

Import & Export Licence Key Information

This licence permits the possession of controlled cannabinoids for the purpose of importing into or exporting out of the Isle of Man. It is essential for businesses involved in international cannabis trade.

Key Permissions

Import Licence

- Allows controlled cannabinoids to be brought into the Isle of Man.
- Materials may include:
 - Cannabis biomass.
 - Seeds, seedlings, and plant parts.
 - Extracts and finished products.

Export Licence

- Permits controlled cannabinoids to be sent out of the Isle of Man.
 - Products must meet labelling and testing standards of the destination country.
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Storage Conditions

- Temporary storage is allowed within the same licensed facility.
 - Long-term storage requires a separate Transport and Storage Licence, unless storage is part of the import/export process.
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Operational Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Secure transportation protocols.
 - Record-keeping systems for all movements.
 - Compliance with international cannabis regulations.
 - Supply chain management plans, including:
 - Trading partners.
 - Transit routes.
 - Customs and border compliance.
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Testing & Labelling for Export

Products must be:

- Properly labelled with cannabinoid content and origin.
- Tested for potency, contaminants, and compliance with destination country standards.

Licence Type	Testing Protocols
Class 7 Import	No routine testing. However, if the GSC suspects the presence of controlled drugs other than cannabinoids, the material may be tested.
Class 8 Export	<p>Testing is required if the customer base is non-commercial (e.g. individuals or patients). The following tests are conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy metals: ICP-MS • Mycotoxins: HP-LC • Chemical residues: GC-MS and LC-MS

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Application Requirements

- Must be an Isle of Man registered company.
- Provide:
 - Business plan.
 - Source of wealth.
 - Route to market.
 - Facility and logistics details.
 - Security and compliance protocols.

Fees

- Year 1: £10,500
- Year 2: £7,875
- These fees are capped if held alongside other licences (maximum total: £62,500).

When a Licence Isn't Required

No licence is required for:

- Possession, import, or export of cannabis seeds.
 - Postal, courier, airline, or shipping services transporting controlled cannabinoids to/from the Isle of Man as part of their business, provided the recipient is licensed.
 - Operating transport vehicles that facilitate imports/exports (e.g. driving from warehouse to docks); the responsibility for import/export licences lies with the businesses processing or exporting the material.
 - Providing import/export advice or administrative services, even if they support the movement of controlled cannabinoids, as long as your business does not physically handle the substances.
 - However, if you transport or warehouse-controlled cannabinoids on behalf of licensees within the Isle of Man, you must obtain a transport and storage licence.
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Operational Requirements

Licensees must:

- Demonstrate transportation protocols, including record-keeping.
- Provide plans for logistics and supply chain management, including transit routes and trading partners.
- Comply with international cannabis regulations during transit.
- Undergo facility inspections as part of the application and ongoing compliance.

Note: Long-term storage of cannabis materials requires a Transport and Storage Licence, unless storage occurs within the same licensed facility used for import/export.

Fees


Licence Type	Year 1 Fee	Year 2+ Fee
Import Licence	£10,500	£7,875
Export Licence	£10,500	£7,875

Co-Licensing

Licensees may hold multiple licence classes. For example, a business targeting markets outside the Isle of Man will require an Export Licence in addition to other relevant licences.

Contact & Application

To apply or request further information, please contact the GSC Cannabis Licensing Team:

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