



PERMISSION TO EXPORT ROUGH DIAMONDS FROM AUSTRALIA



Exports of rough diamonds from Australia are subject to the provisions of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958*. As such, companies or individuals seeking to export rough diamonds from Australia are required to apply to the Federal Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism for permission. A Kimberley Process Certificate will be issued by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism for each export shipment once the application has been assessed and permission has been granted. A Kimberley Process Certificate certifies the conflict-free origin of the rough diamond shipment and must accompany each export of rough diamonds from Australia.

KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) is a joint government, industry and civil society initiative to stem the flow of conflict diamonds – rough diamonds used by rebel movements to finance wars against legitimate governments. The KPCS imposes extensive requirements on its members to enable them to certify shipments of rough diamonds as ‘conflict-free’. The KPCS bans trade in rough diamonds with non-participants so that a reduction in the illicit trade can be achieved. A current list of KPCS Participants and further information on the KPCS may be obtained from www.kimberleyprocess.com.

Do I need a Kimberley Process Certificate for my Export?

The categories of diamonds subject to control are those within the Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) codes **7102.10** - *unsorted, worked and unworked diamonds*; **7102.21** - *industrial diamonds which are unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted*; and **7102.31** - *non-industrial diamonds which are unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted*.

How do I apply for a Kimberley Process Certificate?

Application forms for permission to export rough diamonds and to obtain a Kimberley Process Certificate are available from the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism website www.ret.gov.au. This website also contains useful procedural information for exporting rough diamonds from Australia, both for occasional and frequent exporters. Alternatively, please contact our team:

- o via email at **KP.EXPORT.AUSTRALIA@ret.gov.au** or visit **www.ret.gov.au**
- o or call us on + 61 2 6213 6946.
- o or write to us at the **Minerals Development Section, Minerals Branch, Resources Division, Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, GPO Box 1564, CANBERRA CITY, ACT, 2601**

The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism attempts to process applications within one week of receipt, however time delays may result from the submission of an incomplete application. Please note that applications require a current Australia wide Criminal History Check (CHC) from the Australian Federal Police, which may take up to three weeks to complete.

