Spray	Chlorobenzylidene malononitrile (CS) spray, a particulate spray formulated for use against a violent individual.	
15.	Pepper Spray	A lachrymatory agent (a chemical compound that irritates the eyes to cause tears, pain, and even temporary blindness) that is used in riot control, crowd control, and personal self-defence, including defence against dogs and bears. Its inflammatory effects cause the eyes to close, taking away vision.	
16.	Marine Pyrotechnics	Visual distress signals which include hand flares, rocket parachute flares and smoke signals etc.	 
17.	Articles of clothing intended as protection against attack, including bullet proof vests	A ballistic vest, bullet proof vest or bullet-resistant vest is an item of personal armor that helps absorb the impact from firearm, fired projectiles and shrapnel from explosions, and is worn on the torso.	

18.	Helmets intended as protection in military combat	A form of protective gear worn on the head by soldiers to protect from fatal or severe head wounds e.g. steel helmet.	
19.	Toy or replica Guns	Toy or replica Guns, include all types of toy or replica guns such as lighter guns, prop guns, foam dart guns and spring-operated toy guns which are capable of discharging water gel pellets.	
20.	Toy or replica explosives, grenades, ammunitions or improvised explosive devices (IED)	Includes all types of toy or replica explosives such as grenade shaped lighters, mockup IED, toy dynamite clock.	 
21.	Handcuffs	Handcuffs are restraint devices designed to secure an individual's wrists close together. They comprise two parts, linked together by a chain, a hinge or in the case of rigid cuffs, a bar. Each half has a rotating arm which engages with a ratchet that prevents it from being opened once closed around a person's wrist. Without the key, the handcuffs cannot be removed and so the handcuffed person is unable to move his or her wrists more than a few centimeters / inches apart,	






		making many tasks difficult or impossible. This is usually done to prevent suspected criminals from escaping police custody.	
22.	Batons, T-Batons, Nightsticks, Truncheons	A truncheon or baton (also called a cosh, Paddy wacker, billystick, billy club, nightstick, sap, blackjack, stick) is essentially a club of less than arm's length made of wood, plastic, or metal.	 
23.	Night Vision / Infra-Red Goggles and Binoculars	Security equipment such as Night Vision Devices allow images to be produced in levels of light approaching total darkness. They are most often used by the military and law enforcement agencies but are available to civilian users.	 
24.	All forms of fireworks, including firecrackers, tube-sparklers and "pop-pop	Fireworks are a class of explosive pyrotechnic devices used for aesthetic and entertainment purposes such as a fireworks display.	 






			
25.	Wire Sparklers	<p>A type of fireworks in the form of a thin metallic wire that burns slowly while emitting coloured flame and sparks.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Please refer to Advisory on Sparklers attached below.</p>	
26.	An arbalest or Cross Bow	<p>A device consisting of a bow fitted transversely on a stock that has a groove or barrel, designed to direct an arrow or a bolt;</p>	
27.	A bow with a draw weight of more than 27.215 kilograms (60 Pounds)	<p>Heavy draw weight bows which are powerful, long range projectile weapons, not commonly used for sporting but more for hunting purposes.</p>	
28.	<p>An arrow with any of the following points:</p> <p>(a) broadhead tip;  (b) field arrow tip;  (c) blunt arrow tip;  (d) grabbing arrow tip; and  (e) fishing arrow tip.</p>	<p>Arrows with hunting tips are not used for sporting purposes</p>	






**ITEMS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE ANY APPROVAL/LICENCE/PERMIT/AUTHORISATION  
FROM SPF**



Important Note:

The items listed below are not meant to be exhaustive. Some of these items **may also be deemed as offensive weapons depending on the circumstances they are found**. For example, if a traveler is found to have a hunting knife hidden around his ankle and is unable to provide a reasonable explanation, then he may have committed an offence under the Corrosives Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act or the Miscellaneous Offences Act.

S/N	Items	Description	Photo
1.	Domestic / Culinary / Kitchen Knife	These knives are cutting tools used in food preparation.	
2.	Hunting Knife	A hunting knife is a knife used during hunting and they are used for skinning the animal and cutting up the meat.	
3.	Survival Knife	Survival knives are knives intended for survival purposes in a wilderness environment. Survival knives can be used for trapping, skinning, wood cutting and other uses. Hunters, hikers, and outdoor sport enthusiasts use survival knives.	
4.	Diving Knife	A diving knife is a general tool and safety device used by diving enthusiasts.	
5.	Machete	Large cleaver-like cutting tool commonly used in agriculture.	

6.	Parang	<p>The parang is the Indonesia equivalent of the machete. Frequently used in the jungle as well as being a tool for making housing, furniture, and agriculture.</p>	
7.	Sickle	<p>A sickle is a hand-held agricultural tool with a variously curved blade typically used for harvesting grain crops or cutting succulent forages.</p>	
8.	Kirpan	<p>Ceremonial sword or dagger wore on the body by the baptised Sikhs.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For Kirpans with blade more than 12 inches (30cm) long, they would be treated as a sword. Please refer to Item: "Swords" on the list of Controlled Items.</p>	
9.	Kukri	<p>Curved Nepalese Knife, similar to the machete, used as both a tool and as a weapon. It is a traditional weapon for Nepalese people, and also a weapon of choice/side arm for all Nepalese including those serving in different armies around the world.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For Kukri with blade more than 12 inches (30cm) long, they would be treated as a sword. Please refer to Item: "Swords" on the list of Controlled Items.</p>	
10.	Kris	<p>Asymmetrical dagger indigenous to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Brunei. Known as kalis in the southern Philippines. Best known for its wavy blade but some may have straight blade as well.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For Kris with blade more than 12 inches (30cm) long, they would be treated as a sword. Please refer to Item: "Swords" on the list of Controlled Items.</p>	

11.	Blow Pipe	<p>A simple weapon consisting of a small tube for firing light projectiles, or darts. The weapon is used by inserting the dart inside the pipe (known as a blowgun) and uses the force created by one's breath to give the projectile momentum.</p>	
12.	<p>A bow with a draw weight of <u>not more than 27.215 kilograms (60 Pounds)</u></p>	<p>A bow is a flexible arc that shoots aerodynamic projectiles by means of elastic energy. Used primarily for hunting and for sport.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the draw weight of the bow is more than 27.215 kilograms, it is controlled. Please refer to Bows under Controlled Items.</p>	
13.	Axe	<p>The axe, or ax, is an implement that has been used for millennia to shape, split and cut wood; to harvest timber and as a ceremonial or heraldic symbol.</p>	
14.	Leather / rattan / rope whips	<p>Whips are made of either a firm stick device designed to strike directly, or a flexible whip which must be swung in a specific manner to be effective but has a longer reach.</p>	
15.	Foldable Knife / Swiss Army Knife	<p>These are pocket knives or multi-tool generally have very sharp blade, as well as various tools, such as screwdrivers, a can opener, and many others. These attachments are stowed inside the handle of the knife through a pivot point mechanism.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the blade is held under tension and is deployed <u>automatically</u> by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife, it is deemed to be flick knife, which is a scheduled weapon and prohibited for importation.</p>	

16.	Fencing Swords	<p>Fencing foils, sabre and épée which are used in the sports of fencing. The fencing swords are without any blade with cutting edge.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the fencing sword is not among the three types described and there is a metal blade which is sharpened or can be sharpened, it will be treated as a normal sword where import/export licence is required.</p>	
17.	Bomb Bags	<p>A small sachet with an inner bag. When the inner bag is squeezed, the sachet is expended till the sachet pops. This takes place due to the reaction of baking soda with citric acid / vinegar resulting in forming of carbon dioxide gas. This expands the sachet till it pops.</p>	



## **ADVISORY ON IMPORT OF WIRE SPARKLERS IN SINGAPORE**

1. Wire sparklers are fireworks in the form of a thin metallic wire that burns slowly while emitting coloured flame and sparks. They are deemed as 'explosives' and regulated under the Arms & Explosives Act (A&E Act), Chapter 13.
2. Police control the type of wire sparklers imported into Singapore based on the potassium perchlorate content in the product. Only wire sparklers with 3% or lower potassium perchlorate content (i.e. approved type) are allowed for import. Wire sparklers with more than 3% of potassium perchlorate content are prohibited because they pose significant safety risk to users, especially children. Police will reject any application to import wire sparklers with 3% or higher potassium perchlorate content.
3. Traders/businesses who wish to import wire sparklers of an approved type are required to obtain licences for the import of these products. However, travelers who possess small quantities of wire sparklers of an approved type at any immigration checkpoint are not required to take up any import licence. Similarly, no licence is required for the local retail sale or possession of wire sparklers of an approved type.
4. For ease of reference, the brand names, descriptions, and photographs of the common approved type of wire sparklers are shown in **Annex A**.
5. The common types of wire sparklers which are prohibited are shown in **Annex B**.
6. To avoid any inconvenience, travellers are required to declare any wire sparklers in their possession at any immigration checkpoint. They will be allowed to keep the wire sparklers if they fulfil the following conditions:
  - a. the wire sparklers are of an approved type (i.e. shown in Annex A); and
  - b. each traveler has 200 or fewer sticks of wire sparklers of an approved type.
7. If a traveler has more than 200 sticks of wire sparklers of an approved type, he or she may be required to apply for an import licence under the A&E Act, Chapter 13. The traveller may however voluntarily surrender the items for disposal, if he or she does not wish to apply for a licence.
8. If the wire sparklers are of a prohibited type (i.e. shown in Annex B), the items shall be seized and the traveller shall be investigated for an offence of importing explosives without a licence under the A&E Act, Chapter 13.
9. If the wire sparklers are not shown in both Annex A or Annex B, they shall be deemed to be of a prohibited type and may be seized for investigation. The traveller may however voluntarily surrender the items for disposal without the need to undergo an investigation.
10. If any traveller fails to declare and is found to be in possession of any wire sparklers at any immigration checkpoints, he or she shall be referred to the Police.
11. The information in both Annex A and B will be continuously updated as Police receive more information on these products.
12. Any request for clarification may be sent to the Police Licensing & Regulatory Department (PLRD) via email to: [spf\\_licensing\\_feedback@spf.gov.sg](mailto:spf_licensing_feedback@spf.gov.sg)

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**APPROVED LIST OF SPARKLERS**

<b>Approved Sparklers</b>	<b>Photo</b>
<p>King Cat Brand                      Low Smoke Golden Sparklers                      Article No. 0489 -10"                      0489 - 12"                      0489 - 14"</p>	
<p>Cock Brand                      Less Smokey Golden Sparklers                      Article No.8812</p>	
<p>Cock Brand                      Red Sparklers                      Blue Sparklers                      Green Sparklers                      Article No.0978</p>	

	
<p>Golden Bee Brand Magic Whistling Sparklers</p>	
<p>Golden Bee Brand Low Smoke Golden Sparklers</p>	
<p>Alpen Brand 25 Sparklers</p>	

Alpen Brand  
16 Sparklers



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HEART SHAPE SPARKLER



**PROHIBITED LIST OF SPARKLERS**

Prohibited Sparklers	Photo
<p>King Cat Brand  Red Sparklers TNT  Blue Sparklers TNT  Green Sparklers TNT</p> <p>Article No.0979T</p>	
<p>King Cat Brand  Red Sparklers  Blue Sparklers  Green Sparklers</p> <p>Article No.0786T</p>	

King Cat Brand  
Red Sparklers  
Blue Sparklers  
Green Sparklers  
  
Article No.0750T



King Cat Brand  
Magic Whistling Sparklers  
Article No. 33010 – 10”  
33012 – 12”  
33014 – 14”



Golden Bee Brand  
Red Sparklers  
Blue Sparklers  
Green Sparklers  
  
Article No. 00979





Cock Brand  
Magic Whistling Sparklers

Article No.9910

