

**UK Implementation of SCEPYLT  
(Electronic system for approvals of explosives transfers)  
From 1 October 2016**

- 1 Following extensive user testing within GB, the use of SCEPYLT, an electronic system for the production and issue of intra-community transfer of explosives documents (ICTs), will be implemented from 1 October 2016. HSE will be running both hard copy and electronic ICT systems, depending on whether all of the countries involved in the transfer are SCEPYLT users. **THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.**
- 2 The European Commission decision of 15 April 2004 on Intra-community transfers of explosives documents (ICTs) was amended by the Commission decision 2010/347/EU which established the use of an electronic system.
- 3 The electronic system is called SCEPYLT (Explosives Control and Protection System to Prevent and Fight Against Terrorism). The countries currently using SCEPYLT to verify and approve ICT documentation are:
  - Spain
  - Portugal
  - Germany
  - France
  - Belgium
  - The Netherlands
- 4 **Transfers involving countries that do not use SCEPYLT** - There is no change to the current application process or to the issuing of documents for transfers involving countries that do not use SCEPYLT. – as currently happens, where GB is the recipient country, approved documents will be issued in hard copy to the applicant by HSE. Applicants will continue to need to contact the Competent Authority in each of the countries involved in the transfer to obtain their approval.
- 5 **Transfers where originating, recipient, and all transfer countries use SCEPYLT**– There is no change to the current application process. Where GB is the recipient country HSE process its approval of the application and will then enter the details onto SCEPYLT. Each relevant competent authority will then verify and approve the application electronically. The final authorised ICT document(s) will be issued in hard copy format by the Competent Authority in the originating country to the supplier. No documents will be issued to the applicant. This will reduce the burden on applicants as it removes the requirement to contact the Competent Authority in each country involved in the transfer. Applicants should contact their supplier if they require a copy of the ICT.

- 6 **Transfers where the explosives transit through GB -**
- a) Where the itinerary includes any non SCEPYLT using countries there is no change to the current application process or to the issuing of documents. HSE will continue to manually authorise each of the original copies of the ICT issued by the recipient Competent Authority.
  - b) Where the itinerary solely includes countries using SCEPYLT, HSE will process and authorise the ICT electronically using SCEPYLT. The final authorised ICT document(s) will be issued in hard copy format by the originating country to the supplier. No documents will be issued to the applicant. Applicants should contact their supplier if they require a copy of the ICT.
- 7 Please ensure that applications made for ICT's are completed correctly, paying particular attention to the entry and exit points for each country involved in the transfer. For applications for a multiple transfer ICT the quantity of explosives should be the total quantity for the lifetime of the ICT and not the quantity for each transfer.