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Compliance Detections and Findings

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Scope

- Regulated Explosives Precursors (EP) activities
- Regulatory framework
- Enforcement and investigation process
- Case studies: five cases and what to do
- Other common regulatory breaches
- Key takeaways for licensees
- Resources and support

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Regulated Explosives Precursors (EP) Activities

- EP activities that require a licence:
  - Possession and/or Use
  - Store
  - Supply
  - Trade (Import/Export)
  - Manufacture
  - Disposal
  - Transport (class licensed)
- Licence tenure: Up to 3 years
- Applications may be made via “GoBusiness” website

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Regulatory Framework

GEWCA mandates Security Requirements for EP storage facilities:

- CCTV System Specifications (mandatory):
  - HD 1080p resolution at 12 frames per second minimum
  - Coverage must capture faces of all persons entering, exiting, or handling EPs
  - Coverage must capture all entrances/exits and interior storage areas
- Recording must be continuous with 31-day minimum retention of footage
  - Recordings must be made available to Police on request (no tampering)
- Access Control:
  - Access must be restricted to authorized agents, employees, and persons only
  - Thefts, missing items and/or suspicious activities must be reported to Police immediately
  - Intrusion Alarm System - external visible alarm warning light and loud audible alarm, or monitored remote alarm

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Regulatory Framework

- Conditions for Storage and Handling of EPs:
  - Licensee may store only prescribed types and quantities permitted in the licence
  - All EPs must be labelled in line with Singapore Standard 586 (SS586)
  - Staff must be adequately trained on safe handling procedures
  - Expired and/or unsafe materials must be immediately removed and disposed of
- Licensee must also:
  - Notify Licensing Officer (LO) within 7 days of Director changes
  - Notify LO at least 7 days before business address changes
  - Facilitate all audits and inspections by authorised officers

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Regulatory Framework

- Compliance Checks:
  - These are conducted periodically on licensees by Police or Compliance Officers
  - If serious non-compliance is detected, Police may suspend and/or revoke the licence

- Licensee must:
  - Maintain detailed transaction and inventory records
  - Submit inventory records through SPF E-Services
    - *Target implementation by 1H 2027 for EP licensees*
    - *Details to be communicated when nearer the date.*
  - Ensure proper documentation for all transfers

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Enforcement and Investigation Process

- Police or Compliance Officers may:
  - enter any premises to inspect an EP licensee's facilities on a surprise or unscheduled basis
  - inspect any document in the premises and take extracts from, or make copies of , any such documents
- If Police or Compliance Officer detect a non-compliance or a breach of licence conditions, Police would lodge a report and investigation will be conducted.
- Police may also seize documents for investigation purposes.
- If found liable, Police would take regulatory action against the licensee. Depending on the severity of the offence, the licensee may be subject to:
  - Additional licensing conditions
  - More frequent inspections
  - Compositions payments
  - Suspension, or Revocation of Licence
  - Criminal prosecution (for serious breaches)

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Case 1: Moving EP to a new location before approval

Awareness focus: Obtain approval before moving EP

Item	Details
What happened	• An inspection for a new storage application found EP at the new location. • The company had moved the EP from its old location before approval.
Offence	s.22(1)(c) of GEWCA 2021 – Unauthorised possession of EP
What to do	• Apply for and get the new storage licence before moving EP.

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Case 2: Chemical mixture contained regulated EP

Awareness focus: Identify regulated EP in chemical mixtures

Item	Details
What happened	• A product with a chemical mixture was found at a storage location. • Its Safety Data Sheet (SDS) showed that it contained a controlled EP.
Offence	s.22(1)(c) of GEWCA 2021 – Unauthorised possession of EP
What to do	• Check the SDS, the chemical concentration and the legal requirements. • Get the right licence before carrying out any activities related to regulated EP.

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Case 3: Stock went above the licensed quantity

Awareness focus: Check inventory and stay within the allowed quantity

Item	Details
What happened	• An inspection of inventory records found EP stock above the licensed quantity several times.
Offence	s.28 of GEWCA 2021 – Breach of EP licence conditions
What to do	• Keep proper records. • Check physical stock against system records and licence limits. • Check stock against the licence limit before each reorder. • Get the licence amended before increasing the permitted quantity.

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Case 4: Supplying EP to another company

Awareness focus: Check the buyer's licence

Item	Details
What happened	• A company with no plans to renew its EP licence sold its remaining EP stock to another company. • The buyer's licence status was not verified before the supply, and the buyer did not hold the required licence.
Offence	**Supplier:** s.25 of GEWCA 2021 – Unauthorised supply of EP **Buyer:** s.26 of GEWCA 2021 – Unauthorised acquisition of EP
What to do	• Before supplying EP, check that the buyer holds the required licence.

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Case 5: Incorrect export declaration for EP

Awareness focus: Accurate shipment information and approval

Item	Details
What happened	• A chemical that contained a controlled EP was to be exported. • The company did not inform the freight forwarder that the chemical was regulated. • As a result, the export permit declaration was incorrect and the shipment was delayed.
Offence	s.24 of GEWCA 2021 – Unauthorised trade in EP
What to do	• Find out if a product contains regulated EP before import or export. • Give the freight forwarder correct product and SDS information to get the required licence approvals.

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Other Common Regulatory Breaches (Non-Exhaustive Examples)

- Improper labelling that does not meet SS586 standards
- CCTV systems that do not meet specifications or are poorly maintained
- Supplying EP to unlicensed persons or beyond the recipient's licence limits
- Incomplete records or failure to retain records for 3 years
- Key Reminder: Apply for and obtain a licence amendment or a new licence **BEFORE** conducting any activity not covered by your current licence

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Key Takeaways for Licensees

- **Licence first, activity second:** apply for or amend your licence BEFORE you move, store, supply or trade EP
- **Know what is in your product:** check the SDS for regulated EP in chemical mixtures
- **Stay within your limits:** reconcile physical stock, system records and licence quantity
- **Verify the other party:** confirm the buyer's licence before supply, and tell your forwarder the product is regulated
- **Be inspection-ready every day:** SS586 labels, CCTV (31 days), records (3 years)

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Resources and Support

- For more information on EP licensing and compliance, please visit: www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Explosive-Precursor-Licence

- Enquiries or Feedback Form: www.go.gov.sg/spf-prd

- Licence Application Platform: www.gobusiness.gov.sg

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