

Main rules on export of cultural objects from the territory of Ukraine

Cultural property that is transferred across the Customs border of Ukraine can be divided into three groups:

1. Cultural property denied to be transferred (across the state border).
2. Cultural property that is restricted from being transferred (across the border).
3. Cultural property that is free to be transferred (across the border).

The following cultural objects are **denied to be transferred**: cultural objects included in the Museum Fund of Ukraine, National Archive Fund, and items that are reported as stolen. This list also includes museum items and archive documents that have appropriate preservation markings: inventory numbers, stamps, etc.

The database of the items **reported as stolen** can be found here:

- **The register of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine** <https://wanted.mvs.gov.ua/searchart/Access>

The database does not require registration, but it is not always function given the current situation.

- **Interpol database** <https://www.interpol.int/Crimes/Cultural-heritage-crime/Stolen-Works-of-Art-Database> . Access requires prior registration

Cultural property restricted from being transferred across the Customs border of Ukraine, can be transferred only with the appropriate authorisation by the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine. Such an authorization can take the following form:

1. Export certificate.
2. Expert authorisation.
3. Passport for bow type (musical) instrument or a bow.

The export certificate is issued by the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine. The certificate is available electronically on the web portal "Single Window for International Trade".

The expert authorization can issued by the specialists of cultural institutions designated by the decree of the Ministry of Culture No. 267 of 31.03.2017.¹

A passport for a bow type musical instrument or a bow is envisaged for a violin, viola, violoncello, double bass and viola. This document shall be issued by the experts according to the Ministry of Culture Decree No. 267 of 31.03.2017, designated for the examination of musical instruments.

To identify the objects, the documents must be accompanied by photographs.

Objects that are free to be transferred do not necessitate any authorisations or permits. The list of such objects can be found in the Attachment No. 1 of Order No. 258 of the Ministry of Culture of

¹ <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z0529-17#Text>

22.04.2002² (see Annex 1). The main group of such objects are consumer goods of mass and serial production, created after 1950 (furniture, carpets, dishes, toys, jewellery and others).

The following items are also exported from the territory of Ukraine in a regular manner (without authorisation):

Literature, published after 1945 (books, magazines, periodicals, music, books on paper, maps, creative works, brochures, advertising materials, etc.);

Musical instruments manufactured after 1950 (only if one of the following documents is available: factory passport, sales receipt, receipt, label on the instrument, etc.);

Domestic and foreign coins, papery banknotes, made after 1960.

² <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/z0571-02#top>

Appendix 1. List of the of the souvenir objects, objects of applied art of mass and serial production that do not necessitate a certificate for a definite (or temporary) export

1. Cultural objects temporarily imported into Ukraine that have a customs declaration issued in accordance with the established procedure when importing (transferring) these objects into Ukraine.

2. Works of contemporary art, objects of folk arts and crafts, souvenirs purchased in the trade networks.

3. Painting, small shape plastics, author's graphics, tapestries, products of decorative and applied art from ceramics, porcelain, faience, glass, wood, metal, textiles and other materials, created after 1950.

4. Domestic and foreign household items of mass and serial production, created after 1950, including:

furniture (individual items and sets);
factory and handmade carpets, carpet and textile products of various types;
costume items and additional details;
tableware and other items made of glass, crystal, porcelain, faience, ceramics, majolica, wood, papier-mâché, etc .;
jewelry of serial and mass production made of base metals and semi-precious stones;
toys made of stones, straw, metal, plastic.

5. Modern religious items of different confessional affiliation, icons made with the use of the printer, as well as crosses, lamps, candlesticks and other religious items of massive production.

6. Items of technology:

cars, motorcycles, bicycles and other vehicles of no significant historical value³;
watches (wrist, floor, wall, etc.) made after 1950;
modern models of airplanes, cars, ships and other types of equipment;
gramophones and records (starting with N 285 for "MONO" plates and with N 739 for "STEREO" plates), manufactured after 1960.

³ Significant historical value of vehicles is understood as: belonging to the outstanding persons, political figures, having a role in extraordinary events, exclusive models that were not in mass production or released in small quantities or anniversary models, or models released before 1950 and their number in Ukraine is not more than two items.

7. Printed works published after 1945, including:

separately published works, collective works, collective works of various authors, popular science literature; literature for children;

periodicals, music, cartographic, pictorial publications, brochures, advertising publications;

publications exported by their authors;

reference books for applicants to higher education institutions and single-volume language dictionaries;

modern reprint and facsimile editions;

all publications and information on any media that are sent by state libraries, libraries of scientific societies and public organizations, museums in accordance with international book exchange and interstate interlibrary exchange;

replicable printed graphics (reproductions, lithographs, prints, posters, calendars, postcards, envelopes, etc.), photo albums and photo products for souvenir purposes, etc.

8. Musical instruments in the presence of one of the following documents: factory passport, sales receipt, invoice, label on the instrument, etc., made after 1950, incl.

factory serial domestic and foreign production;

factory made mechanical and electro musical instruments.

9. Postage stamps of Ukraine: postage stamps and blocks, marked postal envelopes and marked postal cards (artistic and standard) issued after 1991.

10. Personal awards when citizens move to a permanent place of residence of other states in the presence of order books or award certificates⁴.

11. State awards of Ukraine made using precious metals and/or precious stones, the export procedure of which is approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated on 21 June, 2001 N 677 (677-2001-p).

12. Badges, commemorative signs, table medals, commemorative and jubilee coins, banknotes that are not a means of payment (except for domestic and foreign coins made of precious and non-precious metals, paper banknotes until 1960 (inclusive)).

⁴ Removal the remaining awards of deceased parents by citizens moving to a permanent place of residence in another State is possible subject to the submission of documents that confirm the relocation of citizens to a permanent place of residence in another State, death certificates, order books or award certificates and documents confirming family ties.