

Okuma Australia Pty Ltd and Okuma New Zealand Limited are 100% owned subsidiaries of Okuma Corporation in Japan.

Okuma Corporation is the manufacturer of Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery whose global distribution is monitored and controlled by the Ministry of Economic Trade and Industry (METI) in Japan. As they do for all Japanese CNC Machinery Manufacturers, METI reviews the nature of and the intended use of Okuma CNC machinery and of the security status of the country of the intended destination.

Generally CNC machinery falls under the banner of Strategic Goods and where strict control over the global movement of such equipment must be reported for both export or re-export and a licence must be obtained.

In Australia and New Zealand, export or re-export control rules apply and a failure to obtain the correct export licencing of Strategic Goods is likely to result in a block at the senders end or at the receivers end. These rules also apply to overseas related party equipment transfers (transplants).

Okuma Australia and Okuma New Zealand have a direct responsibility to inform, assist in and report re-export of any Okuma CNC machinery that has been originally imported by Okuma Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 000008211) or Okuma New Zealand Limited (1488920).

In Australia, applications for Export Licences can be lodged with the Defence Export Controls Office (DECO). For the process of application, go to:-

<http://www.defence.gov.au/ExportControls/Default.asp>

From there, select from the menus.

The Defence Export Controls Office (DECO) is responsible to the Minister for Defence for regulating the export of defence and strategic goods and technologies.

These goods and technologies include:

- Military items designed or adapted for military purposes or those that are inherently lethal, incapacitating or destructive; and
- Commercial items and technologies that may be used or adapted for use in a military program or contribute to the development and production of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons systems.

It would be wise to allow up to 2 months for an approval.

Australia's export control policies are in place to enable the export of defence and strategic goods where it is consistent with Australia's national interests and international obligations.

In New Zealand, a similar process is expected. Please go to:-

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/trading-weapons-and-controlled-chemicals/which-goods-are-controlled/>

Your local Okuma office is there to assist but the obligation to apply for, and obtain the appropriate licencing is that of the owner of the equipment that is being exported or re-exported.

If you need further advice on this matter, don't hesitate to call 1300 1 OKUMA (Australia) or (09)570 7025 (New Zealand).